



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 9 September 2003

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.59pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2003
- Customs Tariff Amendment (ACIS) Bill 2003
- Legislative Instruments Bill 2003
- Legislative Instruments (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003

The following bill was considered

- Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Insurance Reform) Bill 2003—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (5 Government and 4 Democrat [amendments agreed to](#))

The following bill was passed with amendments

- Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—2 Government [amendments](#) and 1 Democrat (amended by Opposition) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Messages from the House of Representatives reported

The messages reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bills [These bills will now be assented to]:

- [Australian](#) Heritage Council Bill 2002
- Australian Heritage Council ([Consequential](#) and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002
- [Environment](#) and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002

The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- Quarantine Amendment (Health) Bill 2003]

Notices of motion given

To restore a bill to the Notice Paper [to enable consideration to be resumed at the second reading stage]

- ❑ Superannuation (Surcharge Rate Reduction) Amendment Bill 2003

To exempt a bill from certain provisions of standing order 111 [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Australian National Training Authority Amendment Bill 2003

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 given

- ❑ A notice of motion was given by Senator Sherry to disallow the Migration Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 6), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 224 and made under the *Migration Act 1958–7* sitting days after 9 September 2003

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

Committees

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

For committee reports [click here](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Reports on annual reports referred to legislation committees—No. 2 of 2003—in respect of 5 [committees](#)

Membership

The Senate agreed to various [appointments](#) to committees

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- ❑ State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2002] [Private senator's bill]—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 30 October 2003

Meetings

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

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee—13 October 2003 from 4pm—Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Bill 2003
- ❑ Electoral Matters Joint Committee—18 September 2003 from 9.30am to 11am—increasing the minimum representation of the Territories in the House of Representatives
- ❑ Regulations and Ordinances Committee—10 September 2003 from 3.30pm—Legislative Instruments Bill 2003 and Legislative Instruments (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003

Reporting dates

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

- ❑ Annual reports tabled by 30 April 2003—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 10 September 2003
- ❑ Annual reports tabled by 30 April 2003—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 16 September 2003
- ❑ Aviation Transport Security Bill 2003 and a related bill—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 16 September 2003
- ❑ Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—to report by 15 September 2003

Notice of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—15 September 2003 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm—Australia's relationship with Indonesia

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Tobacco control](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Water management](#)—moved by Senator Nettle

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training to table numerous documents and associated supporting research reports relating to the *National Report on Australia's Higher Education Sector 2001* (no later than 3.30pm on 15 September 2003)—moved by Senator Carr

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

The Minister for Justice and Customs gave an explanation for an answer not being provided to a question on notice (from Senator Allison) relating to detention centres. The Minister [indicated](#) that an answer will be provided shortly.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ 2 petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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