The Senate met from 2.00pm until 8.33pm

**Legislation**
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The following bills were introduced
- Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2002-2003
- Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2002-2003

The following bills were considered
*Second reading debate continued on the following bills*
- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002
- Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002
- Transport Safety Investigation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002

No bills were passed

Bills exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]
- [Various bills](#)

Notice of motion given
*To exempt bills from certain provisions of standing order 111* [to enable consideration this period of sittings]
- Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill 2002
- Corporations Legislation Amendment Bill 2002
- Corporations (Review Fees) Bill 2002
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Termination of Employment) Bill 2002

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**Delegated legislation**
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Committees
For scheduled public committee hearings click here
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Report tabled
- Customs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002–Interim report–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee. The Senate adopted the interim report’s recommendation that the time for the presentation of the main report be extended to 4 April 2003.

Membership
The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership

Public meetings
The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while the Senate is sitting:
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–16 June 2003 from 7pm and on 23 June 2003 from 7pm–to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the off-setting arrangements between the Veterans’ Entitlements Act and the Military Compensation Scheme
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–27 March 2003 from 4pm till 9pm–to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into Australia’s relationship with Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island countries
- Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund Joint Committee–27 March 2003 from 7.30pm–to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the effectiveness of the National Native Title Tribunal

Reporting dates
The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:
- The Government’s foreign and trade policy strategy–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–17 June 2003
- Environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–15 May 2003

Notices of motion given
To extend reporting deadlines

To refer matters to a committee
Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:
- Australian One Day Cricket Team—moved by the Minister for the Arts and Sport
- Nuclear waste repository—South Australia—moved by Senator Allison

Motions defeated

The Senate defeated motions without debate about:
- Wind energy—moved by Senator Allison
- World Water Day—moved by Senator Stott Despoja

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 tabling of the Memorandum of Understanding signed on or around 12 March 2003 between the Australian Government and the Islamic Republic of Iran, which includes measures to combat illegal migration (no later than 4pm on 26 March 2003)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats

Notices of motion given
To require the tabling of documents
Senator O’Brien gave a notice of motion calling on the Government to comply with the order of the Senate (agreed to 16 October 2002) requiring the tabling of certain documents relating to the Government’s consideration of an ethanol excise and production subsidy (no later than 5pm on 27 March 2003)

To amend an order of the Senate
The Chair of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee gave notice of a motion to amend the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001 relating to departmental and agency contracts

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]
- Government documents
- Parliamentary delegation to Canada and China, 17 to 30 November 2002–Report
- Rehabilitation of former nuclear tests sites at Emu and Maralinga–Report by the Maralinga Rehabilitation Technical Advisory Committee and ministerial statement by the Minister for Science, dated 20 March 2003

Petitions

2 petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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