

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

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1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

	Matters current as at 1 January 2007	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Standing Committee	4	11	9	6

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	18	69:34	6	59:24	12	1:49	6	26:30	42	157:17

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	23	3	7	0	2	2	0	5

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages				Government Responses	
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
	No of Submissions	No Of Pages								
Standing Committee	10	311	44	117	769	190	768	215	2436	1

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	12.9.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	12.9.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	11.9.06

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	28.2.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)**	1.3.07

**replaces Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the schools and training portfolios*

***replaces Senator George Campbell for inquiry into the current level of academic standards of school education*

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	12.9.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	14.6.07
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	1.3.07
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	9.5.07
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06

Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	23.3.07
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Glen Sterle (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	28.2.07
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06-12.9.06
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	11.9.06-12.9.06
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	11.9.06-9.5.07
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	9.5.07-20.6.07

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)*	8.2.07-16.2.07
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)**	20.6.07-25.6.07
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)***	20.6.07-26.6.07

**replaced Senator Lightfoot for the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates from noon on 15 & 16 February 2007*

***replaced Senator Lightfoot on 25 June 2007*

****replaced Senator Fisher on 26 June 2007*

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	11.9.06-12.9.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.9.06-12.9.06
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.9.06-1.3.07
Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	12.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2007

- Workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector (referred 6 September 2006)
- Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No.2) 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2007

- Workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector (referred 6 September 2006)
- The current level of academic standards of school education (referred 8 February 2007)
- Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- The current level of academic standards of school education (referred 8 February 2007)
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 March 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007 (referred 10 May 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007 (referred 10 May 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 30 January 2007, Melbourne; 8 February 2007, Canberra
- Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 30 & 31 January 2007, Melbourne; 8 February 2007, Canberra
- 2006-07 Additional Estimates – 14 & 15 February 2007, Canberra
- Workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector – 12 & 13 March 2007, Sydney; 12 April 2007, Brisbane; 16 April 2007, Melbourne; 2 May 2007, Perth; 3 May 2007, Adelaide; 4 June 2007, Canberra
- The current level of academic standards of school education – 17 May 2007, Sydney; 5 & 6 June 2007, Brisbane; 25 & 26 June, Melbourne
- 2007-08 Budget Estimates – 28, 29, 30 & 31 May 2007, Canberra
- Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007 – 8 June 2007, Canberra

- Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007 – 8 June 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 20 February 2007; tabled on 26 February 2007)
- Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 20 February 2007; tabled on 26 February 2007)
- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No.2) 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 20 February 2007; tabled on 26 February 2007)
- Additional estimates 2006-07 (tabled 21 March 2007)
- Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2007) (tabled 22 March 2007)
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1 May 2007, tabled on 9 May 2007)
- Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007 (tabled 14 June 2007)
- Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (tabled 14 June 2007)
- Budget estimates 2007-08 (tabled 19 June 2007)

Government responses

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Pacific Region Seasonal Contract Labour (tabled 21 June 2007; report tabled 18 October 2006)

Estimates

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

