

Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members

Senator Ray (Chair), Senator Mason (Deputy Chair), Senators Barnett, Johnston, McEwen and Murray

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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 July 2006 to 31 December 2006, the committee considered 97 bills, and commented on 44 bills in nine Alert Digests. The committee also produced eight Reports containing correspondence from ministers addressing its concerns and released a further report on entry, search and seizure provisions *Twelfth Report of 2006: Entry, Search and Seizure Provisions in Commonwealth Legislation*.

Alert Digests tabled

1 July 2006 – 31 December 2006

- No. 7 of 2006 (9 August 2006)
- No. 8 of 2006 (16 August 2006)
- No. 9 of 2006 (6 September 2006)
- No. 10 of 2006 (13 September 2006)
- No. 11 of 2006 (11 October 2006)
- No. 12 of 2006 (18 October 2006)
- No. 13 of 2006 (8 November 2006)
- No. 14 of 2006 (29 November 2006)

- No. 15 of 2006 (6 December 2006)

Reports presented

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- Fifth Report of 2006 (9 August 2006)
- Sixth Report of 2006 (16 August 2006)
- Seventh Report of 2006 (6 September 2006)
- Eighth Report of 2006 (11 October 2006)
- Ninth Report of 2006 (18 October 2006)
- Tenth Report of 2006 (8 November 2006)
- Eleventh Report of 2006 (29 November 2006)
- Twelfth Report of 2006 (4 December 2006)
- Thirteenth Report of 2006 (6 December 2006)

Meetings

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