

**Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport**

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1 July 2007 - 31 December 2007

	Matters current as at 1 July 2007	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2007
Standing Committee	2	2	3 +(1*)	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	1	2:40	0	0:00	12	6:46	0	0:00	13	9:26

Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Standing Committee	13	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses										
	Telesed Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	1	0	8	0	0	47	0	9	40	1

*1 Report that did not discharge a reference

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (Standing)

1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	9.5.07
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	27.3.07
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.9.06

Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	9.5.07
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	1.3.07
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	1.3.07
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	1.3.07
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	23.3.07
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW,ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	1.3.07
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07
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Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)*	8.2.07-15.2.07
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)**	8.2.07-16.2.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)***	1.3.07-2.4.07
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)^	1.3.07-16.8.07
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)^^	1.3.07-16.8.07
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)^^^	1.3.07-16.8.07
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)#	1.3.07-16.8.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)##	9.5.07-16.8.07

*replaced Senator Heffernan for the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates on 15 February 2007

**replaced Senator Nash for the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates on 16 February 2007

***replaced Senator Ferris for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

^replaced Senator McGauran for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

^^replaced Senator Nash for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

^^^replaced Senator Sterle for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

#replaced Senator McEwen for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

##replaced Senator Adams for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-1.3.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-1.3.07
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06-1.3.07
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06-1.3.07
Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06-14.8.07

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2007

- Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland (referred 26 February 2007)
- Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2007

- Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (referred 19 September 2007)

New references

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- Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (referred 19 September 2007)

Public hearings

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- Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No.1) Bill 2007 – 16 July 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No.1) Bill 2007 (presented out of session on 30 July 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland (tabled 16 August 2007)
- Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings (presented out of session 22 August 2007; tabled 10 September 2007)
- Annual Report (No. 2 of 2007) (tabled 12 September 2007)

Government responses

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Australian forest plantations: *A review of Plantations for Australia: The 2020 vision* (tabled 13 September 2007; report tabled 2 September 2004)

Estimates

2007-08 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings were not held in November 2007.

