

KEY TO THIS REGISTER

Reports—Reports listed in this register were tabled by Senate committees and the joint committees administered by the Senate Committee Office. Prior to September 2006, the Senate committees included both legislation and references committees for each of the legislative and general purpose standing committees. On 11 September 2006, the legislation and references committees ceased to exist and new legislative and general purpose standing committees were established. The new committees have all the responsibilities of the previous committees, including the responsibility to meet as estimates committees. It also lists reports from Senate select committees and certain joint committees. Since November 2004 reports of the Regulations and Ordinances, Scrutiny of Bills, Appropriations and Staffing, Privileges, Procedure and Senators' Interests committees have also been included.

Evidence tabled—Evidence tabled at the same time or after the tabling of a report is indicated by date of tabling. Where entries contain no notation, evidence was not tabled.

Government response—Some entries have a date for the tabling of a government response. Where there is no notation, the government has yet to respond. Where more than one date is listed, the most recent government response is listed first.

Parliamentary Paper number (PP no.)—The number in this column indicates the Parliamentary Paper number assigned to the report and is important for identification purposes. Some reports, such as interim reports or one-page reports, are not given a Parliamentary Paper number. In cases where a report comprises two volumes, two Parliamentary Paper numbers may be given. Access to Parliamentary Papers may be obtained in any State public library or the National Library of Australia by citing the PP no.

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Other information—A consolidated register of reports tabled by Senate committees and the joint committees administered by the Senate Committee Office is published at the end of each Parliament. The first volume covers the period 1970 to 2004. The second volume of the register commences with the 41st Parliament for the years 2004 to 2007 (two interim reports were presented out of session in February 2008). The Committee Office issues annual supplements during the life of a Parliament. The on-line version is a consolidation for the years 1970 to 2008. For further information, contact the Senior Clerk of Committees, Department of the Senate, Parliament House, Canberra, at telephone (02) 6277 3506, fax (02) 6277 3899, and e-mail: SeniorClerk.Committees.Sen@aph.gov.au.