



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 17 September 2003

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.22pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Extension of Time Limits) Bill 2003
- ❑ International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill 2003

### The following bills were considered

- ❑ Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Bill 2003—committee of the whole continued
- ❑ Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003—committee of the whole continued
- ❑ Superannuation (Surcharge Rate Reduction) Amendment Bill 2003—committee of the whole completed (31 Government [amendments](#) and 1 Opposition [amendment](#) agreed to)

### No bills were passed

### The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Termination) Bill 2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the [amendments](#) made and insisted on by the Senate and agreed to the further [amendments](#) made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

### Notices of motion given

*To exempt bills from certain provisions of standing order 111* [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Crimes (Overseas) Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Bill 2003
- ❑ Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003
- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Extension of Time Limits) Bill 2003
- ❑ International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill 2003

- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 8) 2003
- Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions Splitting) Bill 2003

*To introduce a bill*

- Financial Management and Accountability (Anti-Restrictive Software Practices) Amendment Bill 2003–Notice of motion given by Senator Greig [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](#)

### Notice of motion given

- A notice of motion was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to disallow the Medical Indemnity Subsidy Scheme 2003, made under subsection 43(1) of the *Medical Indemnity Act 2002–15* sitting days after 17 September 2003

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

## Committees

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

For committee reports [click here](#)

### Estimates

*Additional information tabled*

- Additional estimates 2002-03–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Budget estimates 2003-04–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

### Reports tabled

- Public Works Joint Committee–9th report–Construction of a new chancery, New Delhi, India
- Public Works Joint Committee–10th report–Refurbishment of staff apartments, Australian embassy complex, Paris, France
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–Alert Digest [No. 11](#) of 2003 and [10th report](#) of 2003 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 11](#) of 2003 (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- Treaties tabled in June and August 2003–54<sup>th</sup> report–Treaties Joint Committee

See the **Reports tabled** section (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

### Notice of motion given

*To extend a reporting deadline*

- Proposed budget changes to higher education–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 7 November 2003

## Ministerial statement

The Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation tabled a ministerial statement by the Minister for Education, Science and Training about the National Safe Schools Framework

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Indigenous children](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway

## Motions defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Ridgeway about reference pricing on the PBS and the US free trade negotiations was defeated

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Motion agreed to*

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) about the live sheep export trade. The motion included a requirement for certain details to be provided to the Senate about a shipment of sheep on the *Cormo Express* (by 3pm on 18 September 2003)—moved by Senator Bartlett

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Cambodian National Assembly Elections 2003—Election observation report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 24 to 29 July 2003
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Response to a resolution about genetically-modified material—from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (resolution agreed to [11 August 2003](#))
- ❑ [3 petitions](#) were received

<b>Also in the Senate yesterday</b>
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- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Matter of public importance discussion about World Trade Organization negotiations—[proposed by Senator Cook](#)
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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