Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

1 January 2009 - 13 May 2009

	Matters current as at 1 January 2009	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 13 May 2009
Standing Committee	6	2	2	6

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	13	124:00	2	23:26	5	15:38	0	0:00	20	163:04

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	13	1	3	1	0	1	0	1

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	5	170	0	138	368	0	1075	204	2748	0

* includes referral of: annual reports x 1; estimates x 1

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (Standing)

1 January 2009 to 13 May 2009

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) *(elected Chair on 13.02.08)*	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) *(elected Deputy Chair on 27.08.08)*	23.08.08–13.05.09
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	05.02.09–13.05.09
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	12.03.09–13.05.09
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	12.02.08–13.05.09

Substitute members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)[1]	03.09.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)[2]	18.09.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)[3]	12.02.09
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)[4]	19.03.09

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	12.03.09–13.05.09
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08–13.05.09
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	12.03.08–13.05.09
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09

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

2 Replaces Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into natural resource management and conservation challenges

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

4 Replaces Senator Nash for the committee's inquiry into public passenger transport in Australia.

Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	14.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08–13.05.09
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08–13.05.09
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	01.07.08–13.05.09
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.08–13.05.09
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	12.03.08–13.05.09
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	01.07.08–13.05.09
Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08–13.05.09
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	13.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08–13.05.09
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08–13.05.09
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	01.07.08–13.05.09
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	12.02.09–13.05.09
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	05.02.09–13.05.09
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	01.07.08–13.05.09
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	01.07.08–13.05.09
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	12.03.08–13.05.09
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	12.03.08–13.05.09
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	12.03.08–13.05.09
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08–13.05.09
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	03.09.08–13.05.09
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08–13.05.09
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	19.03.09–13.05.09
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08–13.05.09
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	01.07.08–13.05.09
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	01.07.08–13.05.09
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	23.08.08–13.05.09
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08–13.05.09
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09

Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	12.02.08–13.05.09
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	12.03.09–13.05.09
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	12.03.08–13.05.09
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	01.07.08–13.05.09

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	12.02.08–24.09.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) *(Deputy Chair 13.02.08–26.06.08)*	14.02.08–23.08.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	12.02.08–05.02.09
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	24.09.08–12.03.09

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)[5]	15.09.08–12.12.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)[6]	11.11.08–21.11.08

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	13.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Mark Arbib (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08–10.03.09
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	12.02.08–30.01.09
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08–26.08.08
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	12.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.02.08–23.08.08
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	20.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	14.02.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP)	12.03.08–05.05.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.03.08–30.06.08
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.07.08–24.09.08

5 Replaced Senator O'Brien for the period 15 September 2008 to 12 December 2008

6 Replaced Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into the Water Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2009

- Concerns in relation to meat marketing, with particular reference to the need for effective supervision of national standards and controls and the national harmonisation of regulations applying to the branding and marketing of meat (referred 19 March 2008)
- Natural resource management and conservation challenges (referred 26 June 2008)
- Implications for the long-term sustainable management of the Murray-Darling Basin system (referred 27 August 2008)
- Establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania (referred 28 August 2008)
- Issues relating to the import risk analysis (IRA) for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines (referred 27 November 2008)
- Public passenger transport infrastructure and services in Australia (referred 4 December 2008)

Current inquiries

As at 13 May 2009

- Concerns in relation to meat marketing, with particular reference to the need for effective supervision of national standards and controls and the national harmonisation of regulations applying to the branding and marketing of meat (referred 19 March 2008)
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New references

1 January 2009–13 May 2009

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2009–13 May 2009

- 2008–09 Additional Estimates—23 and 24 February 2009, Canberra

- Public passenger transport infrastructure and services in Australia—3 March 2009, Brisbane; 6 March 2009, Sydney; 19 and 20 March 2009, Canberra; 23 March 2009, Perth; 30 March 2009, Melbourne; 31 March 2009, Hobart
- Implications for the long-term sustainable management of the Murray-Darling Basin system—10, 13 and 16 March 2009, Canberra
- Concerns in relation to meat marketing, with particular reference to the need for effective supervision of national standards and controls and the national harmonisation of regulations applying to the branding and marketing of meat—17 March 2009, Canberra; 26 March 2009, Melbourne
- Establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania—27 March 2009, Melbourne

Reports tabled

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- Annual Report (No. 1 of 2009) (tabled 12 March 2009)
- Additional Estimates 2008–09 (presented out of session 31 March 2009, tabled 12 May 2009)

Government responses

1 January 2009–13 May 2009

- Nil

Estimates

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