



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 19 June 2003

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.06pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Australian Film Commission Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2003

### The following bill was considered

- ❑ Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No.2]—committee of the whole continued (3 Government and 1 Democrat [amendments](#) agreed to; 22 Government and 2 Opposition amendments to be determined)

### The following bills were passed without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Acts Interpretation Amendment (Court Procedures) Bill 2003
- ❑ Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Maritime Legislation Amendment (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Bill 2003
- ❑ Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2002

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

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

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### Estimates

#### *Reports tabled*

- 2003-04 budget estimates—7 Senate legislation committees tabled 2003-04  
Budget estimates reports [see *Journals* entries [18](#) and [35](#)]

#### *Additional information tabled*

[Additional information](#) relating to the 2002-03 supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings received by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee was tabled

### Reports tabled

- Public Works (Joint Committee)—Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Customs Service at Sydney International Terminal, Sydney NSW
- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2003—Economics Legislation Committee
- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 8) 2002—Economics Legislation Committee
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Protecting the Low Paid) Bill 2003—  
Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

### Government responses

#### *Government responses to committee reports tabled*

- A model for a new army: Community comments on the ‘From Phantom to Force’ parliamentary report into the army—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Departmental and agency contracts: Report on the first year of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts—Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- From phantom to force: Towards a more efficient and effective Army—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Re-booting the IT agenda in the Australian Public Service—Final report on the Government’s information technology outsourcing initiative—Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- The incidence of Ovine Johne’s disease in the Australian sheep flock—Second report—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- Treaties (Joint Committee)—48<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> reports

### Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee’s inquiry into the administrative review within the area of veteran and military compensation and income support
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Senator Brown appointed as a participating member
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee’s inquiry into current health preparation arrangements for the deployment of Australian Defence Forces overseas

### **New select committee**

The Senate agreed to appoint a [Select Committee](#) on Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters—to report by 3 November 2003

### **New inquiries**

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:

- Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare and Private Health Insurance) Bill 2003—Select Committee on Medicare—to report by 9 September 2003
- 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—reporting date not specified
- 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—reporting date not specified

### **Reporting dates**

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

- 2003-04 Budget estimates—Economics Legislation Committee—23 June 2003

## **Motions agreed to**

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Daw Aung San Suu Kyi](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Health of Iraqi children](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- [International Criminal Court](#)—moved by Senator Greig

## **Motion debated**

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by Senator McLucas about the Government's proposed reforms to Medicare

## **Motion defeated**

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Ridgeway about logging operations in Tasmania was defeated

## **Notices of motion**

[No other notices of motion were given](#)

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Motion agreed to*

[The Senate ordered](#) 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)—moved by Senator O'Brien. The Minister for Defence [made a statement](#) indicating that the Government would not comply with the order. The Senate agreed to take note of the Minister's statement.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 51 of 2002-03—Performance audit—Defence housing and relocation services: Department of Defence
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

No government documents were tabled

## Petitions

[A petition](#) was received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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