



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 24 November 2003

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.23pm

Change in sitting hours

The Senate agreed to a variation in [sitting hours](#) and routine of business for 24 November to 28 November 2003

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Financial Services Reform Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Legislation Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Imports) Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Manufacture) Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2003

The following bills were considered

- ❑ Higher Education Support Bill 2003—second reading debate continued [the Opposition moved a second reading [amendment](#) to the bill expressing a view about the bill's policy]
- ❑ Higher Education Support (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003—second reading debate continued

No bills were passed

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

Agreeing to the following bills without amendment [The bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- ❑ Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002

Advising that the House had not made the requested amendments to the following bill

- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Extension of Time Limits) Bill 2003
[The Senate will consider the message on a future sitting day]

Agreeing to the following bill with amendments

- ❑ Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2003 [The Senate will consider the message on a future sitting day]

Notices of motion given to introduce bills

- ❑ Broadcasting Services (Safeguarding Local Content and Local Audience Needs) Amendment Bill 2003–Notice of motion given by Senator Lees [Private senator’s bill–to be introduced on 1 December 2003]
- ❑ Racial and Religious Hatred Bill 2003–Notice of motion given by Senator Ludwig [Private senator’s bill]
- ❑ Sexuality and Gender Identity Discrimination Bill 2003–Notice of motion given by Senator Greig [Private senator’s bill]

Bills assented to

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

*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](#)

Regulations disallowed

The Senate *agreed to disallow* the Migration Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 8), as contained in Statutory Rules No. 283 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*

Notice of intention given to withdraw a notice

Notice of intention was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw a notice to disallow the Child Disability Assessment Amendment Determination 2003, made under section 38D of the *Social Security Act 1991*

Notices of motion withdrawn

Notices of motion to disallow [certain instruments](#) were withdrawn

*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

- Budget estimates 2003-04–[Community Affairs](#) Legislation Committee
- Budget estimates 2003-04–[Environment, Communications](#), Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Reports tabled

- Bridging the skills divide–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee
- Hacking Australia’s future: Threats to institutional autonomy, academic freedom and student choice in Australian higher education–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee
- International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill 2003–Economics Legislation Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 14](#) of 2003 and [13th report](#) of 2003 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Visit to RAAF Williamstown, Darwin establishments, East Timor and RAAF Tindal 14 to 17 July 2003–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

Documents tabled

- Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Bill 2003 and the Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003–Economics Legislation Committee–Errata and additional information

Membership

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

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Dr Southcott would replace Ms JI Bishop on the Treaties Joint Committee

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–26 November 2003 from 4pm–Committee’s duties to inquire into, and report on, the activities of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and to examine its annual report
- Economics Legislation Committee–25 November 2003 from 7pm–Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions Splitting) Bill 2003 and associated regulations
- Economics References Committee–2 December 2003 from 7.30pm–Structure and distributive effects of the Australian taxation system
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–26 November 2003 from 11.30am to 1.30pm–Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002

To hold a private meeting when the Senate is sitting

- ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee—27 November 2003 from noon to 1.30pm—Intelligence Services Amendment Bill 2003, and the accuracy of pre-war intelligence on Iraq

To refer a matter to a committee

- Entry into Australian Territory, including Melville Island, of asylum seekers in November 2003 and related matters—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 2 March 2004

To re-appoint the Medicare Select Committee and refer a matter

- Government's proposed amendments to the Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare and Private Health Insurance) Bill 2003, and the Government's proposal to increase the patient rebate for concession card holders and children under 16 years of age—Medicare Select Committee—to report by 22 March 2004

To determine a reporting deadline

- Truth in Food Labelling Bill 2003—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 11 March 2004

To extend a reporting deadline

- Maritime Transport Security Bill 2003—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 26 November 2003

To re-convene budget estimates hearing

- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—25 November from 6.50pm—further examination of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs and the Attorney-General's Department, with particular reference to migration zone excision matters and the *Minasa Bone*

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion about the [death of birdlife around Parliament House](#)—moved by Senator Lees

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Document tabled

- Tobacco and health—[Response to the resolutions](#) of the Senate of [27 June](#) and [12 November 2002](#) from the Chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Notice of motion given

Senator Bartlett gave a notice of motion to require the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to table any documents prepared by it in relation to deposit bonds (no later than 3.30pm on 1 December 2003)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General Reports Nos 11 to 13 of 2003-04 [see *Journals* entries [20](#) and [28](#)]
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of the Parliamentary Library–Report for 2002-03
- ❑ Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff–Report for 2002-03
- ❑ [Government documents](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Pauline Hanson and David Ettridge–[Resolution of the Legislative Assembly](#) of Queensland
- ❑ Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - ❑ [Child protection](#) services—from the Minister for Family and Community Service (resolution agreed to [18 August 2003](#))
 - ❑ [Foreign television programming](#)—from the Minister for Trade (resolution agreed to [9 October 2003](#))
 - ❑ [Live animal shipments](#)—from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (resolution agreed to [11 August 2003](#))
 - ❑ [Passive smoking](#)—from the Queensland Minister for Industrial Relations (resolution agreed to [11 September 2003](#))
- ❑ Third Howard Ministry—Ministerial representation as at 24 November 2003—[Document](#)
- ❑ [3 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The Deputy President informed the Senate of the death, on 1 November 2003, of Cyril Graham Primmer, senator for Victoria from 1971 to 1985. The Senate agreed to a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- ❑ The Deputy President informed the Senate of the death, on 18 October 2003, of John David Jess, CBE, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of La Trobe from 1960 to 1972
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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