



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 26 June 2003

The Senate met from 9.30am until 4.08am (Friday 27 June)

The Senate has now completed its Winter sittings and will commence Spring sittings on [11 August 2003](#)

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Supporting Young Carers) Bill 2003  
[Private senator's bill]
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Protection for Emergency Management Volunteers) Bill 2003
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Transmission of Business) Bill 2002

### The following bills were passed

[These bills will now be assented to]

#### *Without amendments*

- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2003-2004
- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2003-2004
- ❑ Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2003-2004
- ❑ Customs Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003
- ❑ Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Governor-General Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Health and Ageing Legislation Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003
- ❑ HIH Royal Commission (Transfer of Records) Bill 2003
- ❑ Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Protected Information) Bill 2003
- ❑ National Handgun Buyback Bill 2003
- ❑ National Health Amendment (Private Health Insurance Levies) Bill 2003
- ❑ Private Health Insurance (ACAC Review Levy) Bill 2003
- ❑ Private Health Insurance (Collapsed Organization Levy) Bill 2003
- ❑ Private Health Insurance (Council Administration Levy) Bill 2003
- ❑ Private Health Insurance (Reinsurance Trust Fund Levy) Bill 2003

- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Protection for Emergency Management Volunteers) Bill 2003

### *With amendments*

- ❑ Australian Film Commission Amendment Bill 2003—(1 Green amendment agreed to) [The House of Representatives agreed to [the amendment](#) made by the Senate. The bill will now be assented to.]
- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002—(1 Australian Progressive Alliance (APA) and 2 Democrat (1 amended by APA) [amendments agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives agreed to 42 amendments and disagreed to 6. The Senate insisted on the amendments disagreed to by the House. The House will now reconsider the amendments insisted on by the Senate.]
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment) Repeal and Amendment Bill 2002—(12 Government amendments agreed to and 7 items and 1 part omitted) [The House of Representatives agreed to [the amendments](#) made by the Senate. The bill will now be assented to.]
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2003—(1 Opposition amendment agreed to) [The House of Representatives agreed to [the amendment](#) made by the Senate. The bill will now be assented to.]
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2003—(1 Opposition amendment and 1 schedule omitted) [The House of Representatives agreed to [the amendments](#) made by the Senate. The bill will now be assented to.]
- ❑ Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2002—(5 Democrat amendments (1 amended by Opposition) agreed to) [The House of Representatives agreed to [the amendments](#) made by the Senate. The bill will now be assented to.]

### **The following message from the House of Representatives was considered**

- ❑ Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2]—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to 68 [amendments made by the Senate](#), disagreed to 6 and made 3 amendments in place of 3 Senate amendments. The Senate did not insist on the amendments disagreed to by the House and insisted on by the Senate and agreed to the [amendments made by the House](#). [The bill will now be assented to]

### **The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order** [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Protection for Emergency Management Volunteers) 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](#)

### **Motion to disallow defeated**

The Senate debated a motion to disallow item [2197] of Schedule 2 to the Migration Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 106 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*. The Senate agreed *not* to disallow the item.

### **Notice of intention given to withdraw a notice**

[A notice of intention](#) was given by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw a notice to disallow the Workplace Relations Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 337 and made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*

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

### **Committees**

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

### **Reports tabled**

- A funding matter under the Dairy Regional Assistance Program—Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- Publications Committee—[9<sup>th</sup> report](#) [report adopted]
- Regulation 7.1.29 in Corporations Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 3), Statutory Rules 2003 No. 85—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- Treaties Joint Committee—52<sup>nd</sup> report

### **Government responses**

*President's report on Government responses tabled*

President's report on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 26 June 2003

### **Membership**

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

### **New inquiries**

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:

- Australian Protective Services Amendment Bill 2003—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—to report by 18 August 2003
- [The current and prospective levels](#) of competition in broadband services, including interconnection and pricing in both the wholesale and retail markets, and related matters—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in March 2004
- [The Government's proposed budget changes](#) to higher education, and related matters—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 30 October 2003
- [The most appropriate process](#) for moving towards the establishment of an Australian republic with an Australian Head of State, and related matters—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—reporting date not specified
- [The regulation, control and management](#) of invasive species, being non-native flora and fauna that may threaten biodiversity, and related matters, including the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in March 2004

### **Reporting dates**

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

- Planning for retirement–Superannuation Select Committee–11 August 2003
- Select Committee on Medicare–9 September 2003

### **Notices of motion given**

*To refer matters to a committee*

- [The issue of corporate governance](#), and related issues–Finance and Public Administration References Committee–to report by 31 December 2003

## **Motions agreed to**

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Dogs–National ban on tail docking](#)–moved by Senator Bartlett
- [Drug Action Week](#)–moved by Senator Ridgeway
- [Korean reunification](#)–moved by Senator Bartlett
- [Pan Pharmaceuticals](#)–moved by Senator Brown
- [Parliamentary zone](#)–The Senate agreed to a proposal by the National Capital Authority for additional works connected with the reconstruction of the Old Parliament House gardens

## **Motion defeated**

[A motion](#) moved by Senator Nettle about Australia’s military ties with the United States of America was defeated

## **Notices of motion**

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

## **Orders for the production of documents**

*Motion agreed to*

### **Orders with continuing effect**

*Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet*

[The Senate agreed](#) to vary the order relating to the requirement for letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies to be tabled twice yearly

### *Statement by Minister*

The Special Minister of State made a statement relating to the order of the Senate agreed to on [19 November 2002](#) for the production of documents concerning the Insurance and Superannuation Commission

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Association of Former Members of the Parliament of Australia—Report for 2002
- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 58 of 2002-03—Performance audit—Veterans’ appeals against disability compensation decisions—Follow-up audit: Department of Veterans’ Affairs; Veterans’ Review Board
- ❑ Australian parliamentary delegation—11<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 13 to 15 January 2003—Report
- ❑ Australian parliamentary delegation—Nigeria and South Africa, 27 October to 8 November 2002—Report
- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Former Governors-General travel paid by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for the period 1 July to 31 December 2002
- ❑ Former parliamentarians’ travel paid by the Department of Finance and Administration for the period July to December 2002
- ❑ Parliamentarians’ travel paid by the Department of Finance and Administration for the period July to December 2002
- ❑ Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 July to 31 December 2002

No government documents were tabled

## Petitions

[A petition](#) was received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The President made [a statement](#) about the departure of the Government Parliamentary Liaison Officer (Ms Myra Croke)
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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