This week at a glance
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Spring session

The Senate commences the Spring sittings on Monday 11 August 2003. The Senate will continue to meet until 4 December (with a primarily two-week on, two-week off pattern) and supplementary budget estimates hearings are tentatively scheduled for 5 to 7 November.

Legislation

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The following bills may be considered on the days indicated

11 August 2003
- Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003
- Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003
- Product Stewardship (Oil) Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Termination of Employment) Bill 2002
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Transmission of Business) Bill 2002

12 August 2003
- Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Insurance Reform) Bill 2003
- Sex Discrimination Amendment (Pregnancy and Work) Bill 2002

13 August 2003
- Australian Heritage Council Bill 2002
- Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002

14 August 2003
- Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment Bill 2003
- Export Control Amendment Bill 2003
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2003
- Migration Amendment (Duration of Detention) Bill 2003
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Sponsorship Measures) Bill 2003
- New Business Tax System (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill (No. 1) 2003
Committees
For scheduled public committee hearings click here

The following reports are due to be tabled on the days indicated

11 August 2003
- Economics Legislation Committee–
  - Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Bill 2003
  - New Business Tax System (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill (No. 1) 2003
  - Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2003
- Progress towards national reconciliation–Legal and Constitutional References Committee

12 August 2003
- Australia’s relationship with Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island countries–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Sponsorship Measures) Bill 2003–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

13 August 2003
- Family Law Amendment Bill 2003–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Swearing-in of Governor-General

The swearing-in of Major General Michael Jeffrey AC CVO MC as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia will take place in the Senate Chamber on Monday 11 August 2003 at 10.45am.

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