

Select Committees

Administration of Indigenous Affairs

1 July - 15 November

***Report that did not discharge a reference**

Select Committee on Administration of Indigenous Affairs

40th Parliament (1 July 2004 to 15 November 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 16 June 2004

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) (elected Chair 24.6.04)	23.6.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP) (elected Deputy Chair 24.6.04)	23.6.04
Senator Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	23.6.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	23.6.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	23.6.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	23.6.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	23.6.04
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CL)	23.6.04

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2004

- (b) the provisions of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2004;
- (c) the proposed administration of Indigenous programs and services by mainstream departments and agencies; and
- (d) related matters.

Current inquiry ceased

As at 15 November 2004

- (a) the provisions of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2004;
- (b) the proposed administration of Indigenous programs and services by mainstream departments and agencies; and
- (c) related matters.

Public hearings

1 July 2004 – 15 November 2004

- 20 July 2004, Alice Springs; 22 July 2004, Broome; 24 August 2004, Darwin; 25 August 2004, Gove; 26 August 2004, Thursday Island; 27 August 2004, Cairns

Reports tabled

1 July 2004 – 15 November 2004

- Interim Report (presented out of session on 31 August 2004; tabled 16 November 2004)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2004 – 15 November 2004

- Nil

**Free Trade Agreement between
Australia and the United States of
America**

Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America

1 July - 15 November

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Inquiries as at 15 November
Select	1	0	1	0

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
1	9:00	0	0:00	2	1:26	0	3
Select							10:26

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Select						

Witnesses					
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)
1	0	0	14	0	0
Select					

Hansard Pages				
No of Submissions	General	Other (Bills)	Estimates	Government Responses
7	138	0	0	0
Select				

Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America

40th Parliament (1 July 2004 to 15 November 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 11 February 2004

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon. Peter Cook (WA, ALP) (elected Chair – 11.3.04)	12.2.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP) (elected Deputy Chair - 11.3.04)	12.2.04
Senator the Hon. Ronald Boswell (Qld, NATS)	12.2.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	12.2.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	12.2.04
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	1.3.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	12.2.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	12.2.04

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)*	3.8.04-5.8.04
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**to replace Senator Cook for the period 3.8.04 to 9.8.04*

Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2004

- The committee shall:
 - (a) examine the agreement;
 - (b) provide a democratic and transparent process to review the agreement in its totality to ensure it is in Australia's national interest; and
 - (c) examine impacts of the agreement on Australia's economic, trade, investment and social and environment policies, including, but not limited to, agriculture, health, education and the media.

Current inquiry

As at 15 November 2004

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2004 – 15 November 2004

- 6 July 2004, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2004 – 15 November 2004

- Final Report (tabled 5 August 2004)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2004 – 15 November 2004

- Nil

Lindeberg Grievance

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1 July - 15 November

Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Inquiries as at 15 November
Select	1	0	1
			0

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
0	0:00	0	0:00	5	4:05	0	5
Select							4:05

Meetings By State					
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	WA	QLD
5	0	0	0	0	0
Select					

Witnesses				Hansard Pages			
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Select							54
							0

Select Committee on the Lindeberg Grievance

40th Parliament (1 July 2004 to 15 November 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 1 April 2004

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator John Watson (Tas, LP) (elected Chair 27.4.04)	1.4.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair 27.4.04)	1.4.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.4.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	1.4.04
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	1.4.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	1.4.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	1.4.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2004

- (d) whether any false or misleading evidence was given to the Select Committee on Public Interest Whistleblowing, the Select Committee on Unresolved Whistleblower Cases or the Committee of Privileges in respect of the matters considered in its 63rd and 71st reports; and whether any contempt was committed in that regard, having regard to previous inquiries by Senate committees relating to the shredding of the Heiner documents, the fresh material that has subsequently been revealed by the Dutney Memorandum, and Exhibits 20 and 31 tabled at the Forde Commission of Inquiry into the Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions, and any other relevant evidence; and
- (e) the implications of this matter for measures which should be taken:
 - (i) to prevent the destruction and concealment by government of information which should be available in the public interest,
 - (ii) in relation to the protection of children from abuse, and
 - (iii) for the appropriate protection of whistleblowers.

Current inquiry

As at 15 November 2004

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2004 – 15 November 2004

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 July 2004 – 15 November 2004

- Report (presented out of session on 15 November 2004; tabled 16 November 2004)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2004 – 15 November 2004

- Nil

Scrafton Evidence

Scrafton Evidence

30 August - 15 November

	Matters current as at 30 August	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Inquiries ceased as at 15 November
Select	0	1	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select	1	5:28	0	0:00	1	0:15	0	0:00	2	5:43

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Select	2	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses			Hansard Pages						
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select	1	0	0	3	0	0	119	0	0	0

Select Committee on the Scrafton Evidence

40th Parliament (1 July 2004 to 15 November 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 30 August 2004

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Robert Ray (ALP, Vic) (<i>Chair</i>)	30.8.04
Senator Geroge Brandis (LP, Qld) (<i>Deputy Chair</i>)	30.8.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (AD, Qld)	30.8.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (ALP, NSW)	30.8.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (LP, SA)	30.8.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Current inquiry

As at 30 August 2004

- matters arising from the public statements made by former ministerial staffer, Mr Mike Scrafton, about the conversations he had with the Prime Minister, Mr Howard, about the ‘children overboard’ affair on 7 November 2001 and the implications of these statements for the findings of the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident.

Current inquiry ceased

As at 15 November 2004

- Nil

Public hearings

30 August 2004 – 15 November 2004

- 1 September 2004, Canberra

Reports tabled

30 August 2004 – 15 November 2004

- Nil

Government responses tabled

30 August – 15 November 2004

- Nil

