The Senate Daily Summary
Wednesday 10 March 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.24pm

**Legislation**
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**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
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Reports tabled
- Public Works Joint Committee–67th 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 [3rd report amended and adopted]
  and Report No. 4 of 2004 [4th 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
Also in the Senate yesterday

- 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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