The Senate met from 12.30pm until 7.48pm

**Legislation**

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

No bills were introduced in the Senate

**The following bills were considered**

- Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003 and Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003—[The Senate agreed](#) to a motion for the second reading of the bills with an amendment which postpones further debate until the Government fully complies with the Senate’s order for the production of documents relating to a proposed excise and production subsidy made on [16 October 2002](#).

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Transmission of Business) Bill 2002—second reading agreed to.

*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 Brown to disallow the Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 149 and made under the Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990.

*See the Documents section for details of instruments tabled.*
Committees
For scheduled public committee hearings click here
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Reports tabled
- Disclosure of commissions on risk products–Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Sponsorship Measures) Bill 2003–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- A Pacific engaged: Australia’s relations with Papua New Guinea and the island states of the south-west Pacific–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Membership
The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Senator Webber to replace Senator Wong for the committee’s inquiry into staff employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984

Message from the House of Representatives reported
A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr McMullan would replace Ms Gillard on the Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund Joint Committee

Meetings
The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while the Senate is sitting:
- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–14 August 2003 from 4.30pm–Australia’s insolvency laws
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–21 August 2003 from 7pm to 10pm–Government’s foreign and trade policy strategy
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–13 August 2003 from 6pm to 8pm–Pay parking in the parliamentary zone
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–14 August 2003 from 10am to 1pm–Governance on Norfolk Island
- Superannuation Select Committee–13 August 2003 from 4pm to 7pm–Draft Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2003 and draft Retirement Savings Accounts Amendment Regulations 2003

Reporting dates
The Senate agreed to the following extension of time for a committee to report:
- Examination of the Government’s foreign and trade policy strategy–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–16 September 2003

Notice of motion given
To refer bills to a committee
Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:
- Animal welfare—moved by Senator Bartlett
- International conference on West Papua—moved by Senator Brown
- Solomon Islands—Regional Assistance Mission—moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate

Orders for the production of documents

Legislation postponed
The Senate agreed to postpone further consideration of the Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003 and the Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003 until the order for the production of documents relating to a proposed excise and production subsidy is complied with (order agreed to 16 October 2002)

Statement by Minister
The Minister for Family and Community Services made a statement relating to the order of the Senate (agreed to 25 June 2003) for the production of documents concerning works undertaken by the public relations company Turnbull Porter Novelli for Biotechnology Australia. The Minister indicated that the documents would be tabled within the next three weeks.

Orders with continuing effect
Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet Statements of compliance for Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio agencies were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at $100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; Senate order agreed to and amended]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:
- Clerk’s documents [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Government documents
- Response to a Senate resolution about carbon dioxide emission reduction—from the Premier of Queensland (resolution agreed to 24 June 2003)

Petitions

4 petitions were received
Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Matter of public importance discussion about politicisation of the Public Service
- Government documents were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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