



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 17 June 2003

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 7.43pm

Legislation

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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]

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Delegated legislation

[For a complete list of notices of motion to disallow \(and outcomes\) click here](#)

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Committees

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

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No reports were tabled

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:

- Draft Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2003, draft Retirement Savings Accounts Amendment Regulations 2003, and [related matters](#)—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

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:

- Auditor-General—Report No. 49 of 2002-03—Performance audit—Management of the navigational aids network: Australian Maritime Safety Authority
- [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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