



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 20 August 2003

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.31pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Family Law Amendment Bill 2003
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2003

The following bills were considered

- Australian Heritage Council Bill 2002—committee of the whole completed (1 Government, 1 Progressive Alliance and 5 Progressive Alliance/Democrats [amendments agreed to](#))
- Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002—[committee of the whole commenced](#) (2 Progressive Alliance/Democrats amendments agreed to)
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—committee of the whole completed (10 Government [amendments agreed to](#))
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2003—second reading debate continued [together with debate on a Greens [amendment](#) expressing a view about the bill's policy]

No bills were passed

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Transmission of Business) Bill 2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to the [amendments](#) made by the Senate [The Senate will reconsider the amendments disagreed to by the House on a future sitting day]

Notices of motion given

To introduce a bill

- Quarantine Amendment (Health) Bill 2003—Notice of motion given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer

To exempt a bill from certain provisions of standing order 111 [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- Quarantine Amendment (Health) Bill 2003

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](#)

Regulation disallowed

The Senate [agreed to disallow](#) item 3, Schedule 1 of the Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 149 and made under the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*

Motion to disallow defeated

The Senate debated a motion to disallow items [2] to [6] of Schedule 1 of the Migration Agents Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 1) as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 92 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*. The Senate agreed **not** to disallow the items.

Committees

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

For committee reports [click here](#)

Reports tabled

- Privileges Committee—[114th Report](#)—Execution of search warrants in senators' offices: Senator Harris—Matters arising from the 105th report of the Committee of Privileges
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—395th Report—Inquiry into the draft Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill
- Public Works Joint Committee—
 - 5th Report of 2003—Redevelopment of the Australian Institute of Sport, Bruce, ACT
 - 6th Report of 2003—Provision of facilities for the collocation and re-equipping of the 1st Aviation Regiment at Robertson Barracks, Darwin, NT
 - 7th Report of 2003—RAAF Base Tindal perimeter security fence, Katherine, NT
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest](#) No. 9 of 2003 and [8th Report](#) of 2003 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 9 of 2003](#) (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill 2003—Economics Legislation Committee
- Treaties Joint Committee—53rd Report—Treaties tabled in May and June 2003

Document tabled

- Regulations and Ordinances Committee—Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, March to June 2003

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership
*See the **Reports tabled** section (Selection of Bills Committee Report) for details of bills referred to committees*

Reporting dates

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

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

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Draft Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2003 and draft Retirement Savings Accounts Amendment Regulations 2003—Superannuation Select Committee—to report by 10 September 2003
- Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare and Private Health Insurance) Bill 2003—Medicare Select Committee—to report by 30 October 2003
- Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Bill 2003—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 16 October 2003

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about:

- [Solomon Islands](#)—Indo-Pacific Bottlenose dolphins—moved by Senator Brown

Motions defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Cherry about wages stolen from Indigenous workers in Queensland was defeated

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for 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 3pm on 21 August 2003)—moved by Senator Bartlett

Statement by Minister and documents tabled

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts made a statement relating to the order of the Senate (agreed to [25 June 2003](#)) for the production of documents concerning work undertaken by the public relations company Turnbull Porter Novelli for Biotechnology Australia and [tabled](#) relevant documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

Statements of compliance for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and the Department of Health and Ageing were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; Senate [order agreed to](#)]

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

- Matters of public interest debate
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Government documents were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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