

**Legislative and General Purpose
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PART ONE

1 July 2006 - 10 September 2006

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 July 2006 - 10 September 2006

Matters current as at 1 July 2006	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 10 September 2006
Legislation	2	2	0
References	2	0	2
Total	4	2	2

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	4	27:25	0	4	4:35	0	8
References	6	28:10	0	2	0:20	1	9
Total	10	55:35	0	6	4:55	1	17
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Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
References	2	1	0	1	2	0	0
Total	3	2	0	2	2	1	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages			
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	0	68	0	0	298	0	7	45	0
References	2	0	86	0	0	418	138	816	0
Total	2	68	86	0	298	418	145	861	0

Community Affairs Legislation

1 July 2006 to 10 September 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) (elected Chair-1.7.05)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-1.7.05)	1.12.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	2.3.06
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	1.7.05

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)*	30.3.06

**replaces Senator Nettle for matters relating to Family and Community Services*

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	22.6.05
Senator Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	1.3.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	27.2.06
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	9.12.05

Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	10.8.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	14.8.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	9.12.05
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	7.2.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	9.12.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	9.12.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	21.6.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-1.12.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Chair-18.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Deputy Chair-18.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05-27.2.06

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Mitchell Fifield (Vic, LP)*	23.11.05-28.11.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)**	9.2.06-17.2.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)***	11.5.06-29.5.06
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)^	22.6.06-8.8.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)^^	22.6.06-8.8.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)^^^	11.5.06-17.8.06

**replaced Senator Barnett for inquiry into the provisions of the Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) Bill 2005 and a related bill on 23 November 2005*

***replaced Senator Barnett for the consideration of the 2005-06 additional estimates on 15, 16 & 17 February 2006*

****replaced Senator Adams for the consideration of the 2006-07 Budget Estimates on 29 May 2006*

^replaced Senator Polley for inquiry into Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006

^^replaced Senator Nettle for inquiry into Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006

^^^replaced Senator Nettle for inquiry into the Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04-1.12.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2006

- The Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiry

As at 10 September 2006

- Nil

New references

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- The Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005 – 18 July, 2006, Melbourne; 19 July 2006, Sydney; 20 July 2006, Adelaide
- Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006 - 21 July 2006, Darwin

Reports tabled

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 1 August 2006; tabled on 8 August 2006)
- The Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005 (tabled 17 August 2006)

Government responses

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Nil

Estimates

There were no estimates hearings held during 1 July 2006 to 10 September 2006.

Community Affairs References

1 July 2006 to 10 September 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP) (elected Chair-1.7.05)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-1.7.05)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	15.9.05
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	1.7.05

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	22.6.05
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	10.8.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	14.8.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	17.8.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.05
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	9.12.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	9.12.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	21.6.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP) <i>(Chair- 18.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair- 18.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	1.7.05-15.9.05

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)*	7.12.04-17.3.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)**	7.12.04-23.6.05
Senator the Hon Peter Cook (WA, ALP)***	10.2.05-23.6.05
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)^	11.10.05-20.6.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)^^	13.10.05-20.6.06

*replaced Senator Lees for inquiry into children in institutional care

**replaced Senator Lees for inquiry into Aged Care

***replaced Senator Hutchins for inquiry into the delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer

^replaced Senator Carol Brown for inquiry into petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities

^^replaced Senator Allison for inquiry into petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	7.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2006

- Gynaecological cancer in Australia (referred 11 May 2006)
- An examination of the funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA) (referred 11 May 2006)

Current inquiries

As at 10 September 2006

- Gynaecological cancer in Australia (referred 11 May 2006)
- An examination of the funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA) (referred 11 May 2006)

New references

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Gynaecological cancer in Australia – 1 & 2 August 2006, Sydney; 3 August 2006, Melbourne; 4 August 2006, Perth; 10 & 16 August 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Nil

Government responses

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Nil

