



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 23 March 2004

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.09pm

Privilege

The President made [a statement](#) relating to a matter of privilege raised by Senator Mackay concerning the apparent contradiction between answers given by Telstra officers at an estimates hearing of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee on 16 February 2004 and statements made in a Telstra document. Senator Mackay gave [a notice of motion](#) to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Flags Amendment (Eureka Flag) Bill 2004 [Private senator's bill]

The following bills were considered

- ❑ Age Discrimination Bill 2003—committee of the whole commenced (2 Democrat and 4 Opposition [amendments](#) agreed to, 1 clause omitted, and 2 Democrat amendments to be determined)
- ❑ Age Discrimination (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2003—committee of the whole commenced
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed

Without requests

- ❑ Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment Bill 2003 [This bill will now be assented to]

With amendments

- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents Integrity Measures) Bill 2003—15 Democrat [amendments](#) agreed to [See [Schedule](#) for all Senate amendments to this bill. The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate.]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

Agreeing to the following bills without amendments [The bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Compliance and Deterrence Measures and Other Matters) Bill 2003 [2004]
- ❑ Fisheries Legislation Amendment (High Seas Fishing Activities and Other Matters) Bill 2004

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

- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2003-2004
- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2003-2004
- ❑ Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2003-2004
- ❑ Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program 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](#)

Notice of intention given to amend a notice

Senator Conroy gave notice of his intention to [amend](#) his [notice](#) of motion relating to the disallowance of certain corporations regulations

See the **Documents** section for details of instruments [Clerk's documents] tabled

Committees

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

For committee reports [click here](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Australian Federal Police and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 [2004]– Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- ❑ Greater Sunrise Unitisation Agreement Implementation Bill 2004 and Customs Tariff Amendment (Greater Sunrise) Bill 2004–Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee–[58th Report](#)

Membership

The Senate agreed to appoint Senator Brown as a participating member of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation and References Committees

Motion to refer a matter to a committee defeated

The Senate defeated a motion by Senator Brown to refer the matter of [communications between](#) the Australian Federal Police Commissioner and the executive in relation to Australia's involvement in the war on Iraq to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Meetings

Public meetings

The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–24 March 2004 from 4pm–Corporations Amendment Regulations
- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–25, 29 March and 1 April 2004 from 4pm–[various matters](#)
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–25 March 2004 from 4 to 6pm–the second year of operation of the Senate order for production of lists of departmental and agency contracts
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–24 March 2004 from 5.30pm–Disability Discrimination Amendment Bill 2003

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- ❑ Additional estimates 2003-04–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–to report by 25 March 2004

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Free trade agreement \(Australia-USA\)](#)–Assessment by Productivity Commission–moved by Senator Conroy
- ❑ [Redfern Community Centre](#)–moved by Senator Ridgeway
- ❑ [Teacher shortages](#)–moved by Senator Allison

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notices of motion given

Senator Sherry gave [a notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer to table the document detailing the actual total revenue collected during the 2002-03 financial year from the measure “allowing departing temporary residents access to their superannuation” referred to on pages 1 to 25 of the document *Budget strategy and outlook 2002-03* (Budget Paper No. 1) (no later than 5pm on 24 March 2004)

Senator Faulkner gave [a notice of motion](#) to require the Leader of the Government in the Senate to table copies of all drafts of the clarifying statement which was negotiated between the Australian Federal Police Commissioner, Mr Keelty, and the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Dr Shergold, and any other members or representatives of the Government and which was issued by the Commissioner on Tuesday 16 March 2004 (no later than 4pm on 30 March 2004)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [5 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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