Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport

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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	4	6	9+1^+(1**)	0
References	4	1	2 + (3**)	3
Total	8	7	11 + 1^	3

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	3	11:51	6	63:36	21	3:19	0	0:00	30	78:46
References	8	45:16	0	0:00	14	3:09	0	0:00	22	48:25
Total	11	57:07	6	63:36	35	6:28	0	0:00	52	127:11

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	18	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	48	2	2	0	0	0	0	0

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	9	399	40	0	771	139	0	52	481	1
References	6	0	0	133	0	0	510	7	163	4
Total	15	399	40	133	771	139	510	59	644	5

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

** includes 4 Interim reports

^ 1 report discharged 2 bill references

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) *(elected Chair on 30.09.10)*	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) *(elected Deputy Chair on 30.09.10)*	30.09.10
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	01.07.11
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	30.09.10
Senator Lin Thorp (TAS, ALP)	27.06.12

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)	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)	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)	09.02.11
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 Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	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 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 Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	01.07.11
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	30.09.10
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	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 Dean Smith (WA, LP)	09.05.12
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Matt Thistlethwaite (NSW, ALP)	01.07.11
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	27.06.12
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 Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	30.09.10–09.02.11
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	09.02.11–30.06.11
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	01.07.11-27.06.12

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)[1]	04.11.11–04.11.11
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)[2]	10.05.11–23.06.11
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)[3]	13.02.12–13.02.12
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)[4]	19.09.11–02.11.11
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)[5]	25.11.11–27.02.12
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)[6]	25.08.11–22.03.12
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)[7]	18.08.11–22.03.12
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)[8]	03.11.11–22.03.12
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)[9]	01.03.12–30.05.12
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)[10]	13.02.12–14.02.12
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)[11]	09.05.12–18.06.12
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)[12]	14.02.12–14.02.12

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 the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	10.05.11–23.06.11
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	25.08.11–22.03.12
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, 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)	30.09.10–09.02.11
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (TAS, ALP)	07.02.12–01.06.12
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	18.08.11–22.03.12
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	03.11.11–22.03.12

1 Replaced Senator Urquhart on 04.11.2011

2 Replaced Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into the exposure draft and explanatory memorandum of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011

3 Replaced Senator Nash for the consideration of the 2011-12 additional estimates on 13 February 2012

4 Replaced Senator Heffernan on the committee's inquiry into the Quarantine Amendment (Disallowing Permits) Bill 2011

5 Replaced Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011

6 Replaced Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into the Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011

7 Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011

8 Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011

9 Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening) Bill 2012

10 Replaced Senator Urquhart for the consideration of the 2011–12 additional estimates on 13 and 14 February 2012

11 Replaced Senator Urquhart until 30 June 2012; discharged on 18.06.2012

12 Replaced Senator Nash for the consideration of the 2011-12 additional estimates on 14 February 2012

Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	01.03.12–30.05.12
Senator Lin Thorp (TAS, ALP)	21.06.12-27.06.12
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 Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	04.11.11–04.11.11
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	09.05.13–18.06.12
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11

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*
Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011, and Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011	18.08.2011 (SB) 15.09.2011 (SB)	06.02.2012—Canberra	22.03.2012	No
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Protecting Australia's Water Resources) Bill 2011	10.11.2011 (SB)	07.02.2012—Canberra	27.02.2012	No
Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011 [Provisions]	25.11.2011 (SB)	Nil	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*)	13 and 14 February 2012—Canberra	22.03.2012	No
Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening) Bill 2012 [Provisions]	01.03.2012 (SB)	Nil	Interim Report presented OOS 18.05.2012; tabled 18.06.2012; Final Report Presented OOS 30.05.2012, tabled 18.06.2012	No
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012 [Provisions]	22.03.2012 (SB)	Nil	18.06.2012	No
Wheat Export Marketing Amendment Bill 2012 [Provisions]	22.03.2012 (SB)	14.05.2012—Canberra	25.06.2012	No
Budget estimates 2012–13	09.05.2012 (Refer *Journal entry 4*)	21–24 May 2012—Canberra	26.06.2012	No

Government Responses

- Exposure draft and explanatory memorandum of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011 (presented OOS 25.11.2011; tabled 07.02.2012; report tabled 23.06.2011)
- Airports Amendment Bill 2010 (tabled 13.03.2012; report tabled 18.11.2010)

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

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (References)

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Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	30.09.10
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Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG)	05.07.11
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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
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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
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Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
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Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
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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 Matt Thistlethwaite (NSW, ALP)	01.07.11
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 Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10–09.02.11
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	09.02.11–30.06.11
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	05.07.11-27.06.12

Former substitute members	*Term of appointment*
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)[1]	24.03.11–24.03.11
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)[2]	29.11.11–29.11.11

[1] Replaced Senator Heffernan on 24 March 2011

Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)[3]	29.11.11–29.11.11
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)[4]	17.02.12–17.02.12
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)[5]	17.02.12–17.02.12
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)[6]	16.06.11–23.11.11
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)[7]	24.03.11–16.04.12
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)[8]	09.02.12–09.02.12

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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 the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	24.03.11–24.03.11
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	29.11.11–29.11.11
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	09.02.11–30.06.11
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	24.03.11–16.04.12
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	30.09.10–30.06.11
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	29.11.11–29.11.11
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	09.02.12–09.02.12
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10–09.02.11
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (TAS, ALP)	07.02.12–01.06.12
Senator Lin Thorp (TAS, ALP)	21.06.12-27.06.12
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

2 Replaced Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into biosecurity and quarantine arrangements on 29 November 2011

3 Replaced Senator Nash for the committee's inquiry into biosecurity and quarantine arrangements on 29 November 2011

4 Replaced Senator Nash on 17 February 2012 from 2pm to 5.45pm for the committee's inquiry into the Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test

5 Replaced Senator Nash on 17 February 2012 from 9am to 2pm for the committee's inquiry into the Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test

6 Replaced Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into the live export trade

7 Replaced Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into operational issues in export grain networks

8 Replaced Senator Nash on 9 February 2012 for the committee's inquiry into Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test

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*
Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements	Re-referred 30.09.2010	Nil	Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements—Interim report: the management of the removal of the fee rebate for AQIS export certification functions (presented OOS 12.12.2011; tabled 07.02.2012) Australia's biosecurity and quarantine arrangements—Second interim report (presented OOS 04.04.2012; tabled 10.05.2012) Third interim report (presented OOS 05.04.2012; tabled 10.05.2012) Final report (presented OOS 10.04.2012; tabled 10.05.2012)	No

Management of the Murray-Darling Basin	28.10.2010	02.04.2012—Hay, NSW 03.04.2012—Mildura, VIC 23.04.2012—Canberra 24.04.2012—Canberra	The impact of mining coal seam gas on the management of the Murray Darling Basin—Interim report (presented OOS 30.11.2011; tabled 07.02.2012)	Yes
Operational issues in export grain networks	23.03.2011	20.02.2012—Canberra	Interim report (presented OOS 12.04.2012; tabled 10.05.2012) Final report (presented OOS 16.04.2012; tabled 10.05.2012)	No
Examination of the Foreign Investment Review Board National Interest Test	06.07.2011 (Refer *Journal entry 16*)	09.02.2012—Canberra 17.02.2012—Canberra 09.05.2012—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 effects on Australian pineapple growers of importing fresh pineapple from Malaysia	20.06.2012 (Refer *Journal entry 15*)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

- Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities (tabled 13.03.2012; report tabled 18.12.2009)
- Australia's future oil supply and alternative transport fuels—Final report (presented OOS 28.05.2012; tabled 18.06.2012; report tabled 07.02.2007)
- Iraqi wheat debt—repayments for wheat growers (tabled 21.06.2012; report tabled 16.06.2005)
- Investment of Commonwealth and state funds in public passenger transport infrastructure and services (tabled 27.06.12; report tabled 20.08.2009)

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