



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 16 October 2003

The Senate met from 9.30am until 8.03pm

Legislation

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

No bills were introduced in the Senate

No bills were passed

*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 to disallow the Civil Aviation Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 6), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 232 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988–15* sitting days after 16 October 2003—by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances

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

Committees

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

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Reports tabled

- ❑ Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Bill 2003 and the Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003—Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ Legislative Instruments Bill 2003 and a related bill—Regulations and Ordinances Committee
- ❑ Libraries in the online environment—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- ❑ Publications Committee—[12th Report](#) [report adopted]

- Staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*—Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- Treaties Joint Committee—55th report—Treaties tabled on 9 September 2003

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- 2001 federal election: Inquiry into the conduct of the 2001 federal election and matters related thereto—Electoral Matters Joint Committee
- 2003 New Zealand Parliamentary Committee exchange 6-11 April 2003—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Integrity of the electoral roll: Review of ANAO report no. 42 of 2001-02—Electoral Matters Joint Committee

Document tabled

- Senators' Interests Standing Committee—Resolutions, explanatory notes and related information

Membership

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

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:

- Draft Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2003 and related matters—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by the second sitting week of 2004
- Expatriate Australians—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 1 September 2004
- Management of the quarantine risks associated with the return of the sheep stranded aboard the *MV Corno Express* and related matters—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by the last sitting day in November 2003

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions Splitting) Bill 2003 and the associated regulations—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by the first sitting day in February 2004

To refer matters to a committee

- [Various](#) taxation and superannuation draft regulations—Economics Legislation Committee

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Environment and Heritage to table any assessment made since 1996 in preparation for, or consideration of, a world heritage nomination for the Sydney Opera House (no later than 3pm on 27 October 2003)—moved by Senator Brown

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Trade to table certain documents relating to the Sepon Mine project in Laos (no later than 30 October 2003)—moved by Senator Nettle

Statement by Minister and document tabled

- The Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer made a [statement](#) and tabled a [document](#) relating the management of detention centres [in response to a motion moved by Senator Allison on [13 October 2003](#)]

Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Collins asked the Minister for Justice and Customs for [an explanation](#) for an answer not being provided to a question relating to the vessel identified as SIEV X. The Minister provided [an answer](#) to the question.

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Education](#)—Backing Australia’s Future—Moved by Senators Nettle, Crossin and Stott Despoja
- Parliamentary zone—the Senate agreed to a [proposal](#) for the restoration of the Parliament House Forecourt scoria—moved by the Special Minister of State
- [SIEV X](#)—People Smuggling Disruption Program—moved by Senator Bartlett
- [World Rural Women’s Day](#)—moved by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Motions defeated

The Senate did not agree to motions about:

- [David Hicks and Mamdouh Habib](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Human rights in the People’s Republic of China](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- [Lake Cowal](#)—moved by Senator Nettle

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [4 petitions](#) were received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ The President made a [statement](#) about arrangements for the joint meetings of the Houses of the Parliament during the visits of the President of the United States and the President of the People's Republic of China on 23 and 24 October 2003
- ❑ The President made a [statement](#) about security arrangements for Parliament House during the visits of the President of the United States and the President of the People's Republic of China on 23 and 24 October 2003
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Matter of public importance discussion about poverty [proposed by [Senator Hutchins](#)]
- ❑ Committee reports and government responses were discussed
- ❑ Senator Carr made a personal [explanation](#) about comments concerning the reputation of commonwealth officers
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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