Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

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1 January 2013 - 30 June 2013

	Matters current as at 1 January 2013	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference **	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2013
Legislation	4	9	13	0
References	2	1	2 + (1**)	1
Total	6	10	15	1

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	4	19:53	6	54:36	13	0:49	0	0:00	23	75:18
References	4	24:21	0	0:00	10	0:24	0	0:00	14	24:45
Total	8	44:14	6	54:36	23	1:13	0	0:00	37	100:03

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	19	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
References	11	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	30	1	5	1	0	0	0	0

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions^	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	10	278	59	0	761	201	0	1280	4309	0
References	4	0	0	61	0	0	257	146	2350	0
Total	14	278	59	61	761	201	257	1426	6659	0

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

** Includes 1 Interim report

^submission numbers do not include 448 form letters received for the inquiry into the Early Years Quality Fund Special Account Bill 2013

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (Legislation)

1 January 2013 to 30 June 2013

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) *(elected Chair on 30.09.10)*	30.09.10
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) *(elected Deputy Chair on 30.09.10)*	30.09.10
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	14.05.13
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	23.08.11
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	05.07.11

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	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 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)	23.08.11
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy (VIC, ALP)	28.06.13
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG)	05.07.11
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	01.07.11
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP)	01.07.11
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	30.09.10

Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	01.07.11
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	05.07.11
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	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 Sue Lines (WA, ALP)	16.05.13
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	28.06.13
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator John Madigan (VIC, DLP)	07.07.11
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	30.09.10
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	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 Anne Ruston (SA, LP)	10.09.12
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	30.09.10
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	01.07.11
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	09.05.12
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Lin Thorp (TAS, ALP)	21.06.12
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	01.07.11
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG)	05.07.11
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	25.06.12
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG)	05.07.11
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	30.09.10

Former members

	Term of appointment
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	30.09.10–23.08.11
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	30.09.10–05.07.11
Senator the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite (NSW, ALP)	01.07.11–14.05.13
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11

Former substitute members

	Term of appointment
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)[1]	22.03.12–24.04.12
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG)[2]	24.08.11–15.09.11
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG)[3]	29.11.12–13.03.13
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG)[4]	18.06.13–24.06.13

Former participating members

	Term of appointment
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	30.09.10–31.03.12
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	30.09.10–15.06.12
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	30.09.10–22.08.11
Senator the Hon Chris Evans (WA, ALP)	07.02.13–12.04.13
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	30.09.10–14.08.12
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	01.07.11–22.08.11
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	22.03.12–24.04.12
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	24.08.11–15.09.11
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	29.11.12–13.03.13
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	18.06.13–24.06.13
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (TAS, ALP)	07.02.12–01.06.12
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11

1 Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Bill 2012 and related bills

2 Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Bill 2011

3 Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Education Bill 2012

4 Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Education Bill 2013 and the provisions of the Australian Education (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2013

	Date Referred	Public Hearings *01.01.2013–30.06.2013*	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry *As at 30.06.2013*
Annual reports	(*Refer Standing Order 25(20)*)	Nil	No. 1 of 2013 tabled 14.03.2013	Ongoing
Fair Work Amendment (Small Business–Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012	23.08.2012 (SB)	Nil	12.03.2013	No
Protecting Local Jobs (Regulating Enterprise Migration Agreements) Bill 2012 [Provisions]	23.08.2012 (SB)	Nil	12.03.2013	No
Australian Education Bill 2012 [Provisions]	29.11.2012 (SB)	01.03.2013—Melbourne	13.03.2013	No
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Towards Transparency) Bill 2012	29.11.2012 (SB)	Nil	12.03.2013	No

New References

01.01.2013–30.06.2013

	Date Referred	Public Hearings *01.01.2013–30.06.2013*	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry *As at 30.06.2013*
Additional estimates 2012–13	07.02.2013 (see *Journals of the Senate*, No. 132–7 February 2013,	13 and 14 February 2013—Canberra	19.03.2013	No

	Date Referred	**Public Hearings** *01.01.2013–30.06.2013*	**Reports Tabled**	**Current Inquiry** *As at 30.06.2013*
	p. 3606)			
Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Bill 2013 [Provisions]	21.03.2013 (SB)	23.04.2013—Hobart	14.05.2013	No
Fair Work Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]	21.03.2013 (SB)	22.04.2013—Melbourne	14.05.2013	No
Student Identifiers Bill 2013 [Provisions]	21.03.2013 (SB)	Nil	19.06.2013	No
Budget Estimates 2013–14	14.05.2013 (see *Journals of the Senate*, No. 144—14 May 2013, p. 3915)	3–6 June 2013—Canberra	27.06.2013	No
Social Security Amendment (Supporting More Australians into Work) Bill 2013	30.05.2013 (pursuant to the order of the Senate of 15 May 2013 for inquiry and report by 17 June 2013)	Nil	17.06.2013	No
Early Years Quality Fund Special Account Bill 2013	30.05.2013 (pursuant to the order of the Senate of 15 May 2013 for inquiry and report by 17 June 2013)	14.06.2013—Melbourne	17.06.2013	No

	Date Referred	**Public Hearings** *01.01.2013–30.06.2013*	**Reports Tabled**	**Current Inquiry** *As at 30.06.2013*
Australian Education Bill 2013 and Australian Education (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [Provisions]	18.06.2013 (SB)	Nil	24.06.2013	No

Government Responses

01.01.2013–30.06.2013

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (References)

1 January 2013 to 30 June 2013

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Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) *(elected Deputy Chair on 30.09.10)*	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	20.09.12
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	24.11.10
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	05.07.11
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	05.07.11

Substitute member	*Date of appointment*
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)[1]	20.06.13

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	05.07.11
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	20.06.13
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	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)	23.08.11
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	14.05.13
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy (VIC, ALP)	28.06.13
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	24.11.10
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG)	05.07.11

[1] Replaces Senator Boswell for the committee's inquiry into the effectiveness of NAPLAN

Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	01.07.11
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP)	01.07.11
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	05.07.11
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	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 Sue Lines (WA, ALP)	16.05.13
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig	28.06.13
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator John Madigan (VIC, DLP)	07.07.11
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	20.09.12
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	30.09.10
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	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 Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	16.05.13
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Anne Ruston (SA, LP)	10.09.12
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	30.09.10
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	01.07.11
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	09.05.12
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Lin Thorp (TAS, ALP)	21.06.12
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	01.07.11
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG)	05.07.11
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	25.06.12
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG)	05.07.11
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	30.09.10

Former members

	Term of appointment
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10–05.07.11
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	30.09.10–23.08.11
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	30.09.10–24.11.10
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	30.09.10–05.07.11
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	23.08.11–20.09.12

Former substitute member

	Term of appointment
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)[2]	23.08.11–25.11.11
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)[3]	12.03.13–14.05.13
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG)[4]	31.10.12–14.05.13

Former participating members

	Term of appointment
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	30.09.10–31.03.12
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	30.09.10–20.09.12
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	12.03.13–14.05.13
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	30.09.10–23.11.10
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	30.09.10–15.06.12
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	30.09.10–22.08.11
Senator the Hon Chris Evans (WA, ALP)	07.02.13–12.04.13
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	30.09.10–14.08.12
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	01.07.11–05.07.11
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	01.07.11–23.08.11
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (TAS, ALP)	07.02.12–01.06.12
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	23.08.11–25.11.11
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	31.10.12–14.05.13
Senator the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite (NSW, ALP)	01.07.11–14.05.13
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11

2 Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the administration and purchasing of disability employment services in Australia

3 Replaced Senator Boswell for the committee's inquiry into teaching and learning – maximising our investment in Australian schools

4 Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into teaching and learning – maximising our investment in Australian schools

Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2013

	Date Referred	Public Hearings *01.01.2013–30.06.2013*	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry *As at 30.06.2013*
Teaching and learning – maximising our investment in Australian schools	11.09.2012	22.02.2013—Sydney 04.03.2013—Melbourne 05.03.2013—Canberra	14.05.2013	No
Conditions of employment of state public sector employees and the adequacy of protection of their rights at work as compared with other employees	28.11.2012	Nil	17.06.2013	No

New References

01.01.2013–30.06.2013

	Date Referred	Public Hearings *01.01.2013–30.06.2013*	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry *As at 30.06.2013*
The effectiveness of the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)	15.05.2013	21.06.2013—Melbourne	Interim report tabled 27.06.2013	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2013–30.06.2013

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)