

**Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport**

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1 July 2009 - 31 December 2009

	Matters current as at 1 July 2009	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference **	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2009
Legislation	0	1	1	0
References	3	4	4 +(5)	3
Total	3	5	5 +(5)	3

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	0:00	3	29:34	8	0:54	0	0:00	11	30:28
References	17	93:21	0	0:00	27	6:26	0	0:00	44	99:47
Total	17	93:21	3	29:34	35	7:20	0	0:00	55	130:15

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	33	2	2	0	2	3	1	1
Total	44	2	2	0	2	3	1	1

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	3	179	0	0	329	0	0	0	0	0
References	7	0	0	230	0	0	1350	889	3393	1
Total	10	179	0	230	329	0	1350	889	3393	1

* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

** includes 5 Interim Reports

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

1 July 2009 to 31 December 2009

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.05.09)</i>	14.05.09
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.05.09)</i>	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	14.05.09

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	14.05.09

Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	14.05.09
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	14.05.09

Former substitute member

Term of appointment

Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ¹	14.05.09–15.06.09
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¹ Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Amendment Bill 2009

Former participating member

Term of appointment

Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)

14.05.09–15.06.09

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2009

- Nil

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2009

- Nil

New references

1 July 2009–31 December 2009

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2009–31 December 2009

- 2009–2010 Supplementary Budget Estimates—19, 20 & 27 October 2009

Reports tabled

1 July 2009–31 December 2009

- Annual Report (No. 2 of 2009) (tabled 9 September 2009)

Government responses

1 July 2009–31 December 2009

- Nil

Estimates

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

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (References)

1 July 2009 to 31 December 2009

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Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS) (<i>elected Chair on 14.05.09</i>)	14.05.09
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) (<i>elected Deputy Chair on 14.05.09</i>)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09

Substitute member

Date of appointment

Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹	14.05.09
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Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	14.05.09

¹ Replaces Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into natural resource management and onservvation challenges

Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	14.05.09
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Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	14.05.09
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Senator Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
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Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
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Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	14.05.09
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	14.05.09

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP) ²	12.02.09–25.06.09
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) ³	09.06.09–10.06.09
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁴	14.05.09–25.06.09
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ⁵	18.06.09–18.12.09
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ⁶	17.09.09–27.10.09
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP) ⁷	13.08.09–18.12.09
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) ⁸	20.08.09–14.09.09

Former participating member

Date of appointment

Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	20.08.09–14.09.09
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Inquiries

As at 1 July 2009

- Natural resource management and conservation challenges (referred 26 June 2008)
- Public passenger transport infrastructure and services in Australia (referred 4 December 2008)
- Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities (referred 16 June 2009)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2009

- Natural resource management and conservation challenges (referred 26 June 2008)
- Import restrictions on beef (referred 27 October 2009)

² Replaced Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into the establishment of an Australian Football League team in Tasmania

³ Replaced Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into public passenger transport in Australia for 9 and 10 June 2009

⁴ Replaced Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin system

⁵ Replaced Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities

⁶ Replaced Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2009

⁷ Replaced Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities

⁸ Replaced Senator McGauran for the committee's inquiry into the removal of the fee rebate for the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service export certification functions

- An assessment of the effectiveness of Airservices Australia's management of aircraft noise under its responsibilities to provide air traffic services and protect the environment from the effects associated with the operation of aircraft for which it has legislative jurisdiction (referred 25 November 2009)

New references

1 July 2009–31 December 2009

- Removal of the fee rebate for the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service export certification functions (referred 19 August 2009)
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (referred 17 September 2009—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Import restrictions on beef (referred 27 October 2009)
- An assessment of the effectiveness of Airservices Australia's management of aircraft noise under its responsibilities to provide air traffic services and protect the environment from the effects associated with the operation of aircraft for which it has legislative jurisdiction (referred 25 November 2009)

Public hearings

1 July 2009–31 December 2009

- Public passenger transport infrastructure and services in Australia—20 July 2009, Ballarat VIC; 22 July 2009, Darwin; 23 July 2009, Adelaide; 31 July 2009, Canberra
- Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities—2 September 2009, Tweed Heads NSW; 21 and 22 September 2009, Perth; 23 September 2009, Adelaide; 24 September 2009, Albury NSW; 10 November 2009, Townsville, QLD; 11 November 2009, Melbourne; 12 November 2009 Canberra
- Removal of the fee rebate for the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service export certification functions—10 and 11 September 2009, Canberra
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2009 [Provisions]—13 October 2009, Canberra
- Natural resource management and conservation challenges—13 November 2009, Canberra
- Import restrictions on beef—14 December 2009, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2009–31 December 2009

- Investment of Commonwealth and State funds in public passenger transport infrastructure and services (tabled 20 August 2009)

- Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities—Interim report (presented out of session 28 August 2009; tabled 7 September 2009)
- Management of the removal of the rebate for AQIS export certification functions (tabled 14 September 2009)
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (tabled 27 October 2009)
- Import restrictions on beef—Interim report (tabled 30 November 2009)
- Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities—Interim report (presented out of session on 11 December 2009)
- Natural resource management and conservation challenges—Interim report (presented out of session on 18 December 2009)
- Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities—Final report (presented out of session on 18 December 2009)
- Natural resource management and conservation challenges—Second interim report (presented out of session on 23 December 2009)

Government responses

1 July 2009–31 December 2009

- Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters (tabled 10 September 2009; report tabled 18 September 2008)