PART SIX

1 January 2012–30 June 2012

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

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 January 2012 - 30 June 2012

	Matters current as at 1 January 2012	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2012
Legislation	2	7	7	2
References	3	1	2	2
Total	5	8	9	4

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	10	45:02	9	80:41	20	7:37	0	0:00	39	133:20
References	7	32:05	0	0:00	19	11:14	0	0:00	26	43:19
Total	17	77:07	9	80:41	39	18:51	0	0:00	65	176:39

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	34	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
References	19	1	0	0	0	0	5	1
Total	53	1	0	0	0	0	10	1

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	18	854	174	3	912	439	15	505	2060	0
References	5	0	0	99	0	0	361	184	2049	2
Total	23	854	174	102	912	439	376	689	4109	2

* Includes referral of Annual reports x 1; estimates x 2

Community Affairs (Legislation)

1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) *(elected Chair on 30.09.10)*	30.09.10
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) *(elected Deputy Chair on 30.09.10)*	30.09.10
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	01.07.11
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	09.05.12

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	01.07.11
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG)	05.07.11
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	01.07.11
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP)	01.07.11
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	30.09.10

Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	01.07.11
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator John Madigan (VIC, DLP)	07.07.11
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	30.09.10
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	05.07.11
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	01.07.11
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Matt Thistlethwaite (NSW, ALP)	01.07.11
Senator Lin Thorp (TAS, ALP)	21.06.12
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	01.07.11
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG)	05.07.11
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	25.06.12
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG)	05.07.11
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	30.09.10

Former members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	30.09.10–31.03.12
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	30.09.10–01.07.11

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)[1]	07.02.12–30.03.12
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)[2]	30.03.12–31.03.12
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)[3]	25.11.11–14.03.12

1 Replaced Senator Adams from 7 February 2012 to 30 March 2012

2 Replaced Senator Adams from 30 March 2012 to 31 March 2012

3 Replaced Senator Carol Brown for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011, the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011 and the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011

Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)[4]	01.06.12–01.06.12
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)5	30.05.11–03.06.11
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)[6]	21.10.11–21.10.11

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	07.02.12–31.03.12
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	30.05.11–03.06.11
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	21.10.11–21.10.11
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	25.11.11–14.03.12
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	30.09.10-15.06.12
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	30.09.10–22.08.11
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (TAS, ALP)	07.02.12–01.06.12
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11

4 Replaced Senator Mark Furner on 1 June 2012

5 Replaced Senator Carol Brown from 30 May 2011 to 3 June 2011

6 Replaced Senator Carol Brown on 21 October 2011

Reports presented out of session that discharged a reference

Nil

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2012

	Date Referred	**Public Hearings**	**Reports Tabled**	**Current Inquiry** *As at 30.06.2012*
Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011 [Provisions] and the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011 [Provisions]	25.11.2011 (SB)	06.02.2012—Canberra	19.03.2012	No
Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions], Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011 [Provisions] and the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011 [Provisions]	25.11.2011 (SB)	20.02.2012—Ntaria (Hermannsburg) NT 21.02.2012—Alice Springs NT 22.02.2012—Maningrida NT 23.02.2012 & 24.02.2012—Darwin NT 01.03.2012—Canberra 06.03.2012—Canberra	14.03.2012	No
Annual reports	(*Refer Standing Order 25(20)*)	Nil	No. 1 of 2012 (tabled 15.03.2012)	No

New References

01.01.2012–30.06.2012

	Date Referred	**Public Hearings**	**Reports Tabled**	**Current Inquiry** *As at 30.06.2012*
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [Provisions]	09.02.2012 (SB)	Nil	19.03.2012	No
Additional estimates 2011–12	09.02.2012 (Refer *Journal entry 42*)	15–17 February 2012 & 22 March 2012—Canberra	presented OOS 29.03.2012; tabled 10.05.2012	No
Administration of Indigenous Business Australia in relation to certain evidence given to the Senate Community Affairs Committee	24.04.2012 (agreed to by the Committee in accordance with SO 25(2))	11.05.2012 - Canberra	Nil	Yes
Budget estimates 2012–13	09.05.2012 (Refer *Journal entry 4*)	28–31 May 2012 & 1 June 2012—Canberra	26.06.12	No
Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012	10.05.2012 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (2012 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2012 [Provisions]	24.05.2012 *(pursuant to the order of the Senate of 9 May 2012)*	14.06.2012—Canberra	18.06.2012	No

Government Responses

- Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)

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Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	11.05.12–11.05.12
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Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
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Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11

1 Replaced Senator Adams from 23 March to 31 March 2012

2 Replaced Senator Boyce 19 October 2011 to 20 October 2011

3 Replaced Senator McKenzie for the committee's inquiry into health services and medical professionals in rural areas on Friday, 11 May 2012

Reports presented out of session that discharged a reference

Nil

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2012

	Date Referred	Public Hearings	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry *As at 30.06.2012*
Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies	15.11.2010	Nil	Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies and practices (tabled 29.02.2012)	No
The factors affecting the supply and distribution of health services and medical professionals in rural areas	13.10.2011 (Refer *Journal entry 12*)	20.02.2012—Alice Springs NT 24.02.2012—Darwin NT 23.04.2012—Townsville QLD 11.05.2012—Canberra 05.06.2012—Albury-Wodonga NSW	Nil	Yes
The provision of palliative care in Australia	23.11.2011 (Refer *Journal Entry 12*)	24.04.2012—Canberra	Nil	Yes

New References

01.01.2012–30.6.2012

	Date Referred	Public Hearings	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry *As at 30.06.2012*
The role of the Government and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) regarding medical devices, particularly Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) breast implants	08.02.2012 (Refer *Journal Entry 15*)	09.05.2012—Canberra	Presented OOS 31.05.12; Tabled 18.06.12	No

Government Responses

- Gene patents (presented OOS 06.12.2011; tabled 07.02.2012; report tabled 26.11.2010)
- Consumer access to pharmaceutical benefits (presented OOS 22.02.2012; tabled 27.02.2012; report tabled 24.11.2010)
- Review of the Professional Services Review (PSR) Scheme (presented OOS 06.03.2012; tabled 13.03.2012; report tabled 25.10.2011)

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)