Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members

Senator the Hon Macdonald (Chair), Senator C Brown (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bishop, Edwards, Siewert and Thorp

Former members

Senators Fifield and Marshall

Secretary

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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 2012 and 30 June 2012, the committee considered 153 bills, and commented on 73 bills in 7 Alert Digests. The committee also produced 7 Reports containing correspondence from Ministers addressing its concerns.

On 10 May 2012, the committee tabled its final report for the inquiry into the future role and direction of the Senate Scrutiny of Bills Committee.

New references *1 January 2012–30 June 2012*	Nil
Alert digests tabled *1 January 2012–30 June 2012*	No. 1 of 2012 (8 February 2012) No. 2 of 2012 (29 February 2012) No. 3 of 2012 (14 March 2012) No. 4 of 2012 (22 March 2012) No. 5 of 2012 (10 May 2012) No. 6 of 2012 (20 June 2012) No. 7 of 2012 (27 June 2012)

Reports presented *1 January 2012–30 June 2012*	First Report of 2012 (8 February 2012) Second Report of 2012 (29 February 2012) Third Report of 2012 (14 March 2012) Fourth Report of 2012 (22 March 2012) Fifth Report of 2012 (10 May 2012) Future Direction and Role of the Committee (10 May 2012) Sixth Report of 2012 (20 June 2012) Seventh Report of 2012 (27 June 2012)
Meetings *1 January 2012–30 June 2012*	Private: 7 Briefings: Nil Total: 7