



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 20 March 2003

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.46pm

Debate on Iraq

The Senate [debated](#) and agreed to a motion moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate relating to Iraq, [as amended](#) [debate on this motion has concluded]

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2003

The following bill was passed

Without amendments

[This bill will now be assented to]

- ❑ Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2002

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to several bills was reported in the Senate

See the **Committees** section for details of reports relating to legislation

Delegated legislation

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

Committees

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

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Estimates

Reports tabled

- Additional estimates 2002-03—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Reports tabled

- Powers and functions of the Australian Law Reform Commission—Final Report—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee. A [notice of motion](#) was given proposing that the Senate adopt the recommendation in the report that the reference to the committee not proceed further.
- Proposed importation of fresh apple fruit from New Zealand—Interim Report—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Reports on annual reports were tabled by the following legislation committees: Community Affairs; Economics; Employment, Workplace Relations and Education; Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts; Finance and Public Administration; Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade; Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Government response to a committee report tabled

- Prudential Supervision and Consumer Protection for Superannuation, Banking and Financial Services—Third Report—Superannuation Select Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Senator Humphries appointed, Senator Barnett discharged
- Community Affairs References Committee—Senator Humphries appointed, Senator Barnett discharged
- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—Senator Buckland appointed as a participating member
- Privileges Committee—Senator Humphries appointed
- Senators' Interests Committee—Senator Humphries appointed

Meetings

The Senate agreed that the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee may hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 24 March 2003 from 4pm to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Dairy Industry Service Reform Bill 2003 and a related bill

Reporting date

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

- Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2002—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—14 May 2003

Notice of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill 2002 and 2 related bills—Economics Legislation Committee—27 March 2003

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Cluster bombs](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Death of Ms Rachel Corrie](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- [Iraq](#)—military action—moved by Senator Bartlett
- [World Water Day](#)—2 motions moved by Senator Lees and 1 motion moved by Senator Allison

Motion debated

The Senate debated a [motion](#) moved by Senator Conroy about small business taxation

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Statement

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer made [a statement](#) relating to the [order of the Senate](#) of 19 March 2003 for the production of documents concerning the legality of involvement in a war with Iraq where there is no resolution subsequent to resolution 1441

Document tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer tabled a copy of a letter from the Minister for Health and Ageing to the Danish Minister for Health, Mr Rasmussen, about tobacco sponsorship [in response to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Allison on 19 March 2003]

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; Senate order [agreed to](#) and [amended](#)]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; Senate order [agreed to](#) and [amended](#)]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr Ah Kit (Northern Territory), concerning the protection of unsupervised children—Swimming Australia—in response to a resolution of the Senate (agreed to [11 December 2002](#))

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 and government responses were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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