Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

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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	3	8	10	1
References	2	1	1 +(1**)	2
Total	5	9	11	3

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	5	21:18	6	55:15	23	1:56	0	0:00	34	78:29
References	6	40:21	0	0:00	9	0:27	0	0:00	15	40:48
Total	11	61:39	6	55:15	32	2:23	0	0:00	49	119:17

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	30	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
References	11	0	1	0	0	2	0	1
Total	41	0	5	0	0	2	0	1

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	11	755	57	0	588	193	0	90	1369	0
References	3	0	0	70	0	0	291	75	762	2
Total	14	755	57	70	588	193	291	165	2131	2

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

** Includes 1 Interim report

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (Legislation)

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Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

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Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	23.08.11
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	05.07.11
Senator Matt Thistlethwaite (NSW, ALP)	01.07.11

Participating members	*Date of appointment*
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	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)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	23.08.11
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 Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	01.07.11
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	05.07.11
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	30.09.10
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 the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	30.09.10
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	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 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 Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	01.07.11
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	09.05.12
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
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 Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	30.09.10–23.08.11
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	30.09.10–05.07.11
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)[1]	22.03.12–24.04.12
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG)[2]	24.08.11–15.09.11

Former participating members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	30.09.10–31.03.12
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	30.09.10-15.06.12
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 Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	01.07.11–22.08.11
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 Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	22.03.12–24.04.12
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	24.08.11–15.09.11
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

1 Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Bill 2012 and related bills

2 Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Bill 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*
Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [Provisions], the Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Bill 2011 [Provisions] and the Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (Tuition Protection Service) Bill 2011 [Provisions]	13.10.2011 (SB)	02.02.2012—Melbourne	27.02.2012	No
Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2011 [Provisions]	10.11.2011 (SB)	03.02.2012—Melbourne	29.02.2012	No
Fair Work Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry) Bill 2011	25.11.2011 (SB)	02.02.2012—Melbourne	27.02.2012	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*
Additional estimates 2011–12	09.02.2012 (Refer *Journal entry 42*)	15 and 16 February 2012—Canberra	20.03.2012	No
Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill 2012 [Provisions]	01.03.2012 (SB)	18.04.2012—Melbourne	10.05.2012	No
Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Bill 2012 [Provisions], the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2012 [Provisions], the Shipping Registration Amendment (Australian International Shipping Register) Bill 2012 [Provisions], the Shipping Reform (Tax Incentives) Bill 2012 [Provisions], and the Tax Laws Amendment (Shipping Reform) Bill 2012 [Provisions]	22.03.2012 (SB)	Nil	presented OOS 24.04.2012; tabled 10.05.2012	No
Skills Australia Amendment (Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency) Bill 2012 [Provisions]	22.03.2012 (SB)	Nil	10.05.2012	No
Budget estimates 2012–13	09.05.2012 (Refer *Journal entry 4*)	28–31 May 2012—Canberra	26.06.2012	No

	Date Referred	**Public Hearings**	**Reports Tabled**	**Current Inquiry** *As at 30.06.2012*
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2012 [Provisions]	19.06.2012 (SB)	22.06.2012—Canberra	25.06.2012	No
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Bill 2012 [Provisions]	19.06.2012 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

Nil

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

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Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11

[1] Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the administration and purchasing of disability employment services in Australia

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*
Higher education and skills training to support future demand in agriculture and agribusiness in Australia	19.09.2011 (Refer *Journal entry 17*)	01.02.2012—Canberra 26.03.2012—Perth 15.05.2012—Melbourne	Interim Report presented OOS 08.06.2012, tabled 18.06.2012; Final Report–All aspects of higher education and skills training to support future demand in agriculture and agribusiness in Australia, tabled 21.06.2012	No
Infrastructure delivery and the shortage of engineering and related employment skills	07.11.2011 (Refer *Journal entry 10*)	27.03.2012—Perth 28.03.2012—Brisbane 07.05.2012—Canberra	Nil	Yes

New References

01.01.2012–30.06.2012

	Date Referred	**Public Hearings**	**Reports Tabled**	**Current Inquiry** *As at 30.06.2012*
The adequacy of the allowance payment system for jobseekers and others, the appropriateness of the allowance payment system as a support into work and the impact of the changing nature of the labour market (for inquiry and report by 1.11.2012)	26.06.2012 (Refer *Journal entry 17)*	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

- The administration and purchasing of disability employment services in Australia (presented OOS 17.02.2012; tabled 27.02.2012; report tabled 25.11.2011)
- Primary Schools for the 21st Century Program (tabled 27.06.12; report tabled 25.03.11)

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