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Terms of Reference

Extract from **Standing Order 24**

- (1) (a) At the commencement of each parliament, a Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills shall be appointed to report, in respect of the clauses of bills introduced into the Senate, and in respect of Acts of the Parliament, whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:
- (i) trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
 - (ii) make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
 - (iii) make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
 - (iv) inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
 - (v) insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.
- (b) The committee, for the purpose of reporting upon the clauses of a bill when the bill has been introduced into the Senate, may consider any proposed law or other document or information available to it, notwithstanding that such proposed law, document or information has not been presented to the Senate.

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- **The Committee has commented on these bills**

This Digest is circulated to all Honourable Senators.
Any Senator who wishes to draw matters to the attention of the Committee under its terms of reference is invited to do so.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 19 September 2002 by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs. [Portfolio responsibility: Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs]

The bill proposes to amend the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* to add five new parcels of land to Schedule 1 of the Act as a result of two separate agreements reached between the Northern Territory Government, the relevant traditional owners and Land Councils.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding Amendment Bill 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 19 September 2002 by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. [Portfolio responsibility: Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry]

The bill proposes to amend the *Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding Act 1996* to:

- enable levies and charges to be appropriated to the Australian Animal Health Council (AAHC), known as Animal Health Australia (AHA), to be used to repay the Commonwealth for underwriting livestock industries' share of the costs of responding to emergency animal diseases; and
- provide a mechanism for any excess levies and charges that are collected to be appropriated to relevant industry research and development bodies for research and development activities or the promotion or maintenance of the health of animals.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Inspector-General of Taxation Bill 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 19 September 2002 by the Treasurer. [Portfolio responsibility: Treasury]

The bill proposes to establish a statutory office to review tax administration and to report to the Government with recommendations for improving tax administration. The bill provides for:

- the appointment of an independent Inspector-General of Taxation by the Governor-General for a fixed term of up to five years, with explicit and strictly limited conditions for dismissal from office of the incumbent;
- the Inspector-General to have a broad range of powers to obtain comprehensive information on the administration of the tax laws, including the ability to invite submissions and hold meetings with tax payers, groups, tax professionals or their representatives;
- the authorised voluntary disclosure under the secrecy and privacy laws of information held by the Commissioner of Taxation and requested by the Inspector-General for the purposes of a review;
- the Inspector-General to have investigative powers, including the power to compel disclosure of documents and examine witnesses; and
- the restriction on the Inspector-General from including any information that would enable identification of any particular taxpayer in any report.

The bill does not:

- permit the Inspector-General to direct the Commissioner of Taxation other than to require the disclosure of information for a review;
- affect the powers or functions of other taxation review agencies, including the Ombudsman; or
- impose any obligations on taxpayers, as the compulsive investigative powers of the Inspector-General do not extend to taxpayers.

The bill also makes consequential amendments to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *National Crime Authority Act 1984*.

**Abrogation of the privilege against self-incrimination
Paragraph 16(1)(b)**

Paragraph 16(1)(b) of this bill would abrogate the privilege against self-incrimination for a person who is required to provide information under clause 15. However, subclause 16(2) would limit the circumstances in which information so provided is admissible in evidence in proceedings against that person. The Committee accepts that this may strike a reasonable balance between the competing interests of obtaining information and protecting individuals' rights.

In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.

International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 19 September 2002 by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration. [Portfolio responsibility: Treasury]

The bill proposes to amend the *International Tax Agreements Act 1953* to:

- provide legislative authority for the domestic entry into force of a Protocol amending the Australia-Canada double tax convention and a Second Protocol amending the Australia-Malaysia double tax agreement. The bill will insert the text of these Protocols into the Act as schedules to the Act;
- ensure that interest that is currently not subject to tax in Australia does not become taxable in Australia as a result of changes to the Australia-US Convention on double taxation; and
- make other minor technical amendments to the Act.

Retrospective commencement Schedule 3, Parts 2 and 3

By virtue of items 5 and 6 in the table to subclause 2(1) of this bill, the amendments proposed by Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 3 would possibly commence retrospectively, in that the commencement is dependent on the commencement of other legislation. However, the amendments proposed by Part 2 of Schedule 3 are beneficial to taxpayers, and the amendment proposed by Part 3 of that Schedule does no more than correct the grammar of the legislation amended.

In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on these provisions.

Kyoto Protocol (Ratification) Bill 2002

This bill was introduced into the Senate on 19 September 2002 by Senator Brown as a Private Senator's bill.

The bill places a requirement on the Australian government to ratify the Kyoto Protocol within 60 days of the bill passing the Parliament.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 19 September 2002 by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. [Portfolio responsibility: Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry]

The bill proposes to amend the *Murray-Darling Basin Act 1993* to approve and give effect to the Murray-Darling Basin Amending Agreement between the Commonwealth, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia to amend the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement. The effect of the Amending Agreement is to make new arrangements for the sharing of water made available in the River Murray catchment above the Hume Dam by the Snowy Scheme. The Amending Agreement is subject to the approval of the Parliament of each party to the Amending Agreement.

Commencement on proclamation Schedule 1

By virtue of item 2 in the table to subclause 2(1) of this Bill, Schedule 1 to the Bill would commence on Proclamation, with no date being specified when the Schedule must commence in any event. However, the Explanatory Memorandum notes that commencement of this Schedule is dependent on New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia approving the Murray-Darling Amending Agreement contained in the Schedule. Such a circumstance is within those contemplated by Drafting Direction 2002, No. 2 as a reason for an open-ended commencement provision.

In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 19 September 2002 by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration. [Portfolio responsibility: Treasury]

Schedule 1 of the bill proposes to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* to extend the categories of exemption from interest withholding tax, to enhance Australia's development as a financial centre by removing certain impediments to Australian businesses raising finance and reducing certain compliance costs.

Schedule 2 of the bill proposes to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to provide a capital gains tax exemption for Australian residents who receive payments under a German wartime compensation fund known as the German Forced Labour Compensation Programme.

Schedule 3 of the bill proposes to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* so that, from 1 January 2003, friendly societies will be allowed a deduction for investment income paid or credited to recipients of special purpose investment products, such as income bonds, scholarship plans and funeral policies, where that income has been included as the assessable income of the friendly society.

Retrospectivity Schedule 1 and Schedule 2

By virtue of item 2 in the table to subclause 2(1) of this bill, Schedule 1 to the Bill would commence on 29 August 2001. However, the amendments proposed by that Schedule are beneficial to taxpayers.

By virtue of item 2 of Schedule 2 to this bill, that Schedule would apply from the 2001-2002 income year. However, the amendment proposed by that Schedule is beneficial to taxpayers.

In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on these provisions.

Tobacco Excise Windfall Recovery (Assessment) Bill 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 16 September 2002 by Mr Stephen Smith MP as a Private Member's bill.

The bill proposes a framework to assist in the recovery of an estimated \$250 million windfall from tobacco wholesalers and retailers to fund preventative health care measures. The windfall results from several High Court decisions.

The windfall relates to amounts collected during the period 1 July 1997 to 6 August 1997 but not paid to the States as tobacco franchise fees or to the Commonwealth as tobacco excise. The bill provides for the persons, companies and amounts involved during the windfall period to be identified by the Taxation Commissioner, and for details of the total amount of the windfall to be ascertained and tabled in the Parliament.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Treasury Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 19 September 2002 by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration. [Portfolio responsibility: Treasury]

The bill proposes to clarify the operation of amendments to the *Financial Sector (Collection of Data—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2001* (CoD Act) and the *General Insurance Reform Act 2001* (GIR Act). The bill ensures that, where both Acts amend the same provision, the amendments made by the CoD Act operate first, thus enabling the GIR Act amendments to take effect.

The provisions of the GIR Act relate to the role, accountability and responsibility of auditors and actuaries, access to premises and the signing of documents, which are key factors in the maintenance of an effective prudential framework.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002 [No. 2]

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 18 September 2002 by the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations. [Portfolio responsibility: Employment and Workplace Relations]

Identical to the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002, the bill proposes to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* to:

- prevent small business employees, other than apprentices and trainees, from applying under the Act for a remedy in respect of harsh, unjust or unreasonable termination of employment, otherwise known as ‘unfair dismissal’; and
- require the Australian Industrial Relations Commission to order that an unfair dismissal application made by a small business employee is invalid, if the Commission is satisfied that the application is outside the Commission’s jurisdiction because of the small business exemption.

The earlier bill was amended by the Senate and subsequently laid aside by the House of Representatives on 28 June 2002.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

**PROVISIONS OF BILLS WHICH IMPOSE CRIMINAL
SANCTIONS FOR A FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION**

REPORT NO 6/2002

The Committee's *Eighth Report of 1998* dealt with the appropriate basis for penalty provisions for offences involving the giving or withholding of information. In that Report, the Committee recommended that the Attorney-General develop more detailed criteria to ensure that the penalties imposed for such offences were 'more consistent, more appropriate, and make greater use of a wider range of non-custodial penalties'. The Committee also recommended that such criteria be made available to Ministers, drafters and to the Parliament.

The Government responded to that Report on 14 December 1998. In that response, the Minister for Justice referred to the ongoing development of the Commonwealth *Criminal Code*, which would include rationalising penalty provisions for 'administration of justice offences'. The Minister undertook to provide further information when the review of penalty levels and applicable principles had taken place.

For information, the following Table sets out penalties for 'information-related' offences in the legislation covered in this *Digest*. The Committee notes that imprisonment is still prescribed as a penalty for some such offences.

TABLE

Bill/Act	Section/Subsection	Offence	Penalty
Inspector-General of Taxation Bill 2002	Subclause 15(6)	Failure to provide information to a public authority	Imprisonment for 6 months

BILLS GIVING EFFECT TO NATIONAL SCHEMES OF LEGISLATION

Recent discussions between the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Commonwealth, State and Territory Scrutiny Committees have again noted difficulties in the identification and scrutiny of national schemes of legislation. Essentially, these difficulties arise because 'national scheme' bills are devised by Ministerial Councils and are presented to Parliaments as agreed and uniform legislation. Any requests for amendment are seen to threaten that agreement and that uniformity.

To assist in the early identification of national schemes of legislation, the Committee proposes to note bills that give effect to such schemes as they come before the Committee for consideration.

Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2002

The bill proposes to amend the *Murray-Darling Basin Act 1993* to approve and give effect to the Murray-Darling Basin Amending Agreement between the Commonwealth, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia to amend the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement. The effect of the Amending Agreement is to make new arrangements for the sharing of water made available in the River Murray catchment above the Hume Dam by the Snowy Scheme. The Amending Agreement is subject to the approval of the Parliament of each party to the Amending Agreement.

PARLIAMENTARY AMENDMENTS AND THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

AMENDMENTS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (16-19 September)

Workplace Relations (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Bill 2002: On 18 September 2002, the House of Representatives agreed to amend this bill, including an amended title. The bill, as amended, is now the Workplace Relations Amendment (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Bill 2002. The Committee commented on this bill in *Alert Digest No. 4 of 2002* in relation to strict liability, but the amendments do not address this issue. Apart from this, the amendments raised no issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

Workplace Relations (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002: On 18 September 2002, the House of Representatives agreed to amend this bill, including an amended title. The bill, as amended, is now the Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002. The amendments raised no issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002: On 18 September 2002, the House of Representatives agreed to amend this bill. The amendments raised no issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

Taxation Laws Amendment (Structured Settlements) Bill 2002: On 18 September, the House of Representatives agreed to amend this bill. Some of the amendments, to Part 3 of Schedule 1, operate retrospectively. However, the amendments appear to be beneficial to individuals affected by them.

In these circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on the amendments.

AMENDMENTS IN THE SENATE (16-19 September)

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002: On 18 September 2002, the Senate agreed to amend this bill. The amendments raised no issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002: On 19 September 2002, the Senate agreed to amend this bill. The Committee commented on the bill in *Alert Digest No. 5 of 2002* and the *Ninth Report of 2002* in relation to retrospective commencement. In relation to the amendments, the Committee makes the following comments:

***Non-reviewable decision by Minister
Proposed new paragraphs 98A(1)(c) and (d)***

These proposed provisions give a power to the Minister to be satisfied that certain courses meet specified criteria. The provisions provide safeguards for the exercise of this discretion, but there is no immediately apparent provision for independent merits review of an adverse decision by the Minister. The Committee, therefore, **seeks the Minister's advice** on this aspect of the provisions.

Pending the Minister's advice, the Committee draws Senators' attention to the provisions, as they may be considered to make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions, in breach of principle 1(a)(iii) of the Committee's terms of reference.

***Incorporation of external material as in force from time to time
Subsection 98A(1), proposed new definition of "National Protocols"***

This proposed definition refers to external material as in force from time to time, which means that the Parliament may not be aware of what may effectively be changes in the way an Act operates. The Committee usually raises the need for such provisions and the desirability of suitable protection for their operation. The Committee, therefore, **seeks the Minister's advice** on this aspect of the definition.

Pending the Minister's advice, the Committee draws Senators' attention to the provision, as it may be considered to insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny, in breach of principle 1(a)(v) of the Committee's terms of reference.

Customs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002: On 19 September 2002, the Senate agreed to amend this Bill. The Committee commented on the bill in *Alert Digest No. 6 of 2002* and the *Ninth Report of 2002* in relation to commencement, strict liability and seizure of goods without a warrant. The amendments remove some of these offences of strict liability while leaving others. Apart from this, the amendments raise no issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE SCRUTINY OF BILLS

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		HOUSE	SENATE		SOUGHT	RECEIVED	
Bills dealt with in 2001							
<i>Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Collection Act 2001</i>	14(26.9.01)	20.9.01	26.9.01	Transport and Regional Services	27.9.01	31.12.01	1(20.2.02)
<i>Border Protection (Validation and Enforcement Powers) Act 2001</i>	13(20.9.01)	18.9.01	20.9.01	Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	20.9.01	6.02.02	1(20.2.02)
<i>Defence Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Act 2001</i>	12(19.9.01)	29.8.01	24.9.01	Defence	20.9.01	8.11.01	1(20.2.02)
<i>Electoral and Referendum Amendment Act (No. 1) 2001</i>	4(28.3.01)	7.3.01	2.4.01	Finance and Administration	29.3.01	4.5.01	6(23.5.01)
Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000 [2001]	1(7.2.01) 8(27.6.01)		7.12.00	Further response required	24.5.01	10.1.02	1(20.2.02)
<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Wildlife Protection) Act 2001</i>	9(8.8.01)	25.6.01	24.5.01	Environment and Heritage re Amendments	23.8.01	18.10.01	1(20.2.02)
<i>Health and Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Act 2001</i>	10(22.8.01)	8.8.01	23.8.01	Health and Aged Care	23.8.01	8.10.01	1(20.2.02)

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		HOUSE	SENATE		SOUGHT	RECEIVED	
Bills being dealt with in 2002							
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02	16.5.02	Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	21.3.02 20.6.02	13.5.02 28.6.02	FRR5(19.6.02) 8(21.8.02)
Airports Amendment Bill 2002	1(20.2.02)	14.2.02	--	Transport and Regional Services	21.2.02	6.5.02	DC
Australian Heritage Council Bill 2002	7(21.8.02)	27.6.02		Environment and Heritage	22.8.02		
Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002	7(21.8.02)	27.6.02		Environment and Heritage	22.8.02		
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges) Amendment Bill 2002	4(15.5.02)	21.3.02	20.6.02	Health and Ageing	16.5.02	4.6.02	7(26.6.02)
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002	4(15.5.02)	21.3.02		Attorney-General	16.5.02		
Border Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	12.3.02	14.3.02	Attorney-General	21.3.02	23.4.02	4(15.5.02)
<i>Coal Industry Repeal Act 2001</i>	1(20.2.02)	28.6.00	5.4.01	Industry, Science and Resources	21.2.02	11.3.02	2(13.3.02)
<i>Coal Industry Repeal (Validation of Proclamation) Act 2002</i>	2(13.3.02)	20.2.02	13.3.02	Industry, Tourism and Resources	14.3.02	22.3.02	4(15.5.02)
Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	7(21.8.02)	27.6.02		Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	22.8.02	16.9.02	

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Copyright Amendment (Parallel Importation) Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02		Attorney-General	21.3.02	5.6.02	
Corporate Responsibility and Employment Security Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	11.3.02		Mr McClelland	21.3.02		
Criminal Code Amendment (Anti-hoax and Other Measures) Bill 2002	1(20.2.02)	13.2.02	11.3.02	Attorney-General	21.2.02	8.3.02	2(13.3.02)
					14.3.02	19.3.02	3(20.3.02)
					21.3.02	4.4.02	4(15.5.02)
Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Offences) Bill 2002 (new citation: Criminal Code Amendment and Related Matters) Bill 2002)	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02	16.9.02	Attorney-General	21.3.02	14.6.02	9(28.8.02)
Customs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	6(26.6.02)	19.6.02	22.8.02	Justice and Customs	27.6.02	20.8.02	9(28.8.02)
Egg Industry Service Provision Bill 2002	9(18.9.02)	28.8.02	23.9.02	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	19.9.02		
Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Roll Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	14.3.02		Special Minister of State	21.3.02	30.4.02	
Financial Corporations (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Amendment Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	15.5.02	12.3.02	Treasury	21.3.02	3.5.02	4(15.5.02)
Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	4(15.5.02)	21.3.02	20.6.02	Treasury	16.5.02	17.6.02	7(26.6.02)
Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002	7(21.8.02)	26.6.02		Treasury	22.8.02		

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Financial Services Reform Bill 2001	6(23.5.01) 11(29.8.01)	5.4.01	9.8.01	Treasurer re Amendments	24.5.01 30.8.01 17.5.02	7.8.01 13.5.02 14.8.02	9(8.8.01) 4(15.5.02) 8(21.8.02)
Financial Services Reform (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2001	7(20.6.01)	7.6.01	9.8.01	Treasurer Further response requested	21.6.01 9.8.01	7.8.01 13.5.02	9(8.8.01) 4(15.5.02)
<i>General Insurance Reform Act 2001</i>	9(8.8.01)	28.6.01	27.8.01	Treasurer Amendments	9.8.01 30.8.01	27.8.01 24.6.02	11(29.8.01) 7(26.6.02)
Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002	5(19.6.02)	5.6.02	22.8.02	Education, Science and Training	20.6.02	20.8.02	9(28.8.02)
Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	1(20.2.02)	14.2.02	13.3.02	Education, Science and Training	--	12.3.02	2(13.3.02)
Import Processing Charges (Amendment and Repeal) Bill 2002	6(26.6.02)	19.6.02	22.8.02	Justice and Customs	27.6.02	20.8.02	9(28.8.02)
Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2002	7(21.8.02)	27.6.02		Industry, Tourism and Resources	22.8.02	17.9.02	
International Criminal Court Bill 2002	7(21.8.02)	25.6.02	26.6.02	Attorney-General	22.8.02		
International Criminal Court (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002	7(21.8.02)	25.6.02	26.6.02	Attorney-General	22.8.02		
Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02		Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	21.3.02	27.5.02	
<i>Migration Legislation Amendment (Transitional Movement) Act 2002</i>	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02	20.3.02	Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	21.3.02	27.5.02	5(19.6.02)

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Plant Breeder's Rights Amendment Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02	13.3.02	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	21.3.02	23.5.02	5(19.6.02)
Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02	20.8.02	Justice and Customs	21.3.02	9.5.02	8(21.8.02)
Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02	20.8.02	Justice and Customs	21.3.02	9.5.02	8(21.8.02)
Quarantine Amendment Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	14.3.02	21.3.02	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	21.3.02		
Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2]	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02	14.3.02	Attorney-General	21.3.02	14.5.02	4(15.5.02)
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment) Repeal and Amendment Bill 2002	2(13.3.02)	21.2.02	19.6.02	Finance and Administration	14.3.02	16.5.02	FRR5(19.6.02)
Suppression of Financing of Terrorism Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	12.3.02	14.3.02	--	--	14.5.02	4(15.5.02)
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002	3(20.3.02)	14.3.02	24.6.02	Treasury	21.3.02	25.6.02	7(26.6.02)
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2002	4(15.5.02)	21.3.02		Treasury	16.5.02		
Taxation Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2002	5(19.6.02)	14.5.02	19.6.02	Treasurer	20.6.02		
Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	12.3.02	14.3.02	--	--	14.5.02	4(15.5.02)
Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	2(13.3.02)	20.2.02	20.3.02	Health and Ageing	14.3.02	19.3.02	3(20.3.02)

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Trade Practices Amendment (Liability for Recreational Services) Bill 2002	9(18.9.02)	27.6.02	28.8.02	Treasurer	19.9.02		
Transport and Regional Services Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2002	2(13.3.02)	20.2.02	14.3.02	Transport and Regional Services	14.3.02		
Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002	6(26.6.02)	20.6.02		Transport and Regional Services	27.6.02	17.9.02	
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	4(15.5.02)	21.3.02	28.8.02	Veterans' Affairs	16.5.02	27.6.02	10(18.9.02)
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002	7(21.8.02)	27.6.02	26.8.02	Veterans' Affairs	22.8.02	29.8.02	11(25.8.02)
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further Budget 2000 and Other Measures) Bill 2002	2(13.3.02)	21.2.02	21.3.02	Veterans' Affairs	14.3.02	19.3.02	3(20.3.02)
Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2002	2(13.3.02)	20.2.02	19.6.02	Employment and Workplace Relations	14.3.02	22.5.02	FRR5(19.6.02)
Workplace Relations (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Bill 2002	4(15.5.02)	21.3.02		Employment and Workplace Relations	20.6.02	9.8.02	8(21.8.02)
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