

Environment, Communications and the Arts

Environment, Communications and the Arts

1 January 2010 - 30 June 2010

	Matters current as at 1 January 2010	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference **	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2010
Legislation	1	10	9 +(1)	2
References	3	2	1 +(3)	4
Total	4	12	10 +(4)	6

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	6	25:39	6	61:28	20	3:12	0	0:00	32	90:19
References	9	35:54	0	0:00	19	3:33	0	0:00	28	39:27
Total	15	61:33	6	61:28	39	6:45	0	0:00	60	129:46

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	16	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
Total	46	8	6	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	11	395	92	0	799	338	0	93	969	2
References	4	0	0	113	0	0	667	210	1759	1
Total	15	395	92	113	799	338	667	303	2728	3

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; referral of estimates x 2

** Includes 1 Interim Legislation Report and 3 Interim References Reports

Environment, Communications and the Arts (Legislation)

1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.05.09)</i>	14.05.09
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.02.10)</i>	02.02.10
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	14.05.09

Substitute member

Date of appointment

Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹	15.06.10
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Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	02.02.10
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09

¹

Replaces Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010

Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	14.05.09
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	14.05.09
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	14.05.09

Former member

Term of appointment

Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)
(*Deputy Chair 14.05.09–02.02.10*)

14.05.09–02.02.10

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)²

26.03.10–12.04.10

Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)³

27.05.10–27.05.10

Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)⁴

25.05.10–25.05.10

Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)⁵

15.06.10–15.06.10

Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)⁶

24.05.10–24.05.10

Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)⁷

06.10.09–23.10.09

Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)⁸

26.05.10–26.05.10

Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)⁹

14.05.10–15.06.10

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)

14.05.09–02.02.10

Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)

06.10.09–23.10.09

Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)

26.03.10–12.04.10

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2010

- Do Not Call Register Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (referred 30 November 2009—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2010

- Keeping Jobs from Going Offshore (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2009 (referred 13 May 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010 (referred 13 May 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

² Replaced Senator Troeth from 26 March 2010 to 12 April 2010

³ Replaced Senator Lundy on 27 May 2010

⁴ Replaced Senator Lundy on 25 May 2010

⁵ Replaced Senator McEwen on 15 June 2010

⁶ Replaced Senator Lundy on 24 May 2010

⁷ Replaced Senator Troeth from 6 October 2009 to 23 October 2009

⁸ Replaced Senator Lundy on 26 May 2010

⁹ Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2010 and related bills

New references

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 18 March 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 18 March 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Fibre Deployment) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 18 March 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Keeping Jobs from Going Offshore (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2009 (referred 13 May 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions], the Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] and the Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Small-scale Technology Shortfall Charge) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 13 May 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010 (referred 13 May 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 26 May 2010)

Public hearings

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- Do Not Call Register Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions]—5 February 2010, Canberra
- 2009–10 Additional Estimates—8 & 9 February 2010, Canberra
- Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure Bill 2010 [Provisions]—12 April 2010, Canberra
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2010 [Provisions]—16 April 2010, Canberra
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Fibre Deployment) Bill 2010 [Provisions]—19 April 2010, Sydney
- 2010–11 Budget Estimates—24 to 27 May 2010, Canberra
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions]; Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions]; Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Small-scale Technology Shortfall Charge) Bill 2010 [Provisions]—28 May 2010, Canberra
- Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010—30 June 2010, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- Additional estimates 2009–10 (tabled 25 February 2010)
- Do Not Call Register Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (tabled 25 February 2010)
- Annual reports (No. 1 of 2010) (tabled 11 March 2010)
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (tabled 12 May 2010)
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Fibre Deployment) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (tabled 12 May 2010)
- Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure Bill 2010 [Provisions] (tabled 12 May 2010)
- Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1 June 2010; tabled 15 June 2010)
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions]; Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions]; and Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Small-scale Technology Shortfall Charge) Bill 2010 [Provisions]—Interim Report (presented out of session on 10 June 2010; tabled 15 June 2010)
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions]; Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions]; and Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Small-scale Technology Shortfall Charge) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (tabled 15 June 2010)
- Budget estimates 2010–11 (tabled 23 June 2010)

Government responses

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- Management of Australia's waste streams (including consideration of the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008) (tabled 25 February 2010; report tabled 3 September 2008)
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008 (presented out of session on 30 April 2010; tabled 11 May 2010; report tabled 10 November 2008)
- Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009 (tabled 23 June 2010; report tabled 17 September 2009)

Estimates

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

Environment, Communications and the Arts (References)

1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.02.10)</i>	02.02.10
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.05.09)</i>	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	14.05.09

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP) ¹	22.02.10
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP) ²	17.03.10
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ³	20.08.09

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	02.02.10
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	22.02.10
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	14.05.09

¹ Replaces Senator Boswell for the committee's inquiry into the Energy Efficient Homes Package

² Replaces Senator Boswell for the committee's inquiries into sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources, and the administration and effectiveness of the Green Loans Program

³ Replaces Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources

Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	14.05.09
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	29.10.09
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	14.05.09

Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	14.05.09

Former member

Term of appointment

Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP) (Chair 14.05.09–02.02.10)	14.05.09–02.02.10
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Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP) ⁴	26.03.10–12.04.10
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) ⁵	14.05.09–29.10.09
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP) ⁶	06.10.09–23.10.09
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ⁷	29.06.10–30.06.10
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁸	13.08.09–04.12.09
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁹	29.10.09–24.06.10

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	14.05.09–02.02.10
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	13.08.09–04.12.09
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	06.10.09–23.10.09
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	26.03.10–12.04.10
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	14.05.09–29.10.09
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	29.06.10–30.06.10

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2010

- Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources (referred 20 August 2009)
- Australia Post's treatment of injured and ill workers (referred 29 October 2009) (*Reference varied 18 November 2009*)
- Energy Efficient Homes Package (referred 29 October 2009)

⁴ Replaced Senator Troeth from 26 March to 12 April 2010

⁵ Replaced Senator Wortley for the committee's inquiry into forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands

⁶ Replaced Senator Troeth from 06 October 2009 to 23 October 2009

⁷ Replaced Senator Wortley on 29 and 30 June 2010

⁸ Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the impact of mining operations on the Murray-Darling Basin

⁹ Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into Australia Post's treatment of injured and ill workers

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2010

- Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources (referred 20 August 2009)
- Energy Efficient Homes Package (referred 29 October 2009)
- Administration and effectiveness of the Green Loans Program (referred 10 March 2010)
- The adequacy of protections for the privacy of Australians online (referred 24 June 2010)

New references

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- Administration and effectiveness of the Green Loans Program (referred 10 March 2010)
- The adequacy of protections for the privacy of Australians online (referred 24 June 2010)

Public hearings

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- Australia Post's treatment of injured and ill workers—12 February 2010, Melbourne
- Energy Efficient Homes Package—17 February 2010, Melbourne; 22 & 26 February 2010, Canberra; 25 March 2010, Canberra
- Water licences and rights—18 February 2010, Sydney; 21 June 2010, Canberra
- Administration and effectiveness of the Green Loans Program—29 June 2010, Sydney

Reports tabled

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- Impact of mining in the Murray-Darling Basin (presented out of session on 4 December 2009; tabled 2 February 2010)
- Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources—Interim Report (presented out of session on 5 May 2010; tabled 11 May 2010)
- Energy Efficient Homes Package (ceiling insulation)—Interim Report (presented out of session on 5 May 2010; tabled 11 May 2010)
- Australia Post's treatment of injured and ill workers (tabled 24 June 2010)
- Energy Efficient Homes Package (ceiling insulation)—Interim Report 2 (presented out of session on 30 June 2010)

Government responses

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- Nil