



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 15 September 2003

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.29pm

Senators' interests

[The Senate agreed](#) to vary the resolutions about senators' interests and the declaration of gifts (*see* Senate standing orders, [pages 136 to 144](#))

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Family and Community Services (Closure of Student Financial Supplement Scheme) Bill 2003
- ❑ Student Assistance Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2003

The following bills were considered

- ❑ ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2003 and Customs Tariff Amendment (ACIS) Bill 2003—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 7) 2003—second reading debate continued

The following bill was passed with amendments

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

- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2003—1 Opposition
[amendment](#) agreed to and 5 items omitted

The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Termination) Bill 2002—The Senate agreed not to insist on amendments nos 1 and 5, and to insist on amendments nos 2, 3 and 4 made by the Senate to which the House had disagreed, and agreed to 2 further Democrat amendments [The House of Representatives will now reconsider the amendments insisted on by the Senate and consider the [further amendments](#) made by the Senate]

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to several bills was reported in the Senate

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](#)

Motion to disallow regulations defeated

The Senate debated a motion to disallow the Migration Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 1) as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 57 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*. The Senate agreed *not* to disallow the regulations.

Notices of motion given

Notices of motion were given to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- Fisheries Management Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 112 and made under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991–5* sitting days after 15 September 2003—by Senator Bartlett
- Clause 4(3) of the Housing Assistance (Form of Agreement) Determination 2003, made under section 5 of the *Housing Assistance Act 1996*—on 9 October 2003—by Senator Bartlett

Notice of intention given to withdraw notices

A notice of intention was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw a notice to disallow the Iraq (Reconstruction and Repeal of Sanctions) Regulations 2003, as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 97 and made under the *Customs Act 1901*, the *Air Navigation Act 1920*, the *Charter of the United Nations Act 1945* and the *Migration Act 1958*

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

Committees

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

For committee reports [click here](#)

Reports tabled

- Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- Expanding Australia's trade and investment relationship with the countries of central Europe—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

Membership

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

Public meeting

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

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

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–17 September 2003 from 4.30pm–Australia’s insolvency laws
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–17 September 2003 from noon to 2pm–Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2003
- ❑ Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee–17 September 2003 from 3.30pm–Legislative Instruments Bill 2003 and a related bill

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Aviation Transport Security Bill 2003 and a related bill–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 7 October 2003
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by the last sitting day in March 2004
- ❑ Environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by 16 October 2003
- ❑ Government foreign and trade policy strategy–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 15 October 2003
- ❑ Legislative Instruments Bill 2003 and a related bill–Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee–to report by 16 October 2003
- ❑ Role of libraries as providers of public information in the online environment–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by 16 October 2003

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed [to a motion](#) without debate about opposition to anti-semitism–moved by Senator Hutchins

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Bartlett gave [a notice of motion](#) to require certain details about a shipment of sheep on the *Cormo Express* to be provided to the Senate (by 3pm on 18 September 2003)

Statement by Minister and documents tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer made [a statement](#) and tabled documents relating to the *National Report on Australia's Higher Education Sector 2001* [in response to a motion moved by Senator Carr on [9 September 2003](#)]. Senator Carr moved [a motion](#) to take note of the statement. The Senate agreed to the motion.

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

Statements of compliance for Transport and Regional Services 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]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 6 of 2003-04—APRA's prudential supervision of superannuation entities—Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Report for 2002-03
- ❑ [3 petitions](#) were received
- ❑ Response to a resolution about animal welfare—from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (resolution agreed to [12 August 2003](#))

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ [Senator Mackay](#) made a personal explanation about comments made by Senator Humphries relating to pairing arrangements. [Senator Humphries](#) responded to Senator Mackay's explanation.
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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