



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 13 August 2003

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.33pm

Legislation

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The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2003

The following bills were considered

Second reading agreed to and [committee of the whole](#) commenced on the following bills:

- 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 passed with amendments

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Transmission of Business) Bill 2002—2 Democrat and 4 Opposition (2 amended by Government) amendments agreed to, and 3 items omitted [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

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

Delegated legislation

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

Committees

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Reports tabled

- Family Law Amendment Bill 2003—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- New Business Tax System (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill (No. 1) 2003—Economics Legislation Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Alert Digest [No. 8 of 2003](#) and [7th report of 2003](#) [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 8 of 2003](#) (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Membership

The Senate agreed to various [changes](#) to committee membership:

New inquiries—[bills referred](#)

- Legislative Instruments Bill 2003 and the Legislative Instruments (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003—Regulations and Ordinances Committee—to report by 3 October 2003

*See the **Reports tabled** section (Selection of Bills Committee Report) for details of bills referred to committees*

Notice of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Aviation Transport Security Bill 2003 and a related bill—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 9 September 2003

Motions agreed to

An [urgency motion](#) moved by Senator Cherry about the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's complaints handling process was agreed to by the Senate

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Global warming](#)—moved by Senator Brown
- [Hands-free mobile phones](#)—moved by Senator Allison

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

A letter from the Executive Director, Assurance Audit Services Group, Australian National Audit Office to the Clerk of the Senate relating to audits of compliance by agencies with the order [was tabled](#)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Statement under subsection 40(3)—Suspension of a commissioner from office, dated 13 August 2003
- ❑ Auditor-General—Report no. 2 of 2003-04—Audit activity report: January to June 2003—Summary of outcomes
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

Petitions

[A petition](#) was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ [Personal explanation](#)—Senator Bolkus made personal explanations relating to certain newspaper articles concerning alleged incidents during his tenure as Minister for Immigration
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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