The Senate met from 12.30pm until 7.43pm

**Legislation**

For full text of bills and other associated documents [click here](https://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare and Private Health Insurance) Bill 2003
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Protected Information) Bill 2003

The following bills were considered

- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2]–second reading agreed to
- Health Care (Appropriation) Amendment Bill 2003–second reading debate continued [the Opposition moved a second reading amendment expressing a view about the bill’s policy]

No bills were passed

The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003–The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate. The Senate resolved to insist on the amendments to which the House had disagreed [The House of Representatives will now reconsider the amendments]

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

- Textbook Subsidy Bill 2003–Notice of motion given by Senator Stott Despoja [Private senator’s bill]

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](https://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

See the Documents section for details of instruments tabled
Committees
For scheduled public committee hearings click here
For committee reports click here

No reports were tabled

New inquiries
The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:
- 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

Meetings
Public meetings
The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while 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

Notices of motion given
To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee – Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee – 23 June 2003 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm – to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into Australia’s relationship with Indonesia

To hold a private meeting when the Senate is sitting
- Legal and Constitutional References Committee – 18 June 2003 from 5.50pm

To refer matters to a committee
- The most appropriate process for moving towards the establishment of an Australian republic with an Australian Head of State, alternative models for an Australian republic, and related matters – Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Notices of motion
For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere click here
Orders for the production of documents

Statement by Minister and documents tabled
The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer made a statement and tabled documents relating to the order of the Senate agreed to 14 May 2003 for the production of documents relating to the hiring out and work undertaken by public relations company Hill and Knowlton in relation to nuclear issues, including the nuclear waste dump. The Senate agreed to take note of the documents.

Document tabled
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee Report–Materiel acquisition and management in defence–Adoption of recommendations–Letter to the Clerk of the Senate from the Auditor-General responding to the resolution of the Senate of 14 May 2003, dated 11 June 2003

Documents
The following documents were tabled:
- Clerk’s documents [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Government documents

Petitions
No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday
- Matters of public interest debate
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Adjournment debate

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