The Senate met from 2.00pm until 9.16pm

**Debate on Iraq**

The Leader of the Government in the Senate moved a motion relating to Iraq and tabled certain documents. The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate moved an amendment to the motion, and the Leader of the Australian Democrats moved an amendment to the Opposition’s proposed amendment. The debate did not conclude and will continue on Wednesday 19 March.

**Legislation**

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

No legislation was considered

**Delegated legislation**

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

**Committees**

For scheduled public committee hearings [click here](#)
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No reports were tabled

**Notices of motion given**

*To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting*

- ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee–to hold private meetings on 20 March 2003 from 11am to noon and 27 March 2003 from 11am to noon–to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the review of agency security arrangements
- Economics Legislation Committee–to hold a public meeting on 19 March 2003 from 4.30 pm to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill 2002 and 2 related bills
To extend reporting deadlines
- Customs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–25 March 2003
- Report on annual reports–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee–26 March 2003

Orders for the production of documents

Notices of motion given
Senator Allison gave a notice of motion to require the tabling of the letter dated 2 December 2002 from the Minister for Health and Ageing to the European Commission on the matter of the European Union’s decision to phase-out tobacco sponsorship of formula one races in 2003 (no later than 4pm on 20 March 2003)

Senator Allison gave a notice of motion to require the Minister for Defence to table all documents commissioned by the Australian Government and its agencies and the United Nations that provide comments on, or formal legal advice regarding, the legality of involvement in a war with Iraq where there is no resolution subsequent to Resolution 1441 (no later than 4 pm on 20 March 2003)

Documents

No documents were tabled

Petitions

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- First speech–Senator Gary Humphries (Liberal Party, Australian Capital Territory)
- Adjournment debate

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