Scrutiny of Bills
(Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010

Appointment
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members
Senator Coonan (Chair), Senator Bishop (Deputy Chair), and Senators Cameron, Pratt, Siewert and Troeth

Former members
Senator Ellison
Senator Collins

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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 2010 and 30 June 2010, the committee considered 143 bills, and commented on 90 bills in seven Alert Digests. The committee also produced seven Reports containing correspondence from Ministers addressing its concerns.

New references
1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- The future direction and role of the Scrutiny of Bills Committee (referred 25 February 2010)

Alert Digests tabled
1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- No. 1 of 2010 (3 February 2010)
- No. 2 of 2010 (24 February 2010)

- No. 3 of 2010 (10 March 2010)
- No. 4 of 2010 (17 March 2010)
- No. 5 of 2010 (12 May 2010)
- No. 6 of 2010 (16 June 2010)
- No. 7 of 2010 (23 June 2010)

Reports presented

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- First Report of 2010 (3 February 2010)
- Second Report of 2010 (24 February 2010)
- Third Report of 2010 (10 March 2010)
- Fourth Report of 2010 (17 March 2010)
- Fifth Report of 2010 (12 May 2010)
- Future Direction and Role of the Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Interim report (tabled 12 May 2010)
- Sixth Report of 2010 (16 June 2010)
- Seventh Report of 2010 (23 June 2010)

Meetings

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

Private:	7
Briefings:	0
Total:	**7**