

**Chamber-related
activity in the chamber**

Details of Reports tabled in the Senate and other related matters

Legislation Committees:

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 54 reports (plus 1 additional report that discharged a reference). The details are as follows:

Bills

Legislation Committees tabled 30 reports (plus 1 additional report that discharged a reference) on the following Bills:

Committee	Bills	Tabled
RRAT	Australian Wool Innovation Limited	12.2.04
ECO	Provisions of the Superannuation Safety Amendment Bill 2003	1.3.04
RRAT	The proposed importation of fresh apple fruit from New Zealand – Final report	11.3.04
FADT	Provisions of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Bill 2003 and the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2003	22.3.04
ECO	Greater Sunrise Unitisation Agreement Implementation Bill 2004 and Customs Tariff Amendment (Greater Sunrise) Bill 2004	23.3.04
LC	Australian Federal Police and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 [2004]	23.3.04

Committee	Bills	Tabled
CA	Truth in Food Labelling Bill 2003	24.3.04
ECITA	Kyoto Protocol Ratification Bill 2003 [No.2]	25.3.04
ECO	Taxation Laws (Clearing and Settlement Facility Support) Bill 2003	29.3.04
LC	Provisions of the Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2004	30.3.04
LC	^Provisions of the Disability Discrimination Amendment Bill 2003 – Interim Report	11.5.04
LC	Provisions of the Disability Discrimination Amendment Bill 2003 – Final Report	11.5.04
LC	Provisions of the Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) Bill 2004	11.5.04
LC	Provisions of the Anti-terrorism Bill 2004	11.5.04
ECO	New International Tax Arrangements Bill 2003	12.5.04
ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No.1) Bill 2004	12.5.04
ECO	Provisions of the Treasury Legislation Amendment (Professional Standards) Bill 2003	12.5.04
ECO	Provisions of the Tourism Australia Bill 2004	13.5.04
RRAT	Customs Tariff Amendment (Paraquat Dichloride) Bill 2004	13.5.04
RRAT	Administration of Biosecurity Australia Risk Analysis for Pig Meat	13.5.04
LC	Provisions of the Surveillance Devices Bill 2004	15.6.04

Committee	Bills	Tabled
FPA	Parliamentary Superannuation Bill 2004 and the Parliamentary Superannuation and Other Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2004	15.6.04
EWRE	Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Award Simplification) Bill 2002; Workplace Relations Amendment (Better Bargaining) Bill 2003; Workplace Relations Amendment (Choice in Award Coverage) Bill 2004 and Workplace Relations Amendment (Simplifying Agreement-making) Bill 2004	17.6.04
FPA	Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Employee Involvement and Compliance) Bill 2002	17.6.04
LC	Provisions of the Migration Amendment (Judicial Review) Bill 2004	17.6.04
CA	Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Income Streams) Bill 2004	21.6.04
ECO	Superannuation Budget Measures Bill 2004 and Superannuation Laws Amendment Bills	21.6.04
RRAT	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (Export Control) Bill 2004	21.6.04
ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No.3) Bill 2004	22.6.04
ECO	Superannuation Budget Measures Bill 2004 and Superannuation Laws Amendment Bills	24.6.04
LC	Provisions of the Civil Aviation Amendment (Relationship with Anti-discrimination Legislation) Bill [presented out of session]	30.6.04

^Interim report that discharged a reference

Estimates reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 16 reports.

Annual Report reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 8 reports.

References Committees:

During the reporting period, Senate References Committees tabled 7 reports (plus 2 additional reports that discharged references). The details are as follows:

Committee	Report	Tabled
ECO	The effectiveness of the Trade Practices Act 1974 in protecting small business	1.3.04
LC	^ State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2002] - Interim report	1.3.04
LC	State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2002] - Final report	3.3.04
CA	A hand up not a hand out: Renewing the fight against poverty	11.3.04
LC	^Interim Report – Capacity of current legal aid and access to justice arrangements to meet the community need for legal assistance	15.6.04
LC	Legal aid and access to justice	15.6.04
CA	Hepatitis C and the blood supply in Australia	17.6.04

Committee	Bills	Tabled
EWRE	Beyond Cole: The future of the construction industry: Confrontation or co-operation? [Exposure Draft Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill, the provisions of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2003 and the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2003]	21.6.04
ECO	Structure and distributive effects of the Australian Taxation System	25.6.04

^Interim reports that discharged references

Joint Statutory/Select Committees:

During the reporting period, 8 reports (plus 2 interim reports that did not discharge a reference and 3 additional reports that discharged references) were tabled by the Joint Statutory/Select Committees.

Committee	Report	Tabled
CFS	Money Matters in the Bush – Inquiry into the level of banking and financial services in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia	10.2.04
CFS	^Report on the ATM fee structure	10.2.04
MED	Second report: Medicare Plus: the future for Medicare?	11.2.04

Committee	Report	Tabled
CFS	Report on the Corporations Amendment Regulations 2003 (Batch 6); Corporations Amendment Regulations 2003/04 (Batch 7) and Draft Regulations – Corporations Amendment Regulations 2004 (Batch 8)	24.3.04
ACC	Cybercrime	24.3.04
MINMIG	Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters	31.3.04
CFS	[^] Report on <i>Corporations Amendment Regulations 7.1.29A, 7.1.35A and 7.1.40(h)</i>	15.6.04
CFS	CLERP (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003 – Part 1	15.6.04
CFS	[^] CLERP (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003 – Part 2	15.6.04
ACC	Trafficking of Women for Sexual Servitude	24.6.04
NT	*Examination of Annual Reports for 2002-03	24.6.04
FTA	*Interim Report	24.6.04
CFS	<i>Corporate Insolvency Laws: A Stocktake</i> [presented out of session]	30.6.04

**Reports that did not discharge a reference*

[^]Additional reports that discharged references

Government Responses to Committee Reports

The following table shows 3 Government responses to Senate Committee Reports:

Government response	Date	Committee
Inquiry into Gulf St Vincent	11.3.04	ECITA (Ref)
Disclosure of commissions on risk products	17.6.04	CFS (Joint)
The effectiveness of the <i>Trade Practices Act 1974</i> in protecting small business	23.6.04	ECO (Ref)

A complete list of Government responses is produced in the Business of the Senate published half yearly by the Senate Table Office.

Dissenting Reports/Minority Reports/Additional Comments/Additional Comments & Points of Dissent/Comments/Supplementary Comments/Reports/Additional Remarks/Supplementary Reports

<i>Legislation:</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AD</i>	<i>AG</i>
Additional Comments	11	1	
Supplementary Comments		2	
Supplementary Reports		1	
Reports	3		
Dissenting Reports	9	8	3
Minority Reports	2	4	
Additional comments & Points of Dissent		1	

<i>References:</i>	<i>LP</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AD</i>
Reports	4		
Additional Comments		1	1
Comments	1		
Minority Reports	3		1
Additional Remarks			1
<i>Joint/Select:</i>	<i>LP</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AD</i>
Minority Reports		6 Senators & 6 MPs	1
Additional Comments		4 Senators & 4 MPs	
Supplementary Reports			1
Reports	6	2 Senators & 2 MPs	

Extension of Time to present Reports

During the reporting period, 44 extensions of time were granted to Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports. There were 7 extensions of under a week; 6 extensions of under a month and 31 extensions of over a month.

Leave to Meet while the Senate is in session

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted to meet while the Senate was in session on 31 occasions.

Change of Membership of Committees

During the reporting period, there were 72 changes to membership to Committees.

Appointment of Committees

The following Select Committees were appointed:

- Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America was appointed on 11 February 2004;
- Lindeberg Grievance was appointed on 1 April 2004; and
- Administration of Indigenous Affairs was appointed on 16 June 2004