



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 18 June 2003

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.34pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Acts Interpretation Amendment (Court Procedures) Bill 2003
- Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Amendment Bill 2003
- Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2003
- Textbook Subsidy Bill 2003 [Private senator's bill]

The following bills were considered

- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No.2]—committee of the whole commenced (19 Government [amendments](#) (1 [amended](#) by 3 Opposition) agreed to; 1 section omitted, and 4 Government [amendments](#) to be determined)

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](#)

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

Committees

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Reports tabled

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 6](#) of 2003 and [5th report](#) of 2003 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 6](#) of 2003 (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2002—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- The nature and accuracy of intelligence information received by Australia's intelligence services in relation to the existence of, the capacity and willingness to use, and the immediacy of the threat posed by, weapons of mass destruction (WMD), and [related matters](#)—ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee—to report by 2 December 2003

Motions defeated

- To refer the role, operation and effectiveness of Australia's security and intelligence agencies in the lead-up to the Iraq war, and [related matters](#), to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- To refer the burning of Australia's biggest tree in Tasmania, and [related matters](#), to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee [and see Motion agreed to]

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

Meetings

Public meeting

The Senate agreed that the following public meeting may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Foreign Affairs Subcommittee—23 June 2003 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into Australia's relationship with Indonesia

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extension of time for a committee to report:

- Civil Aviation Amendment Bill 2003—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—24 June 2003

Notices of motion given

To refer a bill to a committee

- Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare and Private Health Insurance) Bill 2003—Select Committee on Medicare—to report by 9 September 2003

To refer matters to committees

- The adequacy of current arrangements within the Department of Defence for the health preparation for the deployment of the Australian Defence Forces (ADF) overseas, and [related matters](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- The options and preferences for a revised system of administrative review within the area of veteran and military compensation and income support, and [related matters](#)—Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Motion agreed to

[The Senate agreed](#) to a motion about the burning of Australia's biggest tree in Tasmania [and see Committees, motions defeated]—moved by Senator O'Brien

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator O'Brien gave [a notice of motion](#) to require the tabling of draft regulations made under the Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme Bill 2003 and under the Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003, and records of certain meetings (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 19 June 2003)

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

[The Senate agreed](#) to vary the order relating to the requirement for letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies to be tabled twice yearly was amended

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 50 of 2002-03—Information support services—Managing people for business outcomes, year two: Benchmarking study
- ❑ [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
- ❑ A Government document was discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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