



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 19 August 2003

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.34pm

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003

The following bills were considered

- Australian Heritage Council Bill 2002, Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002, Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—
Committee of the whole continued

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](#)

Motion to disallow debated

The Senate debated a motion (moved by Senator Brown) to disallow Amendment 41 of the National Capital Plan (Gungahlin Drive Extension), made under the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*. The Senate agreed **not** to disallow the Amendment.

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

Committees

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

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Reports tabled

- Postal Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2003–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- History of post-transfusion Hepatitis C in Australia, and [related matters](#)–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by the first sitting day of the 2004 winter session

Meetings

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

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–20 August 2003 from 4.30pm–Australia’s insolvency laws

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:

- Environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by 16 September 2003
- Financial Services Reform Amendment Bill 2003–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 21 August 2003
- Forestry plantations–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 8 October 2003
- Refusal of the Government to respond to the [order](#) of the Senate of 21 August 2002 for the production of documents relating to financial information concerning higher education institutions–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 15 October 2003
- The role of libraries as providers of public information in the online environment–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by 16 September 2003

Notice of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Poverty and financial hardship–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 27 November 2003

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Diabetes](#)–moved by Senator Barnett
- [Mrs Alice Ellen Kelly](#)–moved by Senator Ridgeway
- [Mr Charlie Donovan](#)–moved by Senator Ridgeway
- [National Science Week](#)–moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Bartlett gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage to table [certain correspondence](#) relating to action taken against fishers for the incidental capture of listed threatened species, listed migratory species and listed marine species (no later than 3.00pm on 21 August 2003)

Orders with continuing effect

Unproclaimed legislation

Details of unproclaimed Acts, together with a statement of reasons for non-proclamation and a timetable for their operation, as at 31 July 2003 [Standing order 139(2) requires tabling annually after 31 August each year; Senate sessional order adopted as a [standing order](#), and [amended](#)]

Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Allison asked the Minister for Health and Ageing for an explanation for an answer not being provided to question on notice no. 1602 relating to the Pan Pharmaceuticals product recall. The Minister [indicated](#) that an answer would be provided. The Senate took note of the explanation.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [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

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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