

PART EIGHT

**28 September 2010–31 December 2010
(beginning of the 43rd Parliament)**

**Legislative and General Purpose
Standing Committees
administered by the
Senate Committee Office**

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

28 September 2010 - 31 December 2010

	Matters current as at 28 September 2010	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2010
Legislation	0	6	3 + 1*	2
References	0	6	2 + 1*+(1^)	3
Total	0	12	5 + 2*	5

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	3	10:24	3	29:01	10	1:43	0	0:00	16	41:08
References	4	22:41	0	0:00	4	2:11	0	0:00	8	24:52
Total	7	33:05	3	29:01	14	3:54	0	0:00	24	66:00

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	21	1	1	0	0	0	0	1

Witnesses				Hansard Pages						
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	6	398	42	0	345	127	0	73	414	0
References	1	0	0	68	0	0	296	43	502	2
Total	7	398	42	68	345	127	296	116	916	2

* 2 inquiries that were transferred to other committees

^ Report that re-referred inquiries from the 42nd Parliament

Community Affairs (Legislation)

43rd Parliament (28 September 2010 to 31 December 2010)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 30.09.10)</i>	30.09.10
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 30.09.10)</i>	30.09.10
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	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 the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	30.09.10
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	30.09.10
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Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	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
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Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
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Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	30.09.10

Inquiries from the end of the 42nd Parliament

- Nil

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2010

- Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2010 (referred 27 October 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Genetically Modified Material) Bill 2010 (referred 26 November 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

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- Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010 (referred 30 September 2010; reference transferred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee by Selection of Bills Committee 26 October 2010)
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 30 September 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 30 September 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2010 (referred 27 October 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of Schedules 2 and 3 of the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010 (referred 28 October 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Genetically Modified Material) Bill 2010 (referred 26 November 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

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- 2010–11 Supplementary Budget Estimates—20, 21 & 22 October 2010
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010—9 November 2010, Canberra
- Provisions of Schedules 2 and 3 of the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010—15 November 2010, Canberra
- National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010—9 November 2010, Canberra

Reports tabled

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- National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 24 August 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)

- Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2009 (presented out of session on 26 August 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 26 August 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)
- Plain Tobacco Packaging (Removing Branding from Cigarette Packs) Bill 2009 (presented out of session on 26 August 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)
- Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2009 and Protecting Problem Gamblers Bill 2009 (presented out of session on 26 August 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)
- Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010 (presented out of session on 26 August 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (tabled 16 November 2010)
- Provisions of Schedules 2 and 3 of the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010 (tabled 22 November 2010)
- National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010 [Provisions] (tabled 22 November 2010)

Government responses

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

- Nil

Estimates

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

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Inquiries from the end of the 42nd Parliament

- Nil

Inquiries re-referred

- Impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia (re-referred 30 September 2010)

- Consumer access to pharmaceutical benefits and the creation of new therapeutic groups through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) (re-referred 30 September 2010)
- Access to planning options and services for people ageing with a disability (re-referred 30 September 2010) (*Reference varied 30 September 2010*)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2010

- Access to planning options and services for people ageing with a disability (re-referred 30 September 2010) (*Reference varied 30 September 2010*)
- Social and economic impacts of rural wind farms (referred 27 October 2010)
- Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies (referred 15 November 2010)

New references

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- The prevalence of interactive and online gambling in Australia (referred 30 September 2010) (*Reference varied 28 October 2010; transferred to Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform*)
- Social and economic impacts of rural wind farms (referred 27 October 2010)
- Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies and practices (referred 15 November 2010)

Public hearings

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- Access to planning options and services for people ageing with a disability—8 November 2010, Canberra; 29 November 2010, Melbourne, 30 November 2010, Sydney and 1 December 2010, Toowoomba

Reports tabled

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

- Impact of Gene Patents on the Provision of healthcare in Australia (presented out of session on 26 August 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)
- New therapeutic groups under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (presented out of session on 26 August 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)
- Planning options and services for people ageing with a disability (presented out of session on 2 September 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)
- The prevalence of interactive and online gambling in Australia (presented out of session on 2 September 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)

- Report on matters not disposed of at the end of the 42nd Parliament (tabled 30 September 2010)
- Consumer Access to Pharmaceutical Benefits (tabled 24 November 2010)
- Gene Patents (presented out of session on 26 November 2010)

Government responses

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- The hidden toll: Suicide in Australia (original response tabled 24 November 2010; replacement response presented out of session 22 December 2010; report tabled 24 June 2010)
- Funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (presented out of session on 21 December 2010; report tabled 8 February 2007)