



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 10 March 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.24pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Greater Sunrise) Bill 2004
- ❑ Greater Sunrise Unitisation Agreement Implementation Bill 2004
- ❑ Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment Bill 2004

### The following bills were considered

- ❑ Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Bill 2003—second reading debate continued
- ❑ Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003—second reading debate continued
- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare) Bill 2003—committee of the whole commenced

### The following bills were passed

#### *Without amendments*

- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Further Simplification) Bill 2003 [This bill will now be assented to]

#### *With amendments*

- ❑ Superannuation Safety Amendment Bill 2003—25 Government, 2 Opposition amendments agreed to and 2 items omitted [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments made by the Senate](#)]

### Document tabled

- ❑ Tobacco Advertising Prohibition (Film, Internet and Misleading Promotion) Amendment Bill 2004—Exposure draft

### Notices of motion given

*To exempt bills from the cut-off order* [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Greater Sunrise) Bill 2004
- ❑ Greater Sunrise Unitisation Agreement Implementation Bill 2004

*To introduce a bill*

- ❑ Resale Royalty Bill 2004—Notice of motion given by Senator Lundy [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](#)

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

## Committees

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

For committee reports [click here](#)

### Reports tabled

- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—67<sup>th</sup> annual report
- ❑ [Reports on annual reports](#)—No. 1 of 2004—Seven legislation committees
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest](#) No. 3 of 2004 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 3 of 2004](#) [3<sup>rd</sup> report amended and adopted] and [Report No. 4 of 2004](#) [4<sup>th</sup> report adopted] [contain recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

See the **Reports tabled** section (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

### Meeting

#### *Public meeting*

The Senate agreed that the following public meeting may be held while 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 exposure draft and relevant related matters

### Reporting date

The Senate agreed to the following extension of time for a committee to report:

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

### Notices of motion given

#### *To determine a reporting date*

- ❑ Current health preparation arrangements for the deployment of Australian Defence Forces overseas—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 17 June 2004

*To extend a reporting deadline*

- ❑ Truth in Food Labelling Bill 2003–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 1 April 2004

*To refer matters to committees*

- ❑ Impediments to Indigenous employment, [and related matters](#)–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 25 November 2004
- ❑ Staffing levels in residential aged care facilities, [and related matters](#)–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 31 August 2004
- ❑ [The living costs of students](#) and the adequacy of income support measures–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 25 November 2004
- ❑ The progress and future direction of life-long learning, [and related matters](#)–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 25 November 2004

## Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion about the [Universities meet Parliament](#) event–moved by Senator Stott Despoja

## 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 [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]

## 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

<b>Also in the Senate yesterday</b>
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- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Matter of public importance discussion about [aged care funding](#)—proposed by Senator Forshaw
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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