



# Senate Daily Summary

## Thursday 21 August 2003

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.45pm

### Legislation

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

#### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2003
- ❑ Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Quarantine Amendment (Health) Bill 2003
- ❑ Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2003

#### The following bill was considered

- ❑ State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2002][Private senator's bill]—second reading debate continued [together with debate on an Opposition amendment to refer the bill to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 October 2003]

#### The following bills were passed

##### *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ National Transport Commission Bill 2003
- ❑ National Transport Commission (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2003

##### *With amendments*

[The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

- ❑ [Australian Heritage Council Bill 2002](#)
- ❑ [Australian Heritage Council](#) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002 (1 Progressive Alliance/Democrats amendment agreed to)
- ❑ [Environment and Heritage](#) Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 ([1 Government amendment agreed to](#))

#### The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment Bill 2003—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to [the amendments](#) made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

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](#)

### Notices of motion given

A notice of motion was given to disallow the Iraq (Reconstruction and Repeal of Sanctions) Regulations 2003, as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 97 and made under the *Customs Act 1901*, the *Air Navigation Act 1920*, the *Charter of the United Nations Act 1945* and the *Migration Act 1958–15* sitting days after 21 August 2003– by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances

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

## Committees

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

For committee reports [click here](#)

### Estimates

#### *Additional information tabled*

Additional information received by the following committee was tabled:

- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2003-04

### Reports tabled

- Financial Services Reform Amendment Bill 2003–Economics Legislation Committee
- Procedure Committee–2<sup>nd</sup> Report of 2003
- Publications Committee–[10<sup>th</sup> Report](#) [report adopted]
- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2003–Economics Legislation Committee

### Government responses to committee reports tabled

- ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee–Annual Report 2001-02
- Small business employment–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

### Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership [see *Journals* entries [35](#) and [39](#)]

### Reporting dates

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

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

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Abolition of the death penalty](#)—moved by Senator Bartlett
- ❑ [Hearing Awareness Week](#)—moved by Senator Stott Desopja
- ❑ [Hong Kong](#)—Human rights—moved by Senator Stott Desopja
- ❑ [Mine Ban Treaty](#)—moved by Senator Stott Desopja
- ❑ [National Landcare Week](#)—moved by Senator O'Brien

## Motions defeated

The Senate did not agree to motions about:

- ❑ [Free trade agreement with the United States](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Solomon Islands](#)—Truth and Reconciliation Commission—moved by Senator Brown

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Documents tabled*

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry tabled a document relating to action taken against fishers for the incidental capture of listed threatened species, listed migratory species and listed marine species [in response to a motion moved by Senator Bartlett on 20 August 2003]

## Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Harris asked the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer for an explanation for answers not being provided to 12 questions relating to taxation. The Minister [indicated](#) that answers would be provided. The Senate [took note](#) of the explanation.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ 34<sup>th</sup> Australian and Pacific Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference, Nuku'alofa, Tonga, 28 June to 5 July 2003—Report by the President of the Senate
- ❑ No Clerk's documents were tabled
- ❑ No government documents were tabled
- ❑ No petitions were received

<b>Also in the Senate yesterday</b>
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- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were considered
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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