



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 11 September 2003

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.24pm

Estimates hearings

[The Senate agreed](#) that it would not meet on 3 and 4 November, to enable estimates hearings to be held on those days. Supplementary hearings for the Budget estimates will now be held from 3 to 6 November 2003.

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 7) 2003
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Remedies for Unprotected Action) Bill 2002

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[This bill will now be assented to]

- Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2003

With amendments

[The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

- Australian National Training Authority Amendment Bill 2003–1 Democrat [amendment](#) (amended by Greens) agreed to
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Sponsorship Measures) Bill 2003–1 Government [amendment](#) agreed to

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

- Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]
- Migration Amendment (Duration of Detention) Bill 2003–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

- Sex Discrimination Amendment (Pregnancy and Work) Bill 2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives disagreed to the [amendments made by the Senate](#) [The Senate will reconsider the amendments disagreed to by the House on a future sitting day]

The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Termination) Bill 2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives disagreed to the [amendments made by the Senate](#). The Senate debated a motion that the Senate not insist on its amendments and a Democrat [amendment](#) to that motion proposing further amendments

*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 to disallow

A notice of motion was given by Senator Sherry to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- Retirement Savings Accounts Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 195 and made under the *Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997*—on 15 September 2003
- Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 4), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 196 and made under the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*—on 15 September 2003

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

Committees

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

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

- 2003-04 Budget estimates—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Report tabled

- Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2003—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Murray replace Senator Greig on the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for the committee's inquiry into the State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2002]

Reporting dates

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

- Migration Legislation Amendment (Identification and Authentication) Bill 2003—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—to report by 18 September 2003
- Progress towards national reconciliation—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 8 October 2003

Notice of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—17 September 2003 from 6pm to 8pm—role of the National Capital Authority

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Anthony Mundine](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- [Barrow Island proposed gas development](#)—moved by Senator Brown
- [Chile—Human rights](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- [Comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty](#)—moved by Senator Bartlett
- [Indigenous political representation](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- [Passive smoking](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)—moved by Senator Brown

Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion moved](#) by Senator O'Brien about rural and regional Australia

Notices of motion

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

Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Evans asked the Minister for Defence for [an explanation](#) for an answer not being provided to a question relating to the Defence Signals Directorate. The Minister [indicated](#) that an answer would be provided shortly.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Report No. 5 of 2003-04—Business support process audit—The Senate order for departmental and agency contracts (Autumn 2003)
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

No government documents were tabled

No 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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