WORK OF COMMITTEES

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Half-year statistics: 1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

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This report is divided into several sections that provide statistics on committee work during the following periods:

- the half year (1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005); and
- the financial year (1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005)

Statistics on these periods are kept in order to record information based on parliamentary terms as well as half, financial and full year periods.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Committees

ACC	Australian Crime Commission
CA	Community Affairs
CFS	Corporations and Financial Services
ECO	Economics
EWRE	Employment, Workplace Relations and Education
ECITA	Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
FPA	Finance and Public Administration
IA	Indigenous Affairs
LC	Legal and Constitutional
MH	Mental Health
NT	Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account (formerly Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund)
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
SUPER	Superannuation

Political Affiliations

AD	Australian Democrats
AG	Australian Greens
ALP	Australian Labor Party
APA	Australian Progressive Alliance
CL	Country Labor
CLP	Country Liberal Party
Ind	Independent
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
NATS	The Nationals
PHON	Pauline Hanson's One Nation

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Other publications available from the Committee Office:

- Committee Reports*
- Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970 – 1998)**
  - Supplements are published at the end of each year
- The First 20 Years (History of Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees 1970 – 1990)
- Business of Committees (Program of committee public hearings held at Parliament House)**
- Public Hearings/Meetings list (list of all public hearings to be held in the following fortnight, published every Friday)**
- Bills to Committees Update (providing details on the progress of legislation through Senate committees)**
- Information pamphlets**-
  - No. 1 Notes to assist in the preparation of submissions to Senate Committee inquiries
  - No. 2 Information for witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (general information and notes to assist with the preparation of oral evidence before Senate committees)
  - No. 3 Protection of witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (Senate Privilege Resolution No. 1 on procedures to be observed by Senate committees for the protection of witnesses)
  - No. 4 Government Guidelines for official witnesses before Parliamentary Committees and related matters (Extract)
- Guidelines for Committee Chairs
- Senate Committees: A Handbook for Senators' Staff

** a selection of reports presented prior to June 1997 and all reports tabled after that date are available on the Internet*
*** available on the Internet*

DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

Committee	*Type*	*Administered*	*Phone (02)*	*Fax (02)*
Administration of Indigenous Affairs	Select	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Appropriations and Staffing	Standing	S	6277 3015	6277 5784
ASIO, ASIS and DSD	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4348	6277 2067
Australian Crime Commission	Parliamentary Joint	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4888	6277 4204
Community Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3515	6277 5829
Corporations and Financial Services	Parliamentary Joint	S	6277 3581	6277 5719
Economics*	LGPS	S	6277 3540	6277 5719
Electoral Matters	Joint Standing	H	6277 4564	6277 4710
Employment, Workplace Relations and Education*	LGPS	S	6277 3521	6277 5706
Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*	LGPS	S	6277 3526	6277 5818
Finance and Public Administration*	LGPS	S	6277 3531	6277 5809
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint Standing	H	6277 4629	6277 2221
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade*	LGPS	S	6277 3536	6277 5818
House	Standing	S	6277 3398	6277 3199
Legal and Constitutional*	LGPS	S	6277 3594	6277 5794
Library	Standing	L	6277 7102	6277 2403
Mental Health	Select	S	62773019	62773130
Migration	Joint Standing	H	6277 4565	6277 8506
National Capital and External Territories	Joint Standing	H	6277 4348	6277 2067
Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account (formerly Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund)	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Privileges	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
Procedure	Standing	S	6277 3364	6277 3199
Public Accounts and Audit	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4615	6277 2220
Public Works	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4636	6277 4426
Publications	Standing	S	6277 3037	6277 3448
Regulations and Ordinances	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3066	6277 5838
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport*	LGPS	S	6277 3511	6277 5811
Scrutiny of Bills	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3051	6277 5838
Selection of Bills	Standing	S	6277 3020	6277 3098
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
Treaties	Joint Standing	H	6277 4002	6277 2219

Code

H Department of the House of Representatives
L Department of the Parliamentary Library
LGPS Legislative and General Purpose Standing
S Department of the Senate
***** Legislation and References Committees

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

Introduction

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office provided staffing and resources for the following committees:

- Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees;
- Specific Parliamentary Joint Committees; and
- Senate Select Committees

Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees

As indicated above, each Senate Standing Committee comprises a Legislation Committee and a References Committee. Under Senate Standing Orders, these Committees are re-established at the beginning of each Parliament and "stand ready" to inquire into and report on those matters relevant to their portfolio/subject area. Under Senate Standing Orders, Legislation Committees are established to inquire into and report on Bills, estimates, annual reports and the performance of government departments and agencies. Reference Committees inquire into and report on all other matters, generally broader policy issues.

The Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees and the relevant portfolio/subject areas allocated to them are as follows:

Community Affairs • Legislation • References	Health and Ageing Family and Community Services
Economics • Legislation • References	Treasury Industry, Tourism and Resources
Employment, Workplace Relations and Education • Legislation • References	Education, Science and Training Employment and Workplace Relations

Environment, Communications,, Information Technology and the Arts • Legislation • References	Environment and Heritage Communications and Information Technology Arts and Sport
Finance and Public Administration • Legislation • References	Parliament Prime Minister and Cabinet Finance and Administration Human Services
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade • Legislation • References	Foreign Affairs and Trade Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)
Legal and Constitutional • Legislation • References	Attorney-General Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport • Legislation • References	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Transport and Regional Services

Parliamentary Joint Committees

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office also administered three Parliamentary Joint Committees comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators. These are:

- Australian Crime Commission
- Corporations and Financial Services; and
- Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account (formerly Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund)

Senate Select Committees

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office provided staffing and resources for the following Select Committee:

- Administration of Indigenous Affairs (appointed 16 June 2004; re-appointed 17 November 2004)
- Mental Health (appointed 8 March 2005)

PART ONE

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

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

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	2	3	5	0
References	2	2	3 +(1^^)	1
Total	4	5	8	1

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	3:05	6	64:05	4	0:23	0	0:00	11	67:33
References	15	75:45	0	0:00	13	10:30	2	6:30	30	92:45
Total	16	78:50	6	64:05	17	10:53	2	6:30	41	160:18

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	17	2	5	1	1	3	0	1
Total	28	2	5	1	1	3	0	1

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	5	509	10	0	789	54	0	12	85	0
References	2	0	0	261	0	0	1126	179	2262	1
Total	7	509	10	261	789	54	1126	191	2347	1

^^Report that did not re-adopt a reference from 40th Parliament

Community Affairs Legislation

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	
(elected Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	
(elected Deputy Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	1.12.04

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
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 Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
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 Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	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 Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
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 Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
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 John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-1.12.04

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*

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

Current inquiries

As at 1 January 2005

- *Provisions* of the Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004 (referred 1 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004 (referred 8 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2005

- Nil

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *Provisions* of the National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004 – 7 February 2005, Canberra
- Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 16 & 17 February 2005, Canberra
- 2005-06 Budget Estimates – 30 & 31 May, 1 & 2 June 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *Provisions* of the Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004 (tabled 8 February 2005)
- *Provisions* of the National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004 (tabled 10 February 2005)
- Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 15 March 2005)
- Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Estimates

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

Community Affairs References

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	
(elected Chair- 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	
(elected Deputy Chair- 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
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 Kay Denman (Tas, 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 Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	7.12.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
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 John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members *Term of appointment*

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

**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*

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05

Current inquiries

As at 1 January 2005

- Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care (re-referred 1 December 2004)
- Inquiry into Aged Care (re-referred 1 December 2004)

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2005

- Workplace exposure to toxic dust (referred 22 June 2005)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Inquiry into the delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer (referred 10 February 2005)
- Workplace exposure to toxic dust (referred 22 June 2005)

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Inquiry into Aged Care – 11 February 2005, Canberra; 22 February 2005, Adelaide; 23 February 2005, Perth; 11 March 2005, Sydney; 18 March 2005, Brisbane; 26 & 27 April 2005, Melbourne; 28 April 2005, Hobart
- Inquiry into the delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer – 31 March 2005, Perth; 18 April 2005, Melbourne; 19 April 2005, Sydney; 20 April 2005, Canberra; 11 & 12 May (x2) 2005, Canberra (teleconference)

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Report – Reference not re-adopted from 40th Parliament (tabled 7 March 2004)
- Protecting vulnerable children: A national challenge – Second report on the inquiry into children in institutional or out-of-home care (tabled 17 March 2005)
- The cancer journey: Informing choice – The delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer (tabled 23 June 2005)
- Quality and equity in aged care (tabled 23 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Hepatitis C and the Blood Supply in Australia (tabled 11 May 2005; report tabled 17 June 2004)

Economics

Economics

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	0	9	8	1
References	1	0	0	1
Total	1	9	8	2

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	5	17:39	6	63:22	11	3:16	0	0:00	22	84:17
References	1	4:28	0	0:00	3	2:03	0	0:00	4	6:31
Total	6	22:07	6	63:22	14	5:19	0	0:00	26	90:48

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
References	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	22	1	0	0	1	0	0	2

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	8	438	63	0	733	192	0	23	205	0
References	0	0	0	9	0	0	85	32	290	2
Total	8	438	63	9	733	192	85	55	495	2

Economics Legislation

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP) (elected Chair – 30.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL) (elected Deputy Chair –30.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04

**replace Senator Murray for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Peter Cook (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	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 Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04

Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	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 Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)*	10.3.05-16.3.05

**replaced Senator Webber for inquiry into the provisions of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2005*

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 January 2005

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2005

- *Provisions* of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *Provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No.7) Bill 2004 (referred 9 February 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2005 (referred 9 March 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005 (referred 9 March 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- Superannuation Bill 2005, Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005 and the Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 16 & 17 February 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No.7) Bill 2004 – 1 March 2005, Adelaide
- *Provisions* of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2005 – 14 March 2005, Canberra; 26 April 2005, Brisbane
- 2005-06 Budget Estimates – 30 & 31 May, 1& 2 June 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005 – 14 June 2005, Canberra
- Superannuation Bill 2005, Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005 and the Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005 – 20 June 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *Provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No.7) Bill 2004 (tabled 9 March 2005)
- Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 16 March 2005)
- Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)

- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)
- Superannuation Bill 2005, Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005 and Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005 (tabled 21 June 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No.1) 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005 (tabled 22 June 2005)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005 (tabled 23 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Estimates

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

Economics References

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL) (elected Chair –30.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP) (elected Deputy Chair – 30.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	23.6.05
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)**	15.3.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)***	23.6.05

**replace Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*
***replace Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit*
****replace Senator Murray for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	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 Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Francis Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 January 2005

- Possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit (referred 9 December 2004)

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2005

- Possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit (referred 9 December 2004)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit – 16 May 2005, Sydney

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance (tabled 10 March 2005; report tabled 22 October 2002)
- Structure and distributive effects of the Australian Taxation System (tabled 11 May 2005; report tabled 25 June 2004)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	2	10	8	4
References	3	1 +(1**)	3 +(1*)	1
Total	5	11	11	5

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	3	14:26	7	63:05	10	0:57	0	0:00	20	78:28
References	8	28:10	0	0:00	9	1:24	10	17:22	27	46:56
Total	11	42:36	7	63:05	19	2:21	10	17:22	47	125:24

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	10	0	3	0	1	4	7	2
Total	30	0	3	0	1	4	7	2

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	9	333	33	0	938	159	0	250	2853	0
References	2	0	0	214	0	0	769	53	819	1
Total	11	333	33	214	938	159	769	303	3672	1

*Interim Report that did not discharge a reference **Bill amalgamated with existing references inquiry

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP) (elected Chair – 10.5.05)	14.4.05
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)*	18.11.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

*elected Chair from 18.11.04 to 24.1.05

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)**	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)***	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)****	29.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)*****	1.12.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)#	23.6.05

**replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio*
***replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Employment portfolio*
****replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio*
*****replace Senator Wong for matters relating to the Education portfolio*
******replace Senator Wong for matters relating to the Industrial Relations portfolio*
#replace Senator Barnett for inquiry into the provisions of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
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 John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	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 Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
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 Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
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 Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.02
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP) (elected Chair – 24.1.05)	18.11.04-14.4.05

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Connie Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)#	11.5.05-30.5.05

#replaced Senator Troeth for the consideration of the 2005-06 budget estimates on 30 May 2005

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*

Current inquiries

As at 1 January 2005

- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004 (referred 8 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004 (referred 9 December 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2005

- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Upfront Student Union Fees Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005 through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and the Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005 (referred 9 March 2005) through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005 and the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005 (referred 16 March 2005) through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005 (referred 16 March 2005) through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Upfront Student Union Fees Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005 through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and the Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 16 & 17 February 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004 – 18 February 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004 – 28 February 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005 and the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005 – 4 May 2005, Canberra
- 2005-06 Budget Estimates – 30 & 31 May, 1, 2 & 3 June 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004 (tabled 14 March 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004 (tabled 14 March 2005)
- Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 15 March 2005)
- Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005 and the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005 (tabled 10 May 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005 (tabled 10 May 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005 (tabled 10 May 2005)
- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Estimates

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

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) (elected Chair – 2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP) (elected Deputy Chair – 23.6.05)	14.4.05
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)**	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)***	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)****	8.3.05

**replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio*
***replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Employment portfolio*
****replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio*
*****replace Senator Collins for matters relating to education*

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
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 John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, 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 Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	1.12.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
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 Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*

Current inquiries

As at 1 January 2005

- Indigenous education (referred 6 December 2004)
- Unfair dismissal laws (referred 7 December 2004)
- Living costs of students enrolled in full-time and part-time courses (re-referred 8 December 2004)

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2005

- Industrial Agreements (referred 23 June 2005)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal Reform) Bill 2004 (referred 17 March 2005) **(to be amalgamated with the unfair dismissal laws inquiry)**
- Industrial Agreements (referred 23 June 2005)

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Indigenous education – 1 March 2005, Darwin; 29 March 2005, Perth; 27 April 2005, Melbourne
- Living costs of students enrolled in full-time and part-time courses – 26 April 2005, Melbourne; 28 April 2005, Adelaide; 13 May 2005, Canberra
- Unfair dismissal laws – 2 May 2005, Canberra; 3 May 2005, Melbourne

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Indigenous education funding – Interim Report (tabled 16 March 2005)
- Unfair dismissal and small business employment (tabled 21 June 2005)
- Indigenous Education Funding (tabled 22 June 2005)
- Student income support (tabled 23 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Commonwealth Funding for Schools (tabled 16 June 2005; report tabled 11 August 2004)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	1	4	5	0
References	2	2	2 +(1*)	2
Total	3	6	7	2

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	3	7:34	6	65:27	14	2:27	0	0:00	23	75:28
References	10	39:21	0	0:00	15	1:41	1	1:41	26	42:43
Total	13	46:55	6	65:27	29	4:08	1	1:41	49	118:11

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	22	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
References	17	3	2	0	0	2	0	2
Total	39	3	2	0	0	3	0	2

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	9	325	23	0	840	86	0	30	148	0
References	5	0	0	109	0	0	590	123	1530	0
Total	14	325	23	109	840	86	590	153	1678	0

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

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) (elected Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair -2.12.04)	29.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	8.2.05
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)*	8.2.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)**	8.2.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)***	8.2.05

**replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Communications portfolio*
***replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio*
****replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Arts portfolio*

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
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)	29.11.04
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 the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04

Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	17.3.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04-8.2.05

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)*	18.11.04-8.2.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)**	18.11.04-8.2.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)***	18.11.04-8.2.05
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)****	10.2.05-15.2.05
Senator Connie Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)#	12.5.05-26.5.05

**replaced Senator Allison for matters relating to the Communications portfolio*
***replaced Senator Allison for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio*
****replaced Senator Allison for matters relating to the Arts portfolio*
*****replaced Senator Santoro for consideration of the 2004-05 additional estimated on 15 February 2005*
#replaced Senator Santoro for the consideration of the 2005-06 budget estimates on 25 and 26 May 2005

Former participating members *Term of appointment*

Current inquiry

As at 1 January 2005

- *Provisions* of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004 (referred 8 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2005

- Nil

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *Provisions* of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (referred 16 March 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 14 & 15 February 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004 – 21 & 28 February 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2005 – 11 April 2005, Canberra
- 2005-06 Budget Estimates – 23, 24, 25 & 26 May 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *Provisions* of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004 (tabled 7 March 2005)
- Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 14 March 2005)
- Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (tabled 12 May 2005)
- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Estimates

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

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	
(elected Chair-23.6.05)	23.6.05
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP)	
(elected Deputy Chair-12.5.05)	14.4.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	8.2.05
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
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)	29.11.04
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 Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
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 John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD) (elected Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04-23.6.05

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*

Current inquiries

As at 1 January 2005

- *Provisions* of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and related bills and matters (referred 8 December 2004)
- Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper (re-referred 8 December 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2005

- Performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime (referred 14 March 2005)
- Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment (referred 17 March 2005)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime (referred 14 March 2005)
- Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment (referred 17 March 2005)

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *Provisions* of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and related bills and matters - 10 & 11 February 2005, Canberra
- Performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime – 11 April 2005, Canberra; 13 April 2005, Sydney; 14 April 2005, Dubbo; 21 April 2005, Townsville; 29 April 2005, Perth; 4 May 2005, Melbourne; 20 June 2005, Canberra
- Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper – 18 March 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- A lost opportunity? Inquiry into the *Provisions* of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and related bills and matters (tabled 10 March 2005)
- Interim Report – Inquiry into the Government's White Energy Paper (presented out of session on 18.4.05; tabled 11 May 2005)
- *Lurching forward, looking back:* Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper (presented out of session on 16.5.05; tabled 14 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Finance and
Public Administration

Finance and Public Administration

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	0	3	3	0
References	3	1	0	4
Total	3	4	3	4

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	0:00	6	64:07	5	0:40	0	0:00	11	64:47
References	13	66:34	0	0:00	26	11:21	2	2:15	41	80:10
Total	13	66:34	6	64:07	31	12:01	2	2:15	52	144:57

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	22	7	0	2	0	0	0	10
Total	33	7	0	2	0	0	0	10

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	6	537	0	0	792	0	0	0	0	0
References	6	0	0	86	0	0	1358	74	1981	2
Total	12	537	0	86	792	0	1358	74	1981	2

Finance and Public Administration Legislation

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	
(elected Chair-29.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	
(elected Deputy Chair-29.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
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 Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	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 Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04

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 Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	29.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)*	10.2.05-15.2.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)*	11.5.05-27.5.05

**replaced Senator Heffernan for the consideration of the 2004-05 additional estimates on 14 and 15 February 2005*
**replaced Senator Heffernan for the consideration of the 2005-06 budget estimates from 23 to 27 May 2005*

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05

Current inquiry
As at 1 January 2005

- Nil

Current inquiry
As at 30 June 2005

- Nil

New references
1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Public hearings
1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 14 & 15 February 2005, Canberra
- 2005-06 Budget Estimates – 23, 24, 25 & 26 May 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 15 March 2005)
- Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 10 May 2005)
- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Estimates

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

Finance and Public Administration References

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Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP) (elected Chair-29.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-29.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	23.6.05

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)*	2.12.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)**	2.12.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)***	2.12.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)****	2.12.04
Senator Connie Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)^	14.6.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)^^^	22.6.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)^^^^	23.6.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)^^^^^	23.6.05

**replace Senator George Campbell for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program*
***replace Senator Moore for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program*
****replace Senator Watson for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program*
*****replace Senator Heffernan for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program*
^replace Senator Heffernan for inquiry into Gallipoli Peninsula
^^^replace Senator Moore for inquiry into government advertising
^^^^replace Senator Murray for inquiry into Gallipoli Peninsula
^^^^^replace Senator Stephens for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program from 1 July 2005 except on 14-15 July and 18-19 July 2005

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	11.5.05
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (Qld, NATS)	6.12.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
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 Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	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 Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	6.12.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	8.12.04
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 the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	29.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	29.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)*	9.2.05-10.2.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)**	30.11.04-23.6.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)***	2.12.04-23.6.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)****	14.6.05-23.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)^^	22.6.05-30.6.05

**replaced Senator Heffernan for inquiry into the Regional Partnerships Program on 10 February 2005*
***replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into government advertising*
****replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program*
*****replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into Gallipoli Peninsula*
^^replaced Senator George Campbell for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05

Current inquiries

As at 1 January 2005

- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)
- Government advertising (re-referred 18 November 2004)
- Regional Partnerships program (referred 2 December 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2005

- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)
- Government advertising (re-referred 18 November 2004)
- Regional Partnerships program (referred 2 December 2004)
- Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula (referred 11 May 2005)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula (referred 11 May 2005)

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Regional Partnerships program – 2, 3 & 10 February 2005, Canberra; 24 February 2005, The Entrance (NSW); 25 February 2005, Brisbane; 10 March 2005, Canberra; 13 & 14 April 2005, Cairns; 23 June 2005, Canberra; 28 June 2005, Armidale; 29 June 2005, Tamworth; 30 June 2005, Launceston
- Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula – 17 June 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Recruitment and Training in the Australian Public Service (tabled 10 March 2005; report tabled 18 September 2003)
- Administrative Review of Veteran and Military Compensation and Income Support (tabled 16 June 2005; report tabled 4 December 2003)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	0	3	3	0
References	2	2	1	3
Total	2	5	4	3

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	0:00	7	57:40	2	0:03	0	0:00	9	57:43
References	8	31:45	0	0:00	9	3:57	0	0:00	17	35:42
Total	8	31:45	7	57:40	11	4:00	0	0:00	26	93:25

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	15	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	24	1	1	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
Legislation	7	422	0	0	684	0	0	5	20	0
References	6	0	0	72	0	0	452	65	1106	1
Total	13	422	0	72	684	0	452	70	1126	1

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation

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Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS) (elected Chair-19.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-19.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
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 Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	29.11.04
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 Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	18.11.04
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 Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)*	30.11.04-1.12.04

**replaced Senator Mackay for matters relating to the Defence portfolio*

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05

Current inquiry
As at 1 January 2005

- Nil

Current inquiry
As at 30 June 2005

- Nil

New references
1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Public hearings
1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 16, 17 & 18 February 2005, Canberra
- 2005-06 Budget Estimates – 30 & 31 May, 1 & 2 June 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 14 March 2005)
- Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Estimates

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

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) (elected Chair-22.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS) (elected Deputy Chair-22.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	23.6.05

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)**	8.3.05
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)***	8.3.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)****	10.3.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)#	21.6.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)##	22.6.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)###	22.6.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)#*	23.6.05

***replace Senator Hutchins for inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq*
****replace Senator Mackay for inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq*
*****replace Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq*
#replace Senator Mackay for inquiry into Australia's relationship with China
##replace Senator Mackay for inquiry into Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon
###replace Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon
*#*replace Senator Stott Despoja for inquiry into Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon*

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
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 Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04

Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, 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 Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*	9.12.04-16.6.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)#	15.6.05-21.6.05

**replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the effectiveness of the Australian military justice system*
#replaced Senator Mackay for inquiry into Australia's relationship with China

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05

Current inquiries

As at 1 January 2005

- The effectiveness of Australia's military justice system (re-referred 6 December 2004)
- Australia's relationship with China (referred 8 December 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2005

- Australia's relationship with China (referred 8 December 2004)
- Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq (referred 8 March 2005)
- Asylum for consular officials and deportation of Vivian Solon (referred 16 June 2005)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq (referred 8 March 2005)
- Asylum for consular officials and deportation of Vivian Solon (referred 16 June 2005)

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq – 29 March 2005, Canberra
- Australia's relationship with China – 14, 16, 20, 21 & 22 June 2005, Canberra; 27 June 2005, Melbourne; 29 June 2005, Sydney

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- The effectiveness of Australia's military justice system (tabled 16 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- A Pacific engaged: Australia's relationships with Papua New Guinea and the island states of the south-west Pacific (presented out of session on 24 June 2005; report tabled 12 August 2003)

Legal and Constitutional

Legal and Constitutional

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	1	10	9	2
References	2	1	2	1
Total	3	11	11	3

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	6	22:51	8	87:43	11	2:07	0	0:00	25	112:41
References	3	9:50	0	0:00	4	0:09	0	0:00	7	9:59
Total	9	32:41	8	87:43	15	2:16	0	0:00	32	122:40

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	28	3	1	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
Legislation	12	446	71	0	905	334	0	115	1347	0
References	1	0	0	42	0	0	177	54	664	0
Total	13	446	71	42	905	334	177	169	2011	0

Legal and Constitutional Legislation

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) (elected Chair-2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.5.05
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	23.6.05

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)*	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)**	23.6.05

**replace Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio*
***replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Attorney-General's portfolio*

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
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 Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	6.12.04
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 Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04

Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	14.6.05
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	6.12.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04-11.5.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)*	6.12.04-7.12.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)**	17.3.05-12.5.05

**replaced Senator Payne for inquiry into the Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004*
***replaced Senator Greig for inquiry into provisions of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005*

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	29.11.04-11.5.05
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 January 2005

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004 (referred 1 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2005

- *Provisions* of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- *Provisions* of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 (referred 9 February 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005 (referred 16 March 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005 (referred 16 March 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 16 March 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004 – 1 February 2005, Sydney
- Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 14, 15 & 18 February 2005, Canberra
- Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 – 23 February 2005, Sydney
- *Provisions* of the National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 – 13 April 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005 – 13 April 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005 – 14 April 2005, Canberra
- 2005-06 Budget Estimates – 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27 May 2005, Canberra
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005 – 15 June 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004 (tabled 8 March 2005)
- Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 (tabled 10 March 2005)
- Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 15 March 2005)
- Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005 (tabled 12 May 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005 (tabled 12 May 2005)
- *Provisions* of the National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (tabled 12 May 2005)
- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (presented out of session on 17 June 2005; tabled 20 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Estimates

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

Legal and Constitutional References

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP) (elected Chair-2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	23.6.05
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	23.6.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	18.11.04

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)*	18.11.04

**replace Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio*

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
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 Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	6.12.04
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 Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	9.12.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)*	7.3.05-20.5.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)**	12.5.05-23.6.05
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)***	15.6.05-23.6.05

**replaced Senator Scullion for inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the Privacy Act 1988 on 21 & 22 April 2005, and 19 & 20 May 2005*
***replaced Senator Greig for inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the Privacy Act 1988*
****replaced Senator Scullion for inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the Privacy Act 1988*

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05

Current inquiries

As at 1 January 2005

- Inquiry into Australian expatriates (re-referred 6 December 2004)
- Effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988* as a means to protect the privacy of Australians (referred 9 December 2004)

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2005

- Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958* (referred 21 June 2005)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958* (referred 21 June 2005)

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988* as a means to protect the privacy of Australians – 22 April 2005, Melbourne; 19 May 2005, Melbourne; 20 May 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- They still call Australia home: Inquiry into Australian Expatriates (tabled 8 March 2005)
- The real Big Brother: Inquiry into the *Privacy Act 1988* (tabled 23 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Rural And Regional Affairs and Transport

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	2	8	7	3
References	1	1	1	1
Total	3	9	8	4

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	8	16:38	8	77:33	13	3:17	0	0:00	29	97:28
References	5	14:29	0	0:00	7	1:27	0	0:00	12	15:56
Total	13	31:07	8	77:33	20	4:44	0	0:00	41	113:24

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	8	0	1	0	2	1	0	0
Total	37	0	1	0	2	1	0	0

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	15	282	31	27	845	107	114	34	225	0
References	2	0	0	43	0	0	247	13	73	0
Total	17	282	31	70	845	107	361	47	298	0

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) (elected Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)**	23.6.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
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 Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	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 Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
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 Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	23.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members *Term of appointment*

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)*	9.2.05-18.2.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)**	10.3.05-10.5.05

**replaced Senator Ferris for the consideration of the 2004-05 additional estimates on 18 February 2005*
***replaced Senator Cherry for inquiry into the provisions of the Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005*

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05

Current inquiries

As at 1 January 2005

- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Phillipines (re-referred 1 December 2004)
- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand (re-referred 1 December 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2005

- The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (adopted 27 May 2005)
- Regulatory framework under the *Maritime Transport Security Act 2005* (referred 16 June 2005)
- National Animal Welfare Bill 2005 (referred 22 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *Provisions* of the AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and the AusLink (National Land Transport – Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004 (referred 9 February 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005 (referred 9 March 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (adopted 27 May 2005)
- Regulatory framework under the *Maritime Transport Security Act 2005* (referred 16 June 2005)
- National Animal Welfare Bill 2005 (referred 22 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand – 9 February 2005, Canberra
- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Phillipines – 9 February 2005, Canberra
- Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 14, 15 & 18 February 2005, Canberra
- Meat and Livestock – 9 March 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005 – 17 March 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and the AusLink (National Land Transport – Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004 – 18 March 2005, Canberra; 12 April 2005, Canberra
- 2005-06 Budget Estimates – 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27 May 2005, Canberra
- The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak – 15 & 22 June 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 15 March 2005)
- Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines (tabled 17 March 2005)

- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand (tabled 17 March 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005 (tabled 10 May 2005)
- *Provisions* of the AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and the AusLink (National Land Transport – Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004 (tabled 12 May 2005)
- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- 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 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	
(elected Chair – 23.6.05)	23.6.05
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	
(elected Deputy Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
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 Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD) (elected Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04-23.6.05

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 January 2005

- Compensation for wheat growers (referred 8 December 2004)

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2005

- Operation of the wine-making industry (referred 16 March 2005)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Operation of the wine-making industry (referred 16 March 2005)

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Compensation for wheat growers – 22 February 2005, Perth; 23 February 2005, Canberra
- Operation of the wine-making industry – 27 June 2005, Adelaide; 27 June 2005, Berri (SA); 28 June 2005, Mildura

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Iraqi wheat debt – repayments for wheat growers (tabled 16 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Joint Parliamentary Committees

Australian Crime Commission

Australian Crime Commission

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Joint Statutory	1	0	0 +(1*)	1

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	2	4:07	0	0:00	10	14:50	0	0:00	12	18:57

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	12	0	0	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
Joint Statutory	1	0	0	15	0	0	47	10	34	0

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

Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to The Australian Crime Commission Act 2002; appointed 18 November 2004

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP) (elected Chair-9.12.04)	6.12.04
The Hon Duncan Kerr, MP (Denison, Tas, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-9.12.04)	6.12.04
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	1.12.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	29.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	29.11.04
Senator Joe Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	23.6.05
Mr Anthony Byrne, MP (Holt, Vic, ALP)	6.12.04
Mrs Joanna Gash, MP (Gilmore, NSW, LP)	6.12.04
Mr Kym Richardson, MP (Kingston, SA, LP)	6.12.04
Mr Jason Wood, MP (La Trobe, Vic, LP)	6.12.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NPA) (NATS)	29.11.04-6.12.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	1.12.04-23.6.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 January 2005

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2005

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Annual Report of the Australian Crime Commission 2003-04 – 17 March 2005, Canberra
- Trafficking of women for sexual servitude – 23 June 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Examination of the annual report for 2003-04 of the Australian Crime Commission (tabled 23 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Corporations and Financial Services

Corporations & Financial Services

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Joint Statutory	4	2	3 +(1*)	3

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	10	23:34	0	0:00	12	3:29	0	0:00	22	27:03

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	2

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Joint Statutory	6	0	0	47	0	0	312	61	444	2

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

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to section 242 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*; appointed 18 November 2004

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	
(elected Chair-2.12.04)	1.12.04
Ms Anna Burke, MP (Chisholm, Vic, ALP)	
(elected Deputy Chair-8.12.04)	2.12.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	1.12.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.12.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	1.12.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.12.04
Mr Kerry Bartlett, MP (Macquarie, NSW, LP)	6.12.04
Mr Chris Bowen, MP (Prospect, NSW, ALP)	2.12.04
The Hon Ms Jackie Kelly, MP (Lindsay, NSW, LP)	6.12.04
Mr Stewart McArthur, MP (Corangamite, Vic, LP)	6.12.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*

Current inquiries

As at 1 January 2005

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- The Australian Accounting Standards tabled in compliance with the *Corporations Act 2001* on 30 August and 16 November 2004 (adopted 2 December 2004)
- Regulation of property investment advice (adopted 8 December 2004)
- Regulation of the time share industry in Australia (adopted 8 December 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2005

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Regulation of the time share industry in Australia (adopted 8 December 2004)
- Corporate responsibility (adopted 22 June 2005)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No.2) 2005 (adopted 16 February 2005)
- Corporate responsibility (adopted 22 June 2005)

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- The Australian Accounting Standards tabled in compliance with the *Corporations Act 2001* on 30 August and 16 November 2004 – 7 February 2005, Canberra
- Statutory oversight of Australian Securities and Investments Commission – 15 March 2005, Canberra
- Regulation of property investment advice – 13 April 2005, Gold Coast; 15 April 2005, Sydney; 28 April 2005, Canberra; 29 April 2005, Canberra
- Regulation of the time share industry in Australia – 13 April 2005, Gold Coast; 15 April 2005, Sydney; 28 April 2005, Canberra
- Exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No.2) 2005 – 28 April 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- The Australian Accounting Standards tabled in compliance with the *Corporations Act 2001* on 30 August and 16 November 2004 (tabled 10 February 2005)
- Statutory oversight of Australian Securities and Investments Commission (tabled 12 May 2005)
- Inquiry into the Exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No.2) 2005 (tabled 16 June 2005)
- Property investment advice: Safe as houses? (tabled 23 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- CLERP (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003 – Part 1 (tabled 10 March 2005; report tabled 15 June 2004)
- CLERP (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003 – Part 2 (tabled 10 March 2005; report tabled 15 June 2004)

Native Title and the Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Account

(formerly Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund)

Native Title & The Aboriginal & Torres Straight Islander Land Account

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Joint Statutory	2	0	0 +(1*)	2

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	2	3:01	0	0:00	3	1:29	0	0:00	5	4:30

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	5	0	0	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
Joint Statutory	2	0	0	5	0	0	56	4	136	0

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

Joint Statutory Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account

(formerly Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund)

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to section 205 of the *Native Title Act 1993*; appointed on 18 November 2004; amended by *Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Act 2005*, Number 8 of 2005, Date of assent: 22 February 2005, s.4, Schedule 1 (items 208-210)

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	
(elected Chair-9.12.04)	29.11.04
The Hon Robert McMullan (Fraser, ACT, ALP)	
(elected Deputy Chair-11.5.05)	11.5.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	1.12.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	1.12.04
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	7.12.04
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	29.11.04
Mr Daryl Melham (Banks, NSW, ALP)	20.6.05
Mr Don Randall, MP (Canning, WA, LP)	6.12.04
The Hon Mr Peter Slipper, MP (Fisher, Qld, LP)	6.12.04
Mr David Tollner, MP (Solomon, NT, CLP)	6.12.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Mrs Maria Vamvakinou, MP (Calwell, Vic, ALP)	
(elected Deputy Chair-9.12.04)	6.12.04-11.5.05

Current inquiries

As at 1 January 2005

- Statutory reporting role (continuing)
- Native Title Representative Bodies (re-adopted 9 December 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2005

- Statutory reporting role (continuing)
- Native Title Representative Bodies (re-adopted 9 December 2004)

New references

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Annual Report of the National Native Title Tribunal – 9 March 2005, Canberra
- Annual Report of the Indigenous Land Corporation 2003-04 – 16 March 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Examination of Annual Reports 2003-2004 (tabled 23 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Select Committees

Administration of Indigenous Affairs

Administration of Indigenous Affairs

1 January 2005 - 8 March 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 8 March
Select	1	0	1	0

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select	7	41:03	0	0:00	6	1:25	0	0:00	13	42:28

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	2

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select	2	0	0	106	0	0	598	36	353	0

Select Committee on Administration of Indigenous Affairs

1 January 2005 to 8 March 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 16 June 2004; re-appointed 17 November 2004

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP) (elected Chair -29.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP) (elected Deputy Chair -29.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CL)	18.11.04

Former members	*Term of appointment*

Current inquiry

As at 1 January 2005

(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 January 2005 – 8 March 2005

- 31 January 2005, Brisbane; 1 February 2005, Moree; 2 February 2005, Sydney; 3, 4, 8 & 18 February 2005, Canberra;

Reports tabled

1 January 2005 – 8 March 2005

- After ATSIC – Life in the Mainstream? (tabled 8 March 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Mental Health

Mental Health

8 March 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 8 March	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
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	6:16	0	0:00	5	2:54	0	0:00	6	9:10

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select	6	0	0	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	13	0	0	97	730	5743	0

Select Committee on Mental Health

8 March 2005 to 30 June 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 8 March 2005

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD) (elected Chair on 8.3.05)	8.3.05
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) (elected Deputy Chair on 15.3.05)	10.3.05
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	10.3.05
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	10.3.05
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	10.3.05
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP)	10.3.05
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	10.3.05

Former members	*Term of appointment*

Current inquiry

As at 8 March 2005

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Mental Health, be appointed to inquiry into and report by 6 October 2005 on the provision of mental health services in Australia, with particular reference to:

(a) the extent to which the National Mental Health Strategy, the resources committed to it and the division of responsibility for policy and funding between all levels of government have achieved its aims and objectives, and the barriers to progress;
(b) the adequacy of various modes of care for people with a mental illness, in particular, prevention, early intervention, acute care, community care, after hours crisis services and respite care;
(c) opportunities for improving co-ordination and delivery of funding and services at all levels of government to ensure appropriate and comprehensive care is provided throughout the episode of care;
(d) the appropriate role of the private and non-government sectors;
(e) the extent to which unmet need in supported accommodation,

employment, family and social support services, is a barrier to better mental health outcomes;
(f) the special needs of groups such as children, adolescents, the aged, Indigenous Australians, the socially and geographically isolated and of people with complex and co-morbid conditions and drug and alcohol dependence;
(g) the role and adequacy of training and support for primary carers in the treatment, recovery and support of people with a mental illness;
(h) the role of primary health care in promotion, prevention, early detection and chronic care management;
(i) opportunities for reducing the effects of iatrogenesis and promoting recovery-focussed care through consumer involvement, peer support and education of the mental health workforce, and for services to be consumer-operated;
(j) the overrepresentation of people with a mental illness in the criminal justice system and in detention, the extent to which these environments give rise to mental illness, the adequacy of legislation and processes in protecting their human rights and the use of diversion programs for such people;
(k) the practice of detention and seclusion within mental health facilities and the extent to which it is compatible with human rights instruments, humane treatment and care standards, and proven practice in promoting engagement and minimizing treatment refusal and coercion;
(l) the adequacy of education in de-stigmatising mental illness and disorders and in providing support service information to people affected by mental illness and their families and carers;
(m) the proficiency and accountability of agencies, such as housing, employment, law enforcement and general health services, in dealing appropriately with people affected by mental illness;
(n) the current state of mental health research, the adequacy of its funding and the extent to which best practice is disseminated;
(o) the adequacy of data collection, outcome measures and quality control for monitoring and evaluating mental health services at all levels of government and opportunities to link funding with compliance with national standards; and
(p) the potential for new modes of delivery of mental health care, including e-technology.

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2005

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Mental Health, be appointed to inquiry into and report by 6 October 2005 on the provision of mental health services in Australia, with particular reference to:

(a) the extent to which the National Mental Health Strategy, the resources committed to it and the division of responsibility for policy

and funding between all levels of government have achieved its aims and objectives, and the barriers to progress;
(b) the adequacy of various modes of care for people with a mental illness, in particular, prevention, early intervention, acute care, community care, after hours crisis services and respite care;
(c) opportunities for improving co-ordination and delivery of funding and services at all levels of government to ensure appropriate and comprehensive care is provided throughout the episode of care;
(d) the appropriate role of the private and non-government sectors;
(e) the extent to which unmet need in supported accommodation, employment, family and social support services, is a barrier to better mental health outcomes;
(f) the special needs of groups such as children, adolescents, the aged, Indigenous Australians, the socially and geographically isolated and of people with complex and co-morbid conditions and drug and alcohol dependence;
(g) the role and adequacy of training and support for primary carers in the treatment, recovery and support of people with a mental illness;
(h) the role of primary health care in promotion, prevention, early detection and chronic care management;
(i) opportunities for reducing the effects of iatrogenesis and promoting recovery-focussed care through consumer involvement, peer support and education of the mental health workforce, and for services to be consumer-operated;
(j) the overrepresentation of people with a mental illness in the criminal justice system and in detention, the extent to which these environments give rise to mental illness, the adequacy of legislation and processes in protecting their human rights and the use of diversion programs for such people;
(k) the practice of detention and seclusion within mental health facilities and the extent to which it is compatible with human rights instruments, humane treatment and care standards, and proven practice in promoting engagement and minimizing treatment refusal and coercion;
(l) the adequacy of education in de-stigmatising mental illness and disorders and in providing support service information to people affected by mental illness and their families and carers;
(m) the proficiency and accountability of agencies, such as housing, employment, law enforcement and general health services, in dealing appropriately with people affected by mental illness;
(n) the current state of mental health research, the adequacy of its funding and the extent to which best practice is disseminated;
(o) the adequacy of data collection, outcome measures and quality control for monitoring and evaluating mental health services at all levels of government and opportunities to link funding with compliance with national standards; and
(p) the potential for new modes of delivery of mental health care, including e-technology.

Public hearings

8 March 2005 – 30 June 2005

- 19 May 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

8 March 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Government responses tabled

8 March 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Committee-related activity in the chamber

Details of Reports tabled in the Senate and other related matters

Legislation Committees:

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 48 reports. The details are as follows:

Bills

Legislation Committees tabled 22 reports on the following Bills:

Committee	Bills	Tabled
CA	*Provisions* of Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004	8.2.05
CA	*Provisions* of National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004	10.2.05
ECITA	*Provisions* of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004	7.3.05
LC	Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004	8.3.05
ECO	*Provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No.7) Bill 2004	9.3.05
LC	Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004	10.3.05
EWRE	*Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004	14.3.05
EWRE	*Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004	14.3.05
ECO	*Provisions* of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2005	16.3.05
EWRE	*Provisions* of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005 and the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005	10.5.05

Committee	Bills	Tabled
EWRE	*Provisions* of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005	10.5.05
EWRE	*Provisions* of the Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005	10.5.05
RRAT	Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005	10.5.05
ECITA	*Provisions* of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews And Other Measures) Bill 2005	12.5.05
LC	*Provisions* of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005	12.5.05
LC	*Provisions* of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005	12.5.05
LC	*Provisions* of the National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005	12.5.05
RRAT	AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 And the AusLink (National Land Transport – Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004	12.5.05
LC	Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005	20.6.05
ECO	Superannuation Bill 2005, Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005 and Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005	21.6.05
ECO	Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No.1) 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005	22.6.05
ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005	21.6.05

General

Legislation Committees tabled 2 reports on the following matters:

Committee	Report	Tabled
RRAT	Administration of Biosecurity Australia - revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines	17.3.05
RRAT	Administration of Biosecurity Australia - revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand	17.3.05

Estimates reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 16 reports.

Annual Report reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 8 reports.

References Committees:

During the reporting period, Senate References Committees tabled 12 reports (plus 3 reports that did not discharge a reference). The details are as follows:

Committee	Report	Tabled
CA	^Reference not re-adopted from 40th Parliament	7.3.05
LC	They still call Australia home: Inquiry into Australian Expatriates	8.3.05
ECITA	A lost opportunity? Inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and related bills and matters	10.3.05
EWRE	^Indigenous education funding - Interim Report	16.3.05

Committee	Report	Tabled
CA	Protecting vulnerable children: A national challenge – Second report on the inquiry into children in institutional or out-of-home care	17.3.05
ECITA	^Interim report – Inquiry into the Government's Energy White Paper (presented out of session on 18.4.05)	11.5.05
ECITA	*Lurching forward, looking back:* Budgetary and environmental Implications of the Government's Energy White Paper (presented out of session on 16.5.05)	14.6.05
FADT	The effectiveness of Australia's military justice system	16.6.05
RRAT	Iraqi wheat debt – repayments for wheat growers	16.6.05
EWRE	Unfair dismissal and small business employment	21.6.05
EWRE	Indigenous Education Funding	22.6.05
EWRE	Student income support	23.6.05
CA	The cancer journey: Informing choice - The delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer	23.6.05
CA	Quality and equity in aged care	23.6.05
LC	The real Big Brother: inquiry into the *Privacy Act 1988*	23.6.05

^Reports that did not discharge a reference

Joint Statutory/Select Committees:

During the reporting period, 4 reports (plus 3 reports that did not discharge a reference) were tabled by the Joint Statutory/Select Committees.

Committee	Report	Tabled
CFS	Australian Accounting Standards tabled in compliance with the *Corporations Act 2001* on 30 August and 16 November 2004	10.2.05

Committee	Report	Tabled
IA	After ATSIC – Life in the Mainstream?	8.3.05
CFS	^Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	12.5.05
CFS	Inquiry into the Exposure Draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No.2) 2005	16.6.05
CFS	Property investment advice: Safe as houses?	23.6.05
ACC	^Examination of the annual report for 2003-04 of the Australian Crime Commission	23.6.05
NT	^Examination of annual reports 2003-2004	23.6.05

^Reports that did not discharge a reference

Government Responses to Committee Reports

The following table shows 10 Government responses to Senate Committee Reports:

Government response	Date	Committee
Superannuation and standards of living in retirement: The adequacy of the tax arrangements for superannuation and related policy	10.2.05	**SUPER**
Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance	10.3.05	**ECO**
Recruitment and Training in the Australian Public Service	10.3.05	**FPA**
CLERP (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003 – Part 1	10.3.05	**CFS**
CLERP (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003 – Part 2	10.3.05	**CFS**
Structure and distributive effects of the Australian Taxation System	11.5.05	**ECO**
Hepatitis C and the Blood Supply In Australia	11.5.05	**CA**
Commonwealth Funding for Schools	16.6.05	**EWRE**

Government response	Date	Committee
Administrative Review of Veteran and Military Compensation and Income Support	16.6.05	**FPA**
A Pacific engaged: Australia's relationships with Papua New Guinea and the island states Of the south-west Pacific	24.6.05	**FADT**

A complete list of Government responses is produced in the Business of the Senate published half yearly by the Senate Table Office.

Dissenting Reports/Additional Comments/Supplementary Reports/Comments/Additional Recommendations/Minority Reports/Reports/Additional Comments and Points of Dissent

Legislation:	***ALP***	***AD***	***AG***	***IND***
Additional Comments	11	6		
Comments	3	1	1	1
Reports	4	3		
Dissenting Reports		3		
Additional Recommendations	3			
Minority Reports	6	4		
Supplementary Reports		1		
Additional Comments And Points of Dissent		1		

References:	***LP***	***ALP***	***AD***	***AG***
Additional Comments	2	3	1	
Supplementary Reports			1	
Dissenting Reports	4			1

Joint/Select:	***LP***	***ALP***	***AD***	***AG***
Supplementary Reports		4	1	
Minority Reports		4	1	
Additional Comments	3			1

Extension of Time to present Reports

During the reporting period, 10 extensions of time (under a week) and 12 extensions of time (under a month) were granted to Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports.

Leave to Meet while the Senate is in session

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted to meet while the Senate was in session on 19 occasions.

Change of Membership of Committees

During the reporting period, there were 61 membership changes of Committees.

Appointment of Committee

During the reporting period the Select Committee on Mental Health was appointed on 8 March 2005.

Change of Committee Name

During the reporting period, the Joint Statutory Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund was changed to the Joint Statutory Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account on the 22 February 2005.

Other Committees

Regulations and Ordinances

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23.

Current members

Senator Tchen (Chair), Senators Bartlett, Marshall, Mason, Moore and Santoro.

Former members

Senators Coonan, Brandis, Buckland and Ludwig.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr James Warmenhoven	6277 3066	6277 5838

Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises delegated legislation to ensure:

- that it is in accordance with the statute;
- that it does not trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- that it does not unduly make the rights and liberties of citizens dependent upon administrative decisions which are not subject to review of their merits by a judicial or other independent tribunal; and
- that it does not contain matter more appropriate for parliamentary enactment.

Reports presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *40th Parliament Report*, 112th Report, June 2005

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private:	8
Briefings:	2
Total:	10

No. of instruments scrutinised	**1464**
Notices of Motion to Disallow	**7**
Notices withdrawn	**5**
Notices pending	**2**

Scrutiny of Bills

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members
Senator Ray (Chair), Senator Mason (Deputy Chair), Senators Barnett, Johnston, Marshall and Murray

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Richard Pye	6277 3050	6277 5838

Principles of the committee
The committee scrutinises bills and Acts of Parliament and reports to the Senate whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:

- trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
- inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

Between 1 January and 30 June 2005, the committee considered 114 bills, and commented on 45 bills in seven Alert Digests. The committee also produced six Reports containing correspondence from ministers addressing its concerns.

Alert Digests tabled
1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- No. 1 of 2005 (9 February 2005)
- No. 2 of 2005 (9 March 2005)
- No. 3 of 2005 (16 March 2005)
- No. 4 of 2005 (12 May 2005)
- No. 5 of 2005 (presented to President 1 June 2005)
- No. 6 of 2005 (15 June 2005)
- No. 7 of 2005 (22 June 2005)

Reports presented
1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- First Report of 2005 (9 February 2005)

- Second Report of 2005 (9 March 2005)
- Third Report of 2005 (16 March 2005)
- Fourth Report of 2005 (12 May 2005)
- Fifth Report of 2005 (15 June 2005)
- Sixth Report of 2005 (22 June 2005)

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private: 7

Public: 1

Appropriations and Staffing

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19.

Members

The President (Senator the Hon. Paul Calvert) (Chairman), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon. Robert Hill), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chris Evans), Senators Bartlett, Boswell, Faulkner, Ferris, Heffernan and Ray

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Neil Bessell	6277 3015	6277 5784

Role of the committee

The Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing determines the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills and reports to the Senate on its determinations prior to the Senate's consideration of those bills. The committee also examines matters affecting the staffing and administration of the Department of the Senate, including proposals to vary the staffing structure, and other matters referred to it by the Senate. It makes an annual report to the Senate on the operations of the Senate's appropriations and staffing and related matters (standing order 19(3)). The committee has the explicit capacity to scrutinise security funding and administration and to advise the President and the Senate as appropriate. Under a resolution of the Senate agreed to in 1987 the committee also examines proposed changes in the structure and responsibilities of the parliamentary departments.

Reports presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- 42nd report – Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2005-06

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private: 1

House

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21.

Current members

The President (Senator Calvert) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator Hogg), Senators Carr, Crossin, Ferris, Lightfoot and Stephens

Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Ms Andrea Griffiths	(02) 6277 3398	(02) 6277 3199

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private:	2*
Public:	0
In camera:	0
Inspections:	0
Briefings:	0
Other:	1 (sub-committee)
Total:	3

* Sitting jointly with a similar committee of the House of Representatives

Library

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 20.

Current members

The President (Sen the Hon P Calvert), Senators Brandis (appointed on 15 March 2005), Faulkner, Kirk, Scullion, Tchen, Stephens, Tierney (discharged on 15 March 2005).

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Hilary Penfold QC	6277 7100	6277 5417

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private:	2
Public:	0
In camera:	0
Inspections:	0
Briefings:	0
Other:	0
Total:	2

Privileges

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18.

Current members (appointed 18 November 2004)

Senator Faulkner (Chair), Senator Knowles (Deputy Chair), Senators Humphries, Johnston, Payne, Ray and Sherry

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)	e-mail
Miss Anne Lynch	6277 3360	6277 3199	Priv.sen@aph.gov.au

Current inquiries

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Whether there have been any failures by Senator Lightfoot to comply with the Senate's resolution of 17 March 1994 relating to registration of interests, and, if so, whether any contempt was committed in that regard *(referred 16 June 2005)*

Reports presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- 120th report – Possible unauthorised disclosure of the private deliberations or draft report of the Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America (tabled 8 March 2005)
- 121st report – Possible unauthorised disclosure of draft reports of Community Affairs References Committee (tabled 15 March 2005)
- 122nd report – Parliamentary privilege – unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings (tabled 21 June 2005)

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private: 8
Public: 1
In camera:
Inspections:
Briefings:
Other:
Total: 9

Procedure

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17.

Current members

The Deputy President (Senator J Hogg) (Chair), the President (Senator the Hon P Calvert), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (the Hon R Hill), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator C Evans), Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, Ellison, Faulkner, Ferguson, and Ray

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Harry Evans	6277 3350	6277 3199

Current inquiry

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Adequacy and appropriateness of the Register of Senators' Interests

Reports presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private:
Public:
In camera:
Inspections:
Briefings:
Other:
Total: Nil

Publications

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22.

Current members

Senators Watson, Chair [appointed 18.11.04], Hutchins [appointed 18.11.04], Johnston [appointed 18.11.04], Kirk [appointed 18.11.04], Marshall [appointed 18.11.04], Moore, Deputy Chair [appointed 18.11.04] and Scullion [appointed 18.11.04]

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Jan Chapman	6277 3037	6277 3448

Public hearings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

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Reports presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

• 3

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private:	3
Public:	0
In camera:	0
Inspections:	0
Briefings:	0
Other:	0
Total:	3

Selection of Bills

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Standing Order 24A.

Current members

The Government Whip (Senator Ferris) (Chair), the Opposition Whip (Senator George Campbell), The Nationals Whip (Senator McGauran), the Australian Democrats Whip (Senator Bartlett) and Senators Eggleston, Ellison, Ludwig and Webber.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Dr Rosemary Laing	6277 3020	6277 3098/6277 3099

Reports presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Report no. 1 of 2005 9 February 2005
- Report no. 2 of 2005 9 March 2005
- Report no. 3 of 2005 16 March 2005
- Report no. 4 of 2005 11 May 2005
- Report no. 5 of 2005 15 June 2005
- Report no. 6 of 2005 22 June 2005

Meetings – All meetings held at Parliament House, Canberra

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private: 7
Total: 7

Senators' Interests

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A.

Current members (appointed 18 November 2004)

Senator Denman (Chair), Senator Lightfoot (Deputy Chair), Senators Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk, McGauran and Webber

Secretary

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Miss Anne Lynch	6277 3360	6277 3199	Senators.interests@aph.gov.au

Register of Senators' Interests

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Register of Senators' Interests incorporating statements of interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 7 December 2004 and 20 June 2005 *(tabled 22 June 2005)*

Document presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Report 1/2005 – Annual Report 2004 *(tabled 8 March 2005)*

- Register of Senate Senior Executive Officers' Interests incorporating notifications of alterations of interests of senior executive officers lodged between 7 December 2004 and 20 June 2005 *(tabled 22 June 2005)*

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private: 1
Public:
In camera:
Inspection:
Briefings:
Other:
Total: 1

Electoral Matters (Joint Standing)

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 18 November 2004 and agreed to by the Senate on 18 November 2004.

Current members

Mr Tony Smith MP (Chairman), Mr Michael Danby MP (Deputy Chairman), Senator Brandis, Senator Carr, Senator Forshaw, Senator Mason, Senator Murray, Mr Steven Ciobo MP, Mr Daryl Melham MP, Ms Sophie Panopoulos MP.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Bev Forbes	6277 4564	6277 4710

Current inquiries

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Inquiry into the conduct of the 2004 election and matter related thereto.
- Inquiry into disclosure of donations to political parties and candidates.

Reports presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- None

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- None

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private:	6
Public:	3
In camera:	0
Inspection:	0
Briefings:	2
Other:	0
Total:	11

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint Standing)

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 18 November 2004, and agreed to by the Senate on 18 November 2004.

Current Members

Senator A B Ferguson (Chairman), Hon G J Edwards, MP (Deputy Chair), Senator the Hon N Bolkus from 01/12/04 to 30/06/05, Senator G Campbell from 23/06/05, Senator P M Crossin from 01/12/04 to 06/12/04, Senator the Hon P Cook from 06/12/04 to 30/06/05, Senator A Eggleston, Senator B Harradine from 01/12/04 to 30/06/05, Senator S Hutchins from 01/12/04, Senator D Johnston, Senator L J Kirk, Senator K Lundy from 01/12/04 to 23/06/05, Senator J A L Macdonald, Senator C M Moore – from 23/06/05, Senator M A Payne, Senator N J Stott Despoja, Senator R S Webber - from 23/06/05, Hon B G Baird, MP, Mr R C Baldwin, MP - from 01/12/04 to 26/05/05, Mr P A Barresi, MP, Hon K C Beazley, MP from 01/12/04 to 08/02/05, Mr M Danby, MP, Mrs P Draper, MP, Mrs J Gash, MP, Mr S W Gibbons, MP, Mr B W Haase, MP, Mr M J Hatton, MP from 08/02/05, Hon D F Jull, MP, Hon J E Moylan, MP, Hon G D Prosser, MP, Hon B C Scott, MP, Mr R C G Sercombe, MP, Hon W E Snowdon, MP, Mr C P Thompson, MP from 26/05/05, Mr M B Turnbull, MP, Ms M Vamvakinou, MP, Mr B H Wakelin, MP, Mr K W Wilkie, MP

Secretary

Dr Margot Kerley 6277 4629

Current Inquiries

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Reform of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights
- Inquiry into Australian Defence Force Regional Air Superiority
- Review of the Operation of the Free Trade Agreements with Singapore, Thailand and the USA
- Inquiry into Australia's Trade and Investment Relations with North Africa
- Inquiry into Australia's Relationship with the Republic of Korea
- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2003-04
- Inquiry into Australia's Human Rights Dialogue Process
- Inquiry into Australia's Defence Relations with the USA

Reports presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Expanding Australia's Trade and Investment Relations with the Gulf States

Government Responses

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Nil

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private:	39
Public:	1
In camera:	0
Inspections/Briefings	6
Other (Seminar)	
Total:	46

Secretaries of Sub-Committees

Dr John Carter (Foreign Affair Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4306
Dr Kate Burton (Trade Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4628
Dr Margot Kerley (Defence Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 2368
Dr Kate Burton (Human Rights Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4466

Migration (Joint Standing)

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives and the Senate of 18 November 2004.

Current members

Mr Don Randall, MP (Chair), Mrs Julia Irwin MP (Deputy Chair) (to 10 May 2005) , Senators Andrew Bartlett, Alan Eggleston, Linda Kirk (Deputy Chair from 25 May 2005), Tsebin Tchen, and Mr Laurie Ferguson MP, Dr Carmen Lawrence MP, Mr Michael Keenan MP, Hon Roger Price MP (from 10 May 2005), Dr Andrew Southcott MP.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Joanne Towner	6277 4565	6277 8506

Current inquiry

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Skills recognition, upgrading and licensing

Reports presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Report of the inspections of Baxter Immigration Detention Facility and Port Augusta Residential Housing Project, April 2005 (tabled 23 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- NIL

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private:	9
Public:	0
In camera:	0
Inspections:	1
Briefings:	4
Total meetings:	10

National Capital and External Territories (Joint Standing)

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to resolution of the House of Representatives of 18 November 2004 and the Senate of 18 November 2004.

Current members

Senator Ross Lightfoot (Chairman), Senator Trish Crossin (Deputy Chair), the Deputy President (Senator John Hogg), the Deputy Speaker (Hon I Causley), Senator Kerry O'Brien, Senator Nigel Scullion, Senator Natasha Stott Despoja, Ms Annette Ellis MP, Mr Paul Neville MP, Ms Sophie Panopoulos MP, Mr Patrick Secker MP, Hon Warren Snowdon MP.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Bev Forbes	6277 4564	6277 8478

Current inquiry

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Inquiry into Governance on Norfolk Island: Part 2 – Financial Sustainability of current governance arrangements
- Inquiry into current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories
- Inquiry into the adequacy of funding for Australia's Antarctic Program

Reports presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *Antarctica: Australia's Pristine Frontier* – Report on the adequacy of funding for Australia's Antarctic Program. (Tabled 23 June 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *Norfolk Island: Review of the Annual Reports of the Department of Transport and Regional Services and the Department of the Environment and Heritage.* Government response tabled 23 June 2005.
- *A national capital, a place to live: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority.* Government response tabled 26 May 2005.

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private	7
Public	0
Inspections	2
Briefings	5
Total	14

Treaties (Joint Standing)

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives and the Senate on 18 November 2004.

Members

Dr A Southcott MP (Chair), Mr K Wilkie MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Collins, Senator Bartlett, Senator Mason, Senator Mackay, Senator Stephens, Senator Santoro, Senator Tchen, Hon D Adams MP, Mr M Johnson MP, Mrs M May MP, Ms S Panopoulos MP, Mr B Ripoll MP, Mr M Turnbull MP, Hon B Scott MP.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Gillian Gould	6277 4002	6277 2219

Current inquiries

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004
- Treaties tabled on 8 February 2005
- Treaties tabled on 15 March 2005
- Treaties tabled on 11 May 2005
- Treaties tabled on 21 June 2005
- Proposed Agreement between Australia and the United States of America relating to the International Criminal Court

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

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ASIO, ASIS and DSD (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Intelligence Services Act 2001.

Members

The Hon David Jull MP (Presiding Member)
Senator Alan Ferguson, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Robert Ray;
Mr Stewart McArthur MP; The Hon Duncan Kerr SC MP; and Mr Anthony Byrne MP

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Margaret Swieringa	6277 4348	6277 2067

Reports presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Review of the listing of six terrorist organisations (7 March 2005)
- Review of the administration, expenditure and financial statements of ASIO, ASIS and DSD (14 March 2005)
- Review of the listing of Tanzim Qa'idat al-Jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn (the al-Zarqawi network) as a Terrorist Organisation under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (25 May 2005)
- Annual Report of Committee Activities 2004-2005 (30 May 2005)

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private	**13 Meetings**
Public	**4 Hearings**
In camera	**6 Hearings**
Inspections	**0**
Briefings	**2**
Other (Private Hearings)	**0**
Total	**25**

Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*.

Current members

The Speaker (The Hon D Hawker MP), the President (Senator The Hon P Calvert), Senators the Hon J Faulkner and J Ferris and, Mr B Baldwin MP, Mr K Bartlett MP, Mr P Lindsay MP, Mr John Murphy MP and Ms M Vamvakinou MP

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Claressa Surtees	6277 4888	6277 4204

Reports presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- nil

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- nil

Public Accounts and Audit (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
Pursuant to Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951.

Committee name

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
Pursuant to Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951

Membership

Members	Senators
Mr Bob Baldwin MP (Chairman)	Senator John Hogg
Ms Sharon Grierson MP (Deputy-Chair)	Senator Gary Humphries
Mr Russell Broadbent MP	Senator Claire Moore
Ms Anna Burke MP	Senator Andrew Murray
Hon Jackie Kelly MP	Senator Nigel Scullion
Ms Catherine King MP	Senator John Watson
Mr Andrew Laming MP	
Hon Alex Somlyay MP	
Mr Lindsay Tanner MP	
Mr Ken Ticehurst MP	

Current inquiries

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Further review of aviation security in Australia
- Review of Auditor-General's Reports

Reports presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- *Report 403: Access of Indigenous Australians to Law and Justice Services* (tabled 22 June 2005)

Government responses received

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- the Minister for Ageing, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, re recommendation 1 of *Report 398, Review of Auditor-General's Reports 2002-2003, Fourth Quarter*;
- the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer, the Hon Mal Brough MP, re *Report 398*;
- the Commissioner of Taxation, Mr Michael Carmody, re recommendation 5 of *Report 398*;
- the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, Dr Ian Watt, re *Report 399: Inquiry Into the Management and Integrity of Electronic Information in the Commonwealth*;
- the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, the Hon Jim Lloyd MP, re *Report 400: Review of Aviation Security in Australia*;
- the Commissioner of Taxation, Mr Michael Carmody, re recommendation 4 of *Report 402, Review of Auditor-General's Reports 2003-2004, First and Second Quarters;*
- the Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Robert Hill, re recommendations 2 and 3 of *Report 398*;
- the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, the Hon Kevin Andrews MP, re recommendation 6 of *Report 402;*
- Senator the Hon Nick Minchin, Minister for Finance and Administration, re recommendation 7 of *Report 402;*
- the Hon Tony Abbott MP, the Minister for Health and Ageing, re Recommendations 1 and 2, Chapter 3 of *Report 402;* and
- the Hon Warren Truss MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, re Recommendation 1, Chapter 2 of *Report 402*.

Meetings/hours

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Full committee: 10 meetings, 11 hrs 47 mins

Sectional committees: 15 meetings, 44 hrs 48 mins

Total hours: 56 hours 35 minutes

Public Works (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Public Works Act 1969.

Current members

Ms J. Moylan MP (Chair), Mr B. O'Connor MP, (Deputy Chair), Senator A. Ferguson, Senator M. Forshaw (from 1/12/04 to 23/6/05), Senator D. Wortley (from 23/6/05), Mr H. Jenkins MP, Mr B. Ripoll MP, Mr J. Forrest MP, Mr B. Wakelin MP, and Senator The Hon Judith Troeth

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Margaret Swieringa	6277 4348	6277 4426

Current inquiries

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- RAAF Amberley Redevelopment Stage 2, Queensland.
- Relocation of selected RAAF College units to RAAF Base East Sale, Victoria and RAAF Base Wagga, New South Wales.
- CSIRO minerals laboratory extensions, Waterford, Perth.
- Refurbishment of Royal Australian Mint Building, Canberra.
- Office replacement of the Bureau of Meteorology at Willis Island, Coral Sea, Queensland.
- Operational upgrade of the Darwin Detention Facility, Northern Territory.
- CSIRO Entomology Bioscience Laboratory at Black Mountain, Canberra.
- Redevelopment of Kokoda Barracks, Canungra, Queensland.
- Holsworthy program – Special Operations Working Accommodation and Base Redevelopment Stage 1, Holsworthy, New South Wales.
- Upgrade Patrol Boat Facilities, Darwin Naval Base, Northern Territory.

Reports presented

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

- Fitout of new leased premises for Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources in Civic, ACT (16 March 2005)
- Sixty Eighth Annual Report (16 March 2005)
- Development of Land for Defence Housing at McDowall in Brisbane (25 May 2005)
- Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre (MIDC) – Additional accommodation and related works (25 May 2005)
- Development of on-base housing for Defence at Puckapunyal, Victoria (1 June 2005)
- Ordnance Breakdown Facility, Proof and Experimental Establishment Site, Port Wakefield, S.A (1 June 2005)
- Proposed refurbishment of Australia House in London (22 June 2005)
- Mid-life upgrade of existing Chancery Building at the Australian High Commission, Singapore (22 June 2005)
- New Offices for the Australian Consulate-General in Bali, Indonesia (22 June 2005)
- Construction of a New Chancery Building for the Australian Embassy in Vientiane, Laos (22 June 2995)
- Reserve Bank of Australia Business Resumption Site at Baulkham Hills in Sydney, NSW (22 June 2005)

Meetings

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

Private	23
Public	13
Inspections	9
Total	45

PART TWO

Consolidated Statistical Overview
(Half Year)

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office

1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January 2005	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2005
Legislation	8	50	48	10
References	16	10 +(1**)	12 +(3*)	14
Select/Joint	8	3	4 +(3*)	7
Total	**32**	**63**	**64**	**31**

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	26	82:13	54	543:02	70	13:10	0	0:00	150	638:25
References	63	270:22	0	0:00	86	32:32	15	27:48	164	330:42
Select/Joint	22	78:01	0	0:00	36	24:07	0	0:00	58	102:08
Total	**111**	**430:36**	**54**	**543:02**	**192**	**69:49**	**15**	**27:48**	**372**	**1071:15**

	Meetings by State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	144	2	0	0	1	1	0	2
References	97	15	13	3	4	10	7	15
Select/Joint	49	5	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total	**290**	**22**	**13**	**3**	**5**	**11**	**7**	**21**

	Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	71	3292	231	27	6526	932	114	469	4883	0
References	24	0	0	836	0	0	4804	593	8725	7
Select/Joint	12	0	0	186	0	0	1110	841	6710	3
Total	**107**	**3292**	**231**	**1049**	**6526**	**932**	**6028**	**1903**	**20318**	**10**

***Reports that did not discharge a reference; **reference amalgamated with existing inquiry**

PART THREE

Consolidated Statistical Overview
(Financial Year)

1 July 2004 - 30 June 2005

Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office

1 July 2004 – 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 July 2004	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Inquiries discharged or ceased at the end of the 40th Parliament	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2005
Legislation	16	76	6	76 +(2*,2^)	10
References	23	27 +(1**)	14	22 +(13*,6^)	14
Select/Joint	7	13	6	7 +(5*)	7
Total	**46**	**116**	**26**	**105**	**31**

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	41	131:08	54	543:02	118	28:16	0	0:00	213	702:26
References	85	347:35	0	0:00	131	55:48	17	30:25	233	433:48
Select/Joint	31	127:59	0	0:00	59	37:38	0	0:00	90	165:37
Total	**157**	**606:42**	**54**	**543:02**	**308**	**121:42**	**17**	**30:25**	**536**	**1301:51**

	Meetings by State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	202	4	3	0	1	1	0	2
References	159	19	14	3	4	11	7	16
Select/Joint	73	5	0	0	0	2	4	6
Total	**434**	**28**	**17**	**3**	**5**	**14**	**11**	**24**

	Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	80	3292	376	36	6526	1492	148	734	6583	2
References	37	0	0	1007	0	0	6132	891	12431	10
Select/Joint	13	0	0	300	0	0	1817	1080	8624	3
Total	**130**	**3292**	**376**	**1343**	**6526**	**1492**	**8097**	**2705**	**27638**	**15**

***Reports that did not discharge a reference; ^Reports that re-referred inquiries from 40th Parliament; **Reference amalgamated with existing inquiry**

PART FOUR

Statistics On

2004-05 Additional Estimates (February 2005)
AND
2005-06 Budget Estimates (May/June 2005)

Statistics on 2004-05 Additional Estimates (February 2005) And 2005-06 Budget Estimates (May/June 2005)

Community Affairs

	2004-05 Additional Estimates (February 2005)	2005-06 Budget Estimates (May/June 2005)	Total
No. of public meetings	**2** (16/2, 17/2)	**4** (30/5, 31/5, 1/6, 2/6)	**6**
Hours by portfolio: - Family and Community Services - Health and Ageing	 10:25 11:15	 19:10 23:15	 29:35 34:30
Hours of public meetings	**21:40**	**42:25**	**64:05**

Economics

	2004-05 Additional Estimates (February 2005)	2005-06 Budget Estimates (May/June 2005)	Total
No. of public meetings	**2** (16/2, 17/2)	**4** (30/5, 31/5, 1/6, 2/6)	**6**
Hours by portfolio: - Industry, Tourism and Resources - Treasury	 7:42 13:36	 13:42 28:22	 21:24 41:58
Hours of public meetings	**21:18**	**42:04**	**63:22**

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

	2004-05 Additional Estimates (February 2005)	2005-06 Budget Estimates (May/June 2005)	Total
No. of public meetings	**2** (16/2, 17/2)	**5** (30/5, 31/5, 1/6, 2/6, 3/6)	**7**
Hours by portfolio: - Employment and Workplace Relations - Education, Science and Training	 10:15 10:25	 23:39 18:46	 33:54 29:11
Hours of public meetings	**20:40**	**42:25**	**63:05**

Statistics on 2004-05 Additional Estimates (February 2005) And 2005-06 Budget Estimates (May/June 2005)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

	2004-05 Additional Estimates (February 2005)	2005-06 Budget Estimates (May/June 2005)	Total
No. of public meetings	**2** (14/2, 15/2)	**4** (23/5, 24/5, 25/5, 26/5)	**6**
Hours by portfolio: - Communications, Information Technology and the Arts - Environment and Heritage	 20:00 3:09	 31:33 10:45	 51:33 13:54
Hours of public meetings	**23:09**	**42:18**	**65:27**

Finance and Public Administration

	2004-05 Additional Estimates (February 2005)	2005-06 Budget Estimates (May/June 2005)	Total
No. of public meetings	**2** (14/2, 15/2)	**4** (23/5, 24/5, 25/5, 26/5)	**6**
Hours by portfolio: - Finance and Administration - Human Services - Parliament - Prime Minister and Cabinet	 9:02 1:58 2:58 7:55	 13:23 7:40 5:52 15:19	 22:25 9:38 8:50 23:14
Hours of public meetings	**21:53**	**42:14**	**64:07**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

	2004-05 Additional Estimates (February 2005)	2005-06 Budget Estimates (May/June 2005)	Total
No. of public meetings	**3** (16/2, 17/2, 18/2)	**4** (30/5, 31/5, 1/6, 2/6)	**7**
Hours by portfolio: - Defence - Foreign Affairs and Trade - Veterans' Affairs	 11:55 8:20 2:45	 14:40 16:10 3:50	 26:35 24:30 6:35
Hours of public meetings	**23:00**	**34:40**	**57:40**

Statistics on 2004-05 Additional Estimates (February 2005) And 2005-06 Budget Estimates (May/June 2005)

Legal and Constitutional

	2004-05 Additional Estimates (February 2005)	2005-06 Budget Estimates (May/June 2005)	Total
No. of public meetings	**3** (14/2, 15/2, 18/2)	**5** (23/5, 24/5, 25/5, 26/5, 27/5)	**8**
Hours by portfolio: - Attorney-General's - Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	 16:30 15:21	 26:00 29:52	 42:30 45:13
Hours of public meetings	**31:51**	**55:52**	**87:43**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

	2004-05 Additional Estimates (February 2005)	2005-06 Budget Estimates (May/June 2005)	Total
No. of public meetings	**3** (14/2, 15/2, 18/2)	**5** (23/5, 24/5, 25/5, 26/5, 27/5)	**8**
Hours by portfolio: - Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Transport and Regional Services	 10:48 16:27	 20:45 29:33	 31:33 46:00
Hours of public meetings	**27:15**	**50:18**	**77:33**

The number of days the estimates committees sat

February 2005 **5 days**

May/June 2005 **10 days**