



# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 4 March 2003

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 9.15pm

## Legislation

[For full text of bills and other associated documents click here](#)

### No bills were introduced in the Senate

#### The following bills were considered

- Migration Legislation Amendment (Contributory Parents Migration Scheme) Bill 2002—second reading debate continued
- Migration (Visa Application) Charge Amendment Bill 2002—second reading debate continued

#### The following bill was passed without amendments

- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2002 [This bill will now be assented to]

#### The following bill was defeated at the second reading by a majority vote

- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits—Budget Measures) Bill 2002 [No. 2] [This bill meets the requirements for a simultaneous dissolution of both houses under [s.57](#) of the Constitution]

#### Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Protecting the Great Barrier Reef from Oil Drilling and Exploration) Amendment Bill 2003 [No.2] (Private senators' bill moved by Senator McLucas and the Leader of the Australian Democrats)

#### Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to several bills was reported in the Senate

See the **Committees** section for details of reports relating to legislation

## Delegated legislation

[For a complete list of notices of motion to disallow \(and outcomes\) click here](#)

### Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow the Bankruptcy Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 255 and made under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* was withdrawn

*See the **Documents** section for details of instruments tabled*

## Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings click here](#)

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### Estimates

Additional information received by the following committees relating to the 2002-03 Budget Estimates was tabled:

- [Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee](#)
- [Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee](#)

### No reports were tabled

### New inquiry

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- [Treatment of children in care](#) and related matters—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 3 December 2003—moved by Senator Murray

### Meetings

The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—5 March 2003 from 4.30pm—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the disclosure of commissions on risk products
- Economics Legislation Committee—6 March 2003 from 4pm—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Corporations Amendment (Repayment of Directors' Bonuses) Bill 2002
- Superannuation Select Committee—5 March 2003 from 6pm until 8.30pm—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Bill 2002 and the Superannuation (Financial Assistance Funding) Levy Amendment Bill 2002

### Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:

- Environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—9 April 2003
- The role of libraries as providers of public information in the online environment—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—24 June 2003

### **Notices of motion given**

*To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting*

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—6 March 2003 from 4pm—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2002
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—5 March 2003 from 6.30pm—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into forestry plantations

### **Motions agreed to**

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Destruction of property](#) at immigration detention centres—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Execution of Buddhist monk](#) Lobsang Dhondup—moved by Senator Brown

### **Notices of motion**

[For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere click here](#)

### **Orders for the production of documents**

#### *Motion agreed to*

The Senate noted that the government had not responded to the order of the Senate concerning the government's consideration of an ethanol excise and production subsidy (agreed to [16 October 2002](#)) and [agreed to](#) call on the government to comply with the order (no later than 5pm on 6 March 2003)—moved by Senator O'Brien

#### *Notice of motion given*

Senator Allison gave a notice of motion to require the tabling of the written advice provided by the Department of Defence to the Department of Education, Science and Training concerning the defence-related issues in connection with the National Radioactive Waste Repository in South Australia (no later than 4.00pm on 6 March 2003)

### **Documents**

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)
- [Terrorism awareness information](#)—Messages for the Prime Minister

### **Petitions**

No petitions were received

<b>Also in the Senate yesterday</b>
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- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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