

Rural Affairs and Transport

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1 January 2011 - 30 June 2011

	Matters current as at 1 January 2011	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference **	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2011
Legislation	0	4	4 +(1**)	0
References	3	5	3 +(3**)	5
Total	3	9	7	5

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	7:17	6	60:46	6	4:17	0	0:00	13	72:20
References	9	32:44	0	0:00	32	11:55	0	0:00	41	44:39
Total	10	40:01	6	60:46	38	16:12	0	0:00	54	116:59

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	37	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Total	50	0	0	0	4	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	7	524	21	0	702	71	0	31	375	0
References	8	0	0	101	0	0	545	190	1908	7
Total	15	524	21	101	702	71	545	221	2283	7

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

** includes 4 interim reports

Rural Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 30.09.10)</i>	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 30.09.10)</i>	30.09.10
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	09.02.11
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	30.09.10

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	30.09.10
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	09.02.11
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	30.09.10
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	30.09.10

Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	30.09.10
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	30.09.10

Former member

Term of appointment

Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	30.09.10–09.02.11
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Former substitute member

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) ¹	10.05.11–23.06.11
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Replaced Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into the exposure draft and explanatory memorandum of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)

30.09.10–09.02.11

Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)

10.05.11–23.06.11

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2011

- Nil

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2011

- Nil

New references

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- Exposure draft and explanatory memorandum of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011 (referred 23 March 2011)

Public hearings

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- 2010–11 Additional Estimates—21 to 22 February 2011, Canberra
- Exposure draft and explanatory memorandum of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011—16 May 2011, Canberra
- 2011–12 Budget Estimates—23 to 26 May 2011, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- Additional Estimates 2010–11 (tabled 22 March 2011)
- Annual reports (No. 1 of 2011) (tabled 23 March 2011)
- Exposure draft and explanatory memorandum of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011—Interim report (presented out of session on 25 May 2011; tabled 14 June 2011)
- Exposure draft and explanatory memorandum of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011—Final report (tabled 23 June 2011)
- Budget Estimates 2011–12 (tabled 23 June 2011)

Government responses

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- Nil

Estimates

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

Rural Affairs and Transport (References)

1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011

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Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	30.09.10
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	09.02.11

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹	24.03.11
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ²	16.06.11

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	30.09.10
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Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	30.09.10

¹ Replaces Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into operational issues in export grain networks

² Replaces Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into live export trade

Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
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Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	24.03.11
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10
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Former member

Term of appointment

Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10–09.02.11
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Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)³

24.03.11–24.03.11

Former participating member

Term of appointment

Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)

30.09.10–09.02.11

Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)

24.03.11–24.03.11

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2011

- Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements (re-referred 30 September 2010)
- Pilot training and airline safety, including consideration of the Transport Safety Investigation Amendment (Incident Reports) Bill 2010 (referred 30 September 2010)
- Management of the Murray-Darling Basin (referred 28 October 2010)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2011

- Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements (re-referred 30 September 2010)
- Management of the Murray-Darling Basin (referred 28 October 2010)
- Operational issues in export grain networks (referred 23 March 2011)
- Live export trade (referred 16 June 2011)
- Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] and the Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] (referred 23 June 2011—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- The impact of the sale of timber assets by the South Australian Government (referred 10 February 2011)
- The science underpinning the inability to eradicate the Asian Honey bee (referred 22 March 2011)
- Operational issues in export grain networks (referred 23 March 2011)
- Live export trade (referred 16 June 2011)

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Replaced Senator Heffernan on 24 March 2011

- Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] and the Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] (referred 23 June 2011—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements—14 February 2011, Canberra
- Pilot training and airline safety—15 & 25 February, 18 & 31 March 2011, Canberra; 27 May 2011, Canberra
- Science underpinning the inability to eradicate the Asian Honeybee—24 & 31 March 2011, Canberra
- Sale of timber assets by the South Australian Government—30 March 2011, Mount Gambier

Reports tabled

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- Australian horse industry and an emergency animal disease response agreement (presented out of session on 26 November 2010; tabled 9 February 2011)
- Science underpinning the inability to eradicate the Asian Honey Bee—Interim report (presented out of session on 7 April 2011; tabled 10 May 2011)
- Sale of timber assets by the South Australian Government—Interim report (presented out of session on 15 April 2011; tabled 10 May 2011)
- Sale of timber assets by the South Australian Government—Final report (presented out of session on 29 April 2011; tabled 10 May 2011)
- Pilot training and airline safety, including consideration of the Transport Safety Investigation Amendment (Incident Reports) Bill 2010—Interim report (presented out of session on 4 May 2011; tabled 10 May 2011)
- Science underpinning the inability to eradicate the Asian Honey Bee—Final report (tabled 23 June 2011)
- Pilot training and airline safety; and consideration of the Transport Safety Investigation Amendment (Incident Reports) Bill 2010—Final report (tabled 23 June 2011)

Government responses

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- Management of the removal of the AQIS export certification functions (tabled 10 February 2011; report tabled 14 September 2009)
- The effectiveness of Airservices Australia's management of aircraft noise (presented out of session on 22 February 2011; tabled 28 February 2011; report tabled 2 July 2010)

- Natural resource management and conservation challenges (tabled 3 March 2011; report tabled 4 February 2010)
- Australian horse industry and an emergency animal disease response agreement (presented out of session on 5 May 2011; tabled 10 May 2011; report tabled 25 November 2010)
- Import risk analysis (IRA) for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines (tabled 12 May 2011; report tabled 25 June 2009)
- Meat Marketing—Interim report (presented out of session on 20 May 2011; tabled 14 June 2011; report tabled 4 September 2008)
- Meat Marketing—Report (presented out of session on 20 May 2011; tabled 14 June 2011; report tabled 30 June 2009)