



# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 9 March 2004

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.38pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- Privacy Amendment Bill 2004

### The following bill was considered

- Superannuation Safety Amendment Bill 2003—second reading debate continued [together with debate on the [Opposition's amendment](#) expressing a view about the bill's policy]

### The following bills were passed

#### *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- A New Tax System (Commonwealth-State Financial Arrangements) Amendment Bill 2003
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2004
- Medical Indemnity Amendment Bill 2004
- Medical Indemnity (IBNR Indemnity) Contribution Amendment Bill 2004

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](#)

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

## Committees

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

For committee reports [click here](#)

### No reports were tabled

### Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Electoral Matters Joint Committee—Senator Bartlett to be discharged and Senator Faulkner to be appointed

### *Message from the House of Representatives reported*

The message reported that it had agreed to the amendment made by the Senate to the [resolution](#) of appointment of the Electoral Matters Joint Committee

### Reporting dates

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

- 2003-04 Additional estimates—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—to report by 1 April 2004
- Annual reports tabled by 31 October 2003—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 1 April 2004
- Performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 13 May 2004

### Notices of motion given

*To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting*

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—11 March 2004 from 4pm—Corporate Law Economic Reform Program (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003

*To extend a reporting deadline*

- Forestry plantations—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 13 May 2004

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Backing Australia's Future: Our Universities](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja as a matter of urgency
- [International Women's Day](#)—moved by Senators Crossin and Stott Despoja
- [Radio National](#)—moved by Senator Brown
- [Tobacco advertising](#)—Australian Grand Prix—moved by Senator Allison

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### Orders with continuing effect

#### *Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet*

Statements of compliance for [several agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

#### *Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet*

A statement of compliance for the Veterans' Affairs portfolio was 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]

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)

No 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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