The Senate met from 2.00pm until 8.17pm

**Australian bushfires**

The Senate debated and agreed to a motion (moved by the Minister for Defence) expressing sympathy to all Australians who suffered losses during the recent bushfires throughout Australia.

**Ministerial statement**

The Minister for Defence made a statement about the Government’s policy on Iraq. The Senate debated a motion to take note of the Minister’s statement. The Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Australian Democrats both moved amendments to the motion. The debate did not conclude and will continue on Wednesday 5 February.

**Legislation**

No legislation was considered.

**Notices of motion**

For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere click here

**Orders for the production of documents**

**Notices of motion given**

- Senator Allison gave a notice of motion to require the submission or submissions made by the Department of Defence to the Environment Impact Assessment for a National Radioactive Waste Repository in South Australia to be tabled (no later than 4.00pm on 6 February 2003).
- Senator Allison gave a notice of motion to require all documents relating to the records and communications between the Department of Defence and the Department of Education, Science and Training concerning the Government’s consideration of a National Radioactive Waste Repository in South Australia to be tabled (no later than 4.00pm on 3 March 2003).
Documents

No documents were tabled

Petitions

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

☐ Adjournment debate