



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 24 June 2003

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.40pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003
- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003
- ❑ HIH Royal Commission (Transfer of Records) Bill 2003
- ❑ New Business Tax System (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill (No. 1) 2003
- ❑ Product Stewardship (Oil) Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003

The following bill was considered

- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (18 Government [amendments](#) agreed to, 1 Australian Progressive Alliance amendment to be determined)

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

- ❑ Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003 [This bill will now be assented to]

With amendments

- ❑ Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme Bill 2003—(8 Australian Progressive Alliance amendments [agreed](#) to) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

The following bills were defeated at the second reading by a majority vote

- ❑ Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Disability Reform) Bill (No. 2) 2002 [No. 2] [This bill meet the requirements for a simultaneous dissolution of both houses under s.57 of the Constitution (unless the House of Representatives decides not to proceed with it)]
- ❑ Superannuation (Surcharge Rate Reduction) Amendment Bill 2003

Notices of motion given

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

- Governor-General Amendment Bill 2003
- HHH Royal Commission (Transfer of Records) Bill 2003

To introduce a bill

- Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2003—Notice of motion given by Senator Murray [Private senator's bill]

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

[Notices of motion](#) were given by the Leader of the Australian Democrats to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- Items [2] to [6] of Schedule 1 of the Migration Agents Regulations 2003 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 92 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*
- Migration Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 57 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*

Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow the Farm Help Re-establishment Grant Scheme Amendment 2003 (No. 1), made under section 52A of the *Farm Household Support Act 1992* was withdrawn

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

Committees

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

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

Additional information relating to the 2002-03 additional estimates hearings received by the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee was tabled

Reports tabled

- Civil Aviation Amendment Bill 2003—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Corporations Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 1), Statutory Rules 2003 No. 31—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2003—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Documents tabled

- Executive minutes on reports 374, 385, 388 and 389 received since December 2002–Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee
- Register of Senators' interests, incorporating statements of interests, and a notification of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 6 December 2002 and 19 June 2003–Senators' Interests Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership

New inquiries

Motion defeated

- To refer the current and prospective levels of competition in broadband services, including interconnection and pricing in both the wholesale and retail markets, and [related matters](#), to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Meetings

Public meetings

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

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–26 June 2003 from 4.30pm–to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into Australia's insolvency laws
- Public Works Joint Committee–26 June 2003 from 9.30am to 10am–to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the refurbishment of the Australian Institute of Sport

Reporting dates

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

- Australian telecommunications network–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–2 December 2003
- Environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–19 August 2003
- Recruitment and training in the Australian Public Service–Finance and Public Administration References Committee–18 September 2003
- The role of libraries as providers of public information in the online environment–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–19 August 2003

Notice of motion to refer matter withdrawn

- Public Works Joint Committee–The Christmas Island Immigration Reception and Processing Centre

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–26 June 2003 from 11am to 12.30pm–to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the management and integrity of electronic information in the Commonwealth

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Australia's relationship with Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island countries—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—12 August 2003
- ❑ Aviation Transport Security Bill 2003 and a related bill—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—19 August 2003
- ❑ The administration of AusSAR in relation to the search for the *Margaret J.*—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—last sitting day in 2003
- ❑ The administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—last sitting day in 2003
- ❑ The import risk assessment on New Zealand apples—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—last sitting day in 2003

To refer matters to a committee

- ❑ The Government's proposed budget changes to higher education, and [related matters](#)—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 26 November 2003
- ❑ Whether the *Trade Practices Act 1974* adequately protects small businesses from anti-competitive or unfair conduct, and [related matters](#)—Economics References Committee—to report by 4 December 2003

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Carbon dioxide emissions](#)—moved by Senator Murray
- ❑ [Gambling and gaming revenue](#)—moved by Senator Murray

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Statement by Minister and document tabled

The Special Minister of State made [a statement](#) and tabled [a document](#) relating to the order of the Senate agreed to [25 June 2002](#) for the production of a document relating to the preliminary evaluation of the construction site for the replacement research reactor at Lucas Heights

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 55 of 2002-03—Performance audit—Goods and services tax fraud prevention and control: Australian Taxation Office
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

- Department of the Senate—Register of Senate senior executive officers' interests incorporating statements of interests and a notification of alteration of interests of senior executive officers lodged between 25 June 2002 and 19 June 2003
- [Government documents](#)

Petitions

[A petition was received](#)

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Matter of public importance discussion about (subject)
- Adjournment debate

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