



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 16 June 2003

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.30pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Hizballah) Bill 2003
- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Terrorist Organisations) Bill 2003
- ❑ Customs Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003
- ❑ Health Care (Appropriation) Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Maritime Legislation Amendment (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Bill 2003
- ❑ Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ National Handgun Buyback Bill 2003
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2003
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Termination of Employment) Bill 2002

The following bill was considered

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Terrorist Organisations) Bill 2003—second reading debate commenced

The following bills were passed

[These bills will now be assented to]

After consideration of a message from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Terrorism Insurance Bill 2003—A message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate. The Senate resolved not to insist on its amendments disagreed to by the House.

Without amendments

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Hizballah) Bill 2003
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2003

The following bill was defeated at the second reading by a majority vote

- Migration Legislation Amendment (Further Border Protection Measures) Bill 2002 [No. 2]

Bills assented to

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

Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Administrator of the Commonwealth were tabled announcing when particular parts of two Acts would commence

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](#)

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

Committees

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

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Estimates

Documents tabled

Portfolio budget statements 2003-04–Corrigendum for the Health and Ageing portfolio

Additional information tabled

Additional information relating to the 2002-03 additional estimates received by the Community Affairs Legislation Committee was tabled

Reports tabled

- Australian Human Rights Commission Legislation Bill 2003–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Designs Bill 2002 and Designs (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002–Economics Legislation Committee
- Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Insurance Reform) Bill 2003–Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Government response to committee report tabled

- Striking the right balance: Draft amendment 39, National Capital Plan–National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee’s inquiry into the off-setting arrangements between the Veterans’ Entitlements Act and the Military Compensation Scheme

Reporting dates

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

- ❑ Aviation Transport Security Bill 2003 and a related bill—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—25 June 2003
- ❑ Civil Aviation Amendment Bill 2003—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—18 June 2003
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2003—Economics Legislation Committee—19 June 2003
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 8) 2002—Economics Legislation Committee—19 June 2003
- ❑ Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2002—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—18 June 2003

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—19 June 2003 from 3.30pm—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into poverty and financial hardship
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional References Committee—18 June 2003 from 6pm—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into progress towards national reconciliation

To extend a reporting deadline

- ❑ Select Committee on Medicare—8 October 2003

To establish a new committee

- ❑ [Select Committee on Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters](#)—to report by 3 November 2003

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Draft Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2003 and the draft Retirement Savings Accounts Amendment Regulations 2003—Superannuation Select Committee—to report by 21 August 2003
- ❑ The capacity of current legal aid and access to justice arrangements to meet the community need for legal assistance, and [related matters](#)—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 3 March 2004
- ❑ The Christmas Island Immigration Reception and Processing Centre—Public Works Committee
- ❑ The nature and accuracy of intelligence information received by Australia's intelligence services in relation to the existence of, the capacity and willingness to use, and the immediacy of the threat posed by, weapons of mass destruction (WMD), and [related matters](#)—ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee—to report by 13 August 2003
- ❑ The role, operation and effectiveness of Australia's security and intelligence agencies in the lead-up to the Iraq war, and [related matters](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 18 August 2003

<h3>Motion defeated</h3>

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Brown about global democracy was defeated

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Statements by Minister and documents tabled

The Minister for the Arts and Sport made [a statement](#) relating to:

- ❑ the order of the Senate agreed to [14 May 2003](#) for the production of the expression of interest in Defence land for sale at Point Nepean and [tabled a CD-ROM](#)
- ❑ the order of the Senate agreed to [3 December 2002](#) for the production of documents relating to the inclusion of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme as an item for discussion in negotiations for an Australia-United States free trade agreement and tabled [certain documents](#)
- ❑ the order of the Senate agreed to [14 May 2003](#) for the production of the most recent application documents from the Australian Grand Prix Corporation to the Federal Government for exemption from the *Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992* and tabled [further documents](#)

Senators [Allison](#) and [Ludwig](#) made statements relating to the Government's record in responding to orders for the production of documents, and the Minister's statement

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Report Nos 44, 46 and 47](#) of 2002-03—Presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Auditor-General—[Report Nos 45 and 48](#) of 2002-03
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - ❑ [genetically-engineered crops](#) (agreed to [19 March 2003](#))
 - ❑ [Government response](#) to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee's report on Ovine Johne's disease in the Australian sheep flock (agreed to [6 March 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 the Australian Broadcasting Corporation
- ❑ [The President](#) advised the chamber of the death of Hon. William Charles Wentworth AO (former federal minister and member for Mackellar) on 15 June 2003. The Senate supported a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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