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THE PARLIAMENTARY CALENDAR

Parliament

A Parliament commences on the first sitting day following a general election and concludes either at dissolution or at the expiration of three years from the first meeting of the House – whichever occurs first.

Session

A session commences on the first sitting day following a general election and concludes either by prorogation (the formal ending of a session), dissolution or at the expiration of three years from the first meeting of the House. A further session commences on the first sitting day following a prorogation and concludes in the same manner.

Sitting period

Sitting periods occur within a session. The sittings of the House in each calendar year are divided into three distinct periods: the Autumn sittings, from February to March; the Winter (or Budget) sittings, from May to June; and the Spring sittings, from August to December.

Sitting

A sitting commences as set down by the standing or sessional orders, or in accordance with a resolution of the House at a previous sitting, and concludes with the adjournment of the same sitting. The same sitting may extend over more than one day.

- adapted from *House of Representatives Practice*, 4th edn, p. 212

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Sitting periods in this session:

12 February — 21 March 2002
14 May — 28 June 2002 a.m.
19 August — 13 December 2002 p.m.
4 February — 27 March 2003
13 May — 27 June 2003 a.m.
11 August — 5 December 2003 p.m.
10 February — 1 April 2004
11 May — 26 June 2004 a.m.
3 August — 13 August 2004 p.m.

Dates in this report are 2004 unless shown otherwise

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

BILLS

<i>Autumn Sittings 2004</i>	<i>Winter Sittings 2004</i>	<i>Spring Sittings 2004</i>	<i>All Sittings 2004</i>
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Progress

Carried over from previous sittings	89	78	81	N/A *
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Initiated in House of Representatives	55	63	26	144
Received from Senate	5	1	0	6
Total introduced	60	64	26	150

Passed both Houses and assented to	58	61	10	129
Not passed into law—				
Still before House	44	48	46	N/A *
Still before Senate	34	33	46	N/A *
Discharged or laid aside in House or removed from Notice Paper	8	1	5	14
Negatived or discharged in Senate	5	2	0	7 ^

Other details

Second reading amendments moved	16	14	7	37
Bills referred to—				
Main Committee	18	19	2	39
Other House committees/Joint committees by House/Senate	0	0	0	0
Other House committees/Joint committees by Minister	0	0	0	0
Bills adopted by committees for inquiry	0	0	0	0
Bills initiated in House and amended in—				
House	6	5	1	12
Senate	16	18	3	37
Bills with amendments requested by Senate and made by House	3	1	0	4
Bills declared urgent	0	2	0	2
Private Members' bills—				
Introduced in House	5	3	1	9
Passed by House	0	0	0	0
Number of pages in bills (as introduced in House)	1452	1989	704	4145

* These figures cannot be totalled because bills from one sitting may also be included in the figure for the following sitting.

^ Includes 2 bills negatived and later restored to Senate Notice Paper.

MISCELLANEOUS

	<i>Autumn Sittings 2004</i>	<i>Winter Sittings 2004</i>	<i>Spring Sittings 2004</i>	<i>All Sittings 2004</i>
House—				
Sitting weeks	6	5	2	13
Sitting days	23	18	7	48
Hours of sittings*—				
Including suspensions of sittings [†]	206	202	84	492
Excluding suspensions of sittings [†]	206	170	67	443
Main Committee—				
Meetings	13	14	4	31
Hours of meetings*—				
Including suspensions [#]	55	58	10	123
Excluding suspensions [#]	46	52	10	108
Days on which—				
Adjournment motion debated in—				
House	23	15	7	45
Main Committee	6	5	2	13
Grievance debate called on and debated	5	3	1	9
Matters of public importance discussed	18	15	6	39
Private Members' business given priority	19	10	3	32
Parliamentary committee reports presented	24	35	17	76
Items of private Members' business debated	15	7	3	25
90 second statements by private Members	54	30	12	96
3 minute statements by private Members in Main Committee	71	61	12	144
Divisions	26	29	10	65
Closures of—				
Member agreed to	0	4	2	6
Question agreed to	1	2	1	4
Petitions presented	175	161	51	387
Signatures to petitions	87,045	71,014	10,813	168,872
Questions placed on Notice Paper	584	222	70	876
Questions without notice	391	326	114	831
Average number of questions without notice asked for each sitting day on which question time occurred	18	18	16	17.7

* Adjusted to the nearest hour.

[†] Suspensions for meals and at night during sittings extending over more than one day.

[#] For example: suspensions for divisions and other proceedings in House.

BILLS

PROGRESS

Bills passed both Houses and assented to	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 2004</i>	<i>Date of assent</i>
Anti-terrorism (No. 2) 2004 ^{A2}	17 Jun	124	16 Aug
Anti-terrorism (No. 3) 2004	24 Jun	125	16 Aug
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Offences and Other Measures) (No. 2) 2004	4 Aug	127	31 Aug
Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Prisoner Voting and Other Measures) 2004	5 Aug	123	16 Aug
Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2004 Budget Measures) 2004	24 Jun	128	31 Aug
Marriage Amendment 2004 ^{A3}	24 Jun	126	16 Aug
Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Employee Involvement and Compliance) 2002 ^{A2}	26 Jun ††	122	16 Aug
Tax Laws Amendment (Wine Producer Rebate and Other Measures) 2004 ^{A1}	24 Jun	129	31 Aug
US Free Trade Agreement Implementation 2004 ^{A2}	23 Jun	120	16 Aug
US Free Trade Agreement Implementation (Customs Tariff) 2004	23 Jun	121	16 Aug

Bills passed both Houses and assented to — Total: 10

†† 2002

^{A1} Amended in House.

^{A2} Amended in Senate and agreed to by House.

^{A3} Restored to Senate Notice Paper (13 Aug).

Bills not passed into law

Bills still before House	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>
Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment 2004	11 Aug	11 Aug
Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment (Review of Decisions) 2004 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	9 Aug	
Australian Design Rules Amendment 2004 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	21 Jun	
Australian Institute of Marine Science Amendment 2004	3 Jun	3 Jun
Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions Supervisory Level Imposition Amendment 2004	12 Aug	12 Aug
Authorised Non-operating Holding Companies Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment 2004	12 Aug	12 Aug
Aviation Security Amendment 2004	11 Aug	11 Aug
Bankruptcy and Family Law Legislation Amendment 2004	11 Aug	11 Aug
Child Support Legislation Amendment 2004	31 Mar	31 Mar
Civil Aviation Amendment (Relationship with Anti-discrimination Legislation) 2004	11 Mar	11 Mar
Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand and Other Matters) 2003	25 Jun‡	25 Jun‡
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Preventing Smoking Related Deaths) 2004 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	16 Feb	
Customs Amendment (Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) 2004	11 Aug	11 Aug
Customs Tariff Amendment (Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) 2004	11 Aug	11 Aug
Disability Discrimination Amendment 2003	3 Dec‡	3 Dec‡
Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) 2004	12 Aug	12 Aug
Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Roll Integrity and Other Measures) 2002	14 Mar‡‡	14 Mar‡‡
Employee Protection (Employee Entitlements Guarantee) 2004 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	16 Feb	
Family Law Amendment 2004	1 Apr	1 Apr
Family Law Amendment (Annuities) 2004	11 Aug	11 Aug
Financial Framework Legislation Amendment 2004	11 Aug	11 Aug
Financial Institutions Supervisory Levies Collection Amendment 2004	12 Aug	12 Aug
General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment 2004	12 Aug	12 Aug
Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) 2003	17 Sep‡	17 Sep‡
House of Representatives (Northern Territory Representation) 2004	19 Feb	19 Feb
Invasion of Iraq Royal Commission (Restoring Public Trust in Government) 2004 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	8 Mar	
Kyoto Protocol Ratification 2003 [No. 2] (<i>Senate bill</i>)	1 Apr	

‡‡ 2002

‡ 2003

Bills still before House (<i>continued</i>)	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>
Life Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment 2004	12 Aug	12 Aug
National Health Amendment (Prostheses) 2004	12 Aug	12 Aug
National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) 2004	27 May	27 May
National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) (Consequential Amendments) 2004	27 May	27 May
Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) 2004	1 Apr	1 Apr
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment 2002	12 Feb‡‡	12 Feb‡‡
Postal Industry Ombudsman 2004	12 Aug	12 Aug
Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment 2002 (3 ^o 12 Dec 2002) *	27 Jun‡‡	27 Jun‡‡
Retirement Savings Account Providers Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment 2004	12 Aug	12 Aug
Same Sex Relationships (Ensuring Equality) 2004 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	24 May	
Sex Discrimination Amendment 2002	27 Jun‡‡	27 Jun‡‡
Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) (No.2) 2004	11 Aug	11 Aug
Superannuation (Entitlements of Same Sex Couples) 2004 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	21 Jun	
Superannuation Legislation Amendment 2004	11 Aug	11 Aug
Superannuation Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment 2004	12 Aug	12 Aug
Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 5) 2004	12 Aug	12 Aug
Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) 2003 (3 ^o 25 Jun 2003) *	27 Mar‡	27 Mar‡
Workplace Relations Amendment (Extended Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) 2004	11 Aug	11 Aug
Workplace Relations Amendment (Good Faith Bargaining) 2004 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	29 Mar	

Bills still before House — Total: 46

‡‡ 2002

‡ 2003

* Senate amendments reported, still before House.

Bills still before Senate <i>Does not include bills introduced in Senate and not transmitted to House</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Third reading</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment 2004	27 May	2 Jun
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 2004	23 Jun	12 Aug
Australian Human Rights Commission Legislation 2003	27 Mar‡	27 Jun‡
Australian Passports 2004	24 Jun	4 Aug
Australian Passports (Application Fees) 2004	24 Jun	4 Aug
Australian Passports (Transitionals and Consequentials) 2004	24 Jun	4 Aug
Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) 2004	24 Jun	11 Aug
Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) 2002 [No. 2]	5 Nov‡	1 Dec‡
Building and Construction Industry Improvement 2003	6 Nov‡	4 Dec‡
Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) 2003	6 Nov‡	4 Dec‡
Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) 2004	4 Aug	11 Aug
Customs Tariff Amendment (Oil, Gas and Other Measures) 2004	23 Jun	11 Aug
Customs Tariff Amendment (Paraquat Dichloride) 2004	19 Feb	2 Mar
Customs Tariff Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Post-2005 Arrangements) 2004	16 Jun	25 Jun
Family and Community Services (Closure of Student Financial Supplement Scheme) 2003	26 Jun‡	11 Sep‡
Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Disability Reform) 2002	16 May‡‡	30 May‡‡
Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Further Simplification of International Payments) 2002	13 Feb‡‡	12 Mar‡‡
Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare and Private Health Insurance) 2003	28 May‡	16 Jun‡
Higher Education Legislation Amendment (No. 3) 2004	5 Aug	10 Aug
Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment 2004	23 Jun	9 Aug
Indirect Tax Legislation Amendment (Small Business Measures) 2004	24 Jun	3 Aug
Marriage Legislation Amendment 2004	27 May	17 Jun
Migration Amendment (Judicial Review) 2004	25 Mar	31 Mar
Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 2002	13 Mar‡‡	12 Dec‡‡
New International Tax Arrangements (Managed Funds and Other Measures) 2004	24 Jun	11 Aug
Schools Assistance (Learning Together-Achievement through Choice and Opportunity) 2004	23 Jun	5 Aug
States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Legislation Amendment 2004	23 Jun	5 Aug
Student Assistance Amendment 2003	26 Jun‡	11 Sep‡
Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) 2002	27 Jun‡‡	23 Oct‡‡
Superannuation Legislation Amendment 2002	27 Jun‡‡	23 Oct‡‡
Surveillance Devices 2004	24 Mar	1 Apr

‡‡ 2002

‡ 2003

Bills still before Senate (<i>continued</i>)	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Third reading</i>
Surveillance Devices (No. 2) 2004	24 Jun	24 Jun
Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 4) 2004	24 Jun	11 Aug
Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions Splitting) 2003	11 Sep‡	17 Sep‡
Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications) 2004	27 May	21 Jun
Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Post-2005 scheme) 2004	16 Jun	25 Jun
Trade Practices Legislation Amendment 2004	24 Jun	4 Aug
Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment 2004	23 Jun	11 Aug
Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards 2004	24 Jun	11 Aug
Workplace Relations Amendment (Award Simplification) 2002	13 Nov‡‡	1 Apr
Workplace Relations Amendment (Better Bargaining) 2003	6 Nov‡	17 Feb
Workplace Relations Amendment (Choice in Award Coverage) 2004 <i>(Previous citation: Workplace Relations Amendment (Choice in Award Coverage) 2002)</i>	13 Nov‡‡	11 Feb
Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) 2004	3 Jun	12 Aug
Workplace Relations Amendment (Protecting the Low Paid) 2003	13 Feb‡	5 Mar‡
Workplace Relations Amendment (Protecting Small Business Employment) 2004	26 May	25 Jun
Workplace Relations Amendment (Simplifying Agreement-making) 2004 <i>(Previous citation: Workplace Relations Amendment (Simplifying Agreement-making) 2002)</i>	26 Jun‡‡	12 Feb

Bills still before Senate — Total: 46
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‡‡ 2002

‡ 2003

Bills discharged or laid aside in House or removed from Notice Paper	<i>First reading moved</i>	<i>Discharged or removed</i>
Flags Amendment (Eureka Flag) 2003 ^R (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	1 Dec [‡]	10 Aug
Local Community Input into Renewable Energy Developments 2003 ^R (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	1 Dec [‡]	10 Aug
Migration Legislation Amendment (Children and Families) 2003 ^R (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	1 Dec [‡]	10 Aug
Racial and Religious Hatred 2003 ^R (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	1 Dec [‡]	10 Aug
Royal Commission (House of Representatives Elections) 2003 ^R (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	1 Dec [‡]	10 Aug

Bills discharged or laid aside in House or removed from Notice Paper — Total: 5

[‡] 2003

^R Removed from Notice Paper in accordance with standing order 104B.

There were no bills negatived or discharged in the Senate in the Spring sittings.

OTHER DETAILS

Second reading amendments moved	<i>Moved</i>	<i>Mover</i>
Higher Education Legislation Amendment (No.3) 2004	10 Aug	Ms Macklin
Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment 2004	5 Aug	Ms Livermore
Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement through Choice and Opportunity) 2004	4 Aug	Ms Macklin
Tax Laws Amendment (Wine Producer Rebate and Other Measures) 2004	3 Aug	Mr Cox
Trade Practices Legislation Amendment 2004	4 Aug	Mr Crean
Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment 2004	10 Aug	Ms Livermore
Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards 2004	11 Aug	K. J. Thomson

Second reading amendments moved — Total: 7

Bills referred to Main Committee	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Returned</i>
Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-siphoning) 2004 ^{WA}	10 Aug	11 Aug
Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) 2004 ^{WA}	10 Aug	11 Aug

Bills referred to Main Committee — Total: 2

^{WA} Agreed to without amendment.

There were no bills referred to or reported by committees in the Spring sittings.

There were no bills declared urgent ('guillotined') in the Spring sittings.

TARIFF PROPOSALS

There were no Tariff Proposals in the Spring sittings.

MOTIONS

Approvals of work

Parliamentary zone—

Construction of permanent access ramps to the rear entrance of Old Parliament House (*Mr Lloyd, 12 Aug*); agreed to

Public works—

Mid-life upgrade of existing chancery building for the Australian High Commission, Wellington, New Zealand (*Mr Slipper, 12 Aug*); agreed to

Provision of facilities for Headquarters Joint Operations Command, NSW (*Mr Slipper, 12 Aug*); agreed to

There were no Censure/Want of confidence motions in the Spring sittings.

Committees

Membership—

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee (*Mr Abbott, 3 Aug*); agreed to

Privileges—Standing Committee (*Mrs D.S. Vale, 12 Aug*); agreed to

Public Works—Standing Committee (*Mrs D.S. Vale, 12 Aug*); agreed to

Reference of work—

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—

(*Mr Slipper, 4 Aug*); agreed to

Private Members' business

Sudan (*Mr Danby, 9 Aug*); debated

War correspondents (*Mr Neville, 9 Aug*); debated

Procedural

Sessional and standing orders—Adoption—

That sessional order 84A (Interventions in the Main Committee) be adopted as a standing order with effect from the first day of the meeting of the 41st Parliament, and that the standing order be incorporated in the revised standing orders as standing order 66A; (*Mr Abbott, 13 Aug*); agreed to

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—

48A and 103 (*Mr Abbott, 12 Aug*); agreed to

Suspension of standing and sessional orders to enable—

Compelling the—

Treasurer attend the Chamber and immediately move the legislative amendments before the Parliament rises and before the election (*Mr Crean, 13 Aug*); negatived

Other

Membership—

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust (*Ms J. I. Bishop, 11 Aug*); agreed to

Death—Vote of condolence—

Jenkins, Hon Dr Henry Alfred (*Mr Howard, 3 Aug*); debated and agreed to

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no Statements by the Speaker or Deputy Speaker in the Spring sittings.

There were no Ministerial statements in the Spring sittings.

Matters of public importance discussed	<i>Member</i>	<i>Made</i>
Free Trade Agreement	Mr Latham	4 Aug
Free Trade Agreement	Mr Latham	5 Aug
Health and vaccines for children	Ms Gillard	10 Aug
Intelligence and national security	Mr Rudd	3 Aug
Public trust and confidence in government	Mr Latham	12 Aug
School funding	Ms Macklin	11 Aug

Parliamentary delegation reports	<i>Presented</i>
Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report on visit to—	
Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia, 8-23 Nov 2003	11 Aug
Australian Parliamentary Observer Delegation—Report on visit to—	
Presidential elections in Indonesia, 5 Jul 2004	9 Aug

COMMITTEES

Relates to period from the adjournment of the House on Saturday, 26 June (end of Winter sittings), until prorogation of Parliament and dissolution of the House on Tuesday, 31 August. All inquiries listed as 'current' lapsed at dissolution of the House.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Wakelin (*Chair*), Ms Hoare (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Cobb, Mrs Draper, Mr Haase, Dr Lawrence, Mr Lloyd, Mr Melham, Mr Snowdon, Mr Tollner

AGEING (Standing)

Membership

Mr Cobb (*Chair*), Ms Hall (*Deputy Chair*), Ms Corcoran, Ms Ellis, Ms Gambaro, Mr Hartsuyker, Mr Hunt, Mrs May, Mr Mossfield, Mr A D H Smith

Current inquiry

Long term strategies to address the ageing of the Australian population over the next 40 years

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (Standing)

Membership

Mrs Elson (*Chair*), Mr Adams (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Forrest, Mrs Ley, Mr Quick, Mr Schultz, Mr Secker, Mr Sidebottom, Mr Tuckey, Mr Windsor

Current inquiry

The impact on agriculture of pest animals

ASIO, ASIS AND DSD (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Jull (*Chair*), Mr Beazley, Senator Ferguson, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Senator Ray

Current inquiry

Administration, expenditure and financial statements of ASIO, ASIS and DSD

AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mr Sercombe (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Denman, Mr Dutton, Senator Ferris, Senator Greig, Senator Hutchins, Mr Kerr, Senator McGauran, Mr C P Thompson

Report

Examination of Annual Report on the National Crime Authority/Australian Crime Commission 2003/04 (released out of session 31 Aug)

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

The Speaker (*Chair*), The President (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Ferris, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Lindsay, Ms McFarlane, Mr Price, Senator Stephens

COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Baldwin (*Chair*), Mr Hatton (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Ciobo, Mr Farmer, Ms Grierson, Mr Johnson, Mr Pearce, Mr Sercombe, Mr Tanner, Mr Ticehurst

Current inquiry

Structure of Telstra

CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator Chapman (*Chair*), Senator Wong (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Brandis, Mr Byrne, Mr Ciobo, Senator Conroy, Mr Griffin, Mr Hunt, Mr McArthur, Senator Murray

Report

Corporate insolvency laws: A stocktake (*released out of session 30 Jun; presented 9 Aug*)

ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (Standing)

Membership

Mr Hawker (*Chair*), Ms Burke (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Albanese, Mr Cox, Ms Gambaro, Mr Griffin, Mr P E King, Mr Nairn, Mr Somlyay, Dr Southcott

Current inquiry

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Annual Report 2002-2003

Report

Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 2003 (*presented 13 Aug*)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING (Standing)

Membership

Mr Bartlett (*Chair*), Mr Sawford (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Albanese, Mr Farmer, Ms Gambaro, Mr Johnson, Mrs May, Mr Pearce, Ms Plibersek, Mr Sidebottom

ELECTORAL MATTERS (Joint Standing)*Membership*

Mr Georgiou (*Chair*), Mr Danby (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Brandis, Senator Faulkner, Mr Forrest, Senator Mason, Mr Melham, Senator Murray, Ms Panopoulos, Senator Ray

Current inquiry

Disclosure of donations to political parties and candidates

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Barresi (*Chair*), Ms Vamvakinou (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Dutton, Ms Hall, Mr Hartsuyker, Mr Lloyd, Mr B P J O'Connor, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Randall, Mr Wilkie

Current inquiry

Employment: Increasing participation in paid work

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Billson (*Chair*), Ms George (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Barresi, Mr Cobb, Mr Hunt, Mr Jenkins, Mr Kerr, Mr Lindsay, Ms Livermore, Mr McArthur

Current inquiry

Sustainable cities

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (Standing)*Membership*

Mrs Hull (*Chair*), Mrs Irwin (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Cadman, Mrs Draper, Mr Dutton, Ms George, Mr Pearce, Mr Price, Mr Quick, Mr C P Thompson

Current inquiry

Improving children's health and well being

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE (Joint Standing)*Membership*

Senator Ferguson (*Chair*), Mr Brereton (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Baird, Mr Baldwin, Mr Beazley, Mr Bevis, Senator Bolkus, Mr Byrne, Senator Cook, Mr Edwards, Senator Eggleston, Senator Evans, Mr L D T Ferguson, Mrs Gash, Senator Harradine, Mr Hawker, Senator Hutchins, Senator Johnston, Mr Jull, Mr Lindsay, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Marshall, Mrs Moylan, Mr Nairn, Senator Payne, Mr Price, Mr Prosser, Mr Scott, Mr Snowdon, Mr Somlyay, Senator Stott Despoja, Mr C P Thompson

Current inquiries

Australia's defence relations with the United States of America

Australia's relations with the United Nations

Australia's human rights dialogue process

Expanding Australia's trade and investment relationship with the economies of the Gulf States

Review of the Defence Annual Report 2002-2003

Scrutiny of the World Trade Organisation

Reports

Australia's engagement with the World Trade Organisation: A report on the proceedings of the annual public hearing (*released out of session 2 Jul; presented 9 Aug*)

Watching brief on the war on terrorism (*released out of session 29 Jun; presented 9 Aug*)

HOUSE (Standing)*Membership*

The Speaker, Mr Charles, Mrs Crosio, Mr Haase, Ms Jackson, Mr Quick, Mr Somlyay

INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Prosser (*Chair*), Mr Adams (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Haase, Mr Hatton, Mr Randall, Mr Sercombe, Mr C P Thompson, Mr Tollner, Dr Washer

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS (Standing)*Membership*

Mrs B K Bishop (*Chair*), Mr Murphy (*Deputy Chair*) (*to 3 Aug*), Mr Cadman, Mr Kerr (*to 3 Aug*), Mr McClelland (*to 3 Aug*), Ms Panopoulos, Mr Sciacca (*to 3 Aug*), Mr Secker, Mr Somlyay, Dr Washer

Reports

Crime in the community: victims, offenders, and fear of crime—Volumes one and two (*presented 11 Aug*)

Inquiry into the Exposure Draft of the Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Anti-Avoidance and Other Measures) Bill 2004 (*released out of session 23 Jul; presented 9 Aug*)

LIBRARY (Standing)*Membership*

The Speaker, Mr Adams, Mrs Draper, Mr L D T Ferguson, Mr Georgiou, Ms Hoare, Mr Randall

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Haase (*Chair*), Mr Jenkins (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs Crosio, Mr Lindsay, Mr Neville, Mr Quick,
Mr C P Thompson

MIGRATION (Joint Standing)*Membership*

Ms Gambaro (*Chair*), Mr Ripoll (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Mr L D T Ferguson,
Mrs Gash, Mrs Irwin, Senator Kirk, Mr Randall, Senator Tchen

**NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES
(Joint Standing)***Membership*

Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Causley, Ms Ellis, Senator Hogg,
Senator Lundy, Mr Neville, Senator Scullion, Mr Snowdon, Senator Stott Despoja, Mr C P Thompson,
Dr Washer

Current inquiries

Adequacy of funding for Australia's Antarctic Program

Norfolk Island Governance Part 2: Sustainability of Government Arrangements on Norfolk Island

Reports

Norfolk Island: Review of the Annual Reports of the Department of Transport and Regional Services and the
Department of the Environment and Heritage (*released out of session 2 Jul; presented 9 Aug*)

A national capital, a place to live: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority (*released out of
session 2 Jul; presented 9 Aug*)

Difficulty Choices: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority in determining the extent of
redevelopment for the Pierces Creek Settlement in the ACT (*released out of session 31 Aug*)

Indian Ocean Territories - Review of the Annual Reports of the Department of Transport and Regional
Services and the Department of the Environment and Heritage (Australia's external territories) (*released out
of session 31 Aug*)

**NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER LAND FUND (Joint Statutory)***Membership*

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Senator McLucas (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Crossin, Mrs Hull, Senator Lees, Mrs
Ley, Mr McMullan, Senator Scullion, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon

Current inquiry

Native Title Representative Bodies

PRIVILEGES (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), Mr McLeay (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Barresi (*nominee of the Leader of the House*), Ms Plibersek (*nominee of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition*), Mr Baird, Mr Billson (*to 12 Aug*), Mrs B K Bishop, Mr Brereton, Mr M J Ferguson, Mr McArthur (*from 12 Aug*), Mr Sawford, Mr Scott

PROCEDURE (Standing)*Membership*

Mrs May (*Chair*), Mr Price (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs B K Bishop, Mr M J Ferguson, Mr Haase, Mr P E King, Ms Vamvakinou

Current inquiries

Enhancing public knowledge of parliamentary proceedings
Opportunities for Private Members in the Main Committee

Reports

Media coverage of House proceedings: Including the Chamber, Main Committee and committees—interim report (*released out of session 29 Jun; presented 9 Aug*)

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (Joint Statutory)*Membership*

Mr Charles (*Chair*), Ms Plibersek (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Ciobo, Mr Cobb, Mr Georgiou, Ms Grierson, Mr Griffin, Senator Hogg, Senator Humphries, Ms C F King, Mr P E King, Senator Moore, Senator Murray, Senator Scullion, Mr Somlyay, Senator Watson

Current inquiries

Indigenous law and justice
Review of Auditor-General's reports

Reports

Report 401—Annual report 2003-2004 (*presented 11 Aug*)
Report 402—Review of Auditor-General's reports 2003-2004, first and second quarters (*presented 13 Aug*)

PUBLIC WORKS (Joint Statutory)*Membership*

Mrs Moylan (*Chair*), Mr B P J O'Connor (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Colbeck, Senator Ferguson, Senator Forshaw, Mr Jenkins, Mr Lindsay, Mr Lloyd (*to 12 Aug*), Mr Ripoll, Mr Wakelin (*from 12 Aug*)

Current inquiries

Development of a new collection storage facility for the National Library of Australia at Hume, ACT

Ordinance breakdown facility, proof and experimental establishment site, Port Wakefield, SA

Proposed development of land at Lee Point, Darwin, for Defence and private housing

Proposed development of land for Defence housing at McDowall in Brisbane

Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Attorney-General's Department at 3-5 National Circuit, Barton, ACT

Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources in Civic, ACT

Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet at 1 National Circuit, Barton, ACT

Proposed new East Building for the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, ACT

Reports

Mid-life upgrade of existing chancery building for the Australian High Commission, Wellington, New Zealand (*presented 11 Aug*)

Provision of facilities for Headquarters Joint Operations Command, NSW (*presented 11 Aug*)

PUBLICATIONS (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Randall (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Cobb, Mrs Elson, Mr Evans, Ms J S McFarlane, Mr Tollner

Report

6th Report (*presented 12 Aug*)

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Nairn (*Chair*), Ms Corcoran (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Evans, Mr Forrest, Ms Grierson, Mr Hatton, Mr Lindsay, Mr A D H Smith, Mr Ticehurst, Dr Washer

Current inquiry

Review of the Department of Education, Science and Training Annual Report 2002-03

SELECTION (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Causley (*Chair*), Mr Bartlett (*from 3 Aug*), Mrs Crosio, Mr Danby, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Hawker, Mr Lloyd (*to 3 Aug*), Mr McArthur, Mr Neville, Mr Quick, Mr Wilkie

Reports relating to the program of business on Monday—

9 Aug (*presented 4 Aug*)

30 Aug (*presented 10 Aug*)

TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Neville (*Chair*), Mr Gibbons (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Andren, Mr Haase, Mrs Ley, Mr McArthur, Mr Mossfield, Ms O'Byrne, Mr Schultz, Mr Secker

Current inquiry

Privatisation of regional infrastructure and government business enterprises.

TREATIES (Joint Standing)*Membership*

Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Mr Wilkie (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Bartlett, Senator Bartlett, Mr Ciobo, Mr Evans, Mr Hunt, Mr P E King, Senator Kirk, Senator Marshall, Senator Mason, Senator Santoro, Mr Scott, Senator Stephens, Senator Tchen

Current inquiries

International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

Treaties tabled on 12 May 2004

Treaties tabled on 22 June 2004

Treaties tabled on 4 August 2004

Report

Report 62—Treaties tabled on 30 March 2004 (*presented 5 Aug*)

RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no schedules of government responses in the Spring sittings.

Government responses to individual reports	<i>Presented</i>
Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—	
Report 395—Inquiry into the draft Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill	3 Aug
Treaties—Joint Standing Committee	
Report 56—Treaties tabled on 8 October 2003	12 Aug

PAPERS

Title	<i>Presented</i>
Auditor-General—	
Audit report for 2003-2004—	
No. 58—Financial statement audit—Controls structures as part of the audit of financial statements of major Australian government entities for the year ending 30 June 2004	3 Aug
No. 59—Performance audit—Defence's Project Bushranger: Acquisition of infantry mobility vehicles: Department of Defence.....	3 Aug
Audit report for 2004-2005—	
No. 01—Performance audit—Sale and leaseback of the Australian Defence College Weston Creek: Department of Defence	3 Aug
No. 02—Performance audit—Onshore compliance—Visa overstayers and non-citizens working illegally: Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.....	3 Aug
No. 03—Business support process audit—Management of internal audit in Commonwealth agencies	3 Aug
No. 04—Performance audit—Management of customer debt: Centrelink.....	3 Aug
No. 05—Performance audit—Management of the standard defence supply system upgrade: Department of Defence.....	4 Aug
No. 06—Performance audit—Performance management in the Australian Public Service	5 Aug
No. 07—Performance audit—Administration of taxation rulings: Follow-up audit: Australian Taxation Office.....	10 Aug
No. 08—Performance audit—Management of bilateral relations with selected countries: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.....	12 Aug
Australian Intelligence Agencies—Inquiry—Report by Philip Flood, July 2004	3 Aug
Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report on visits to Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia—8 to 23 November 2003	11 Aug
Australian Parliamentary Observer Delegation to the Presidential elections in Indonesia, 5 July 2004—Report, July 2004.....	9 Aug
Crimes Act—Report—Independent review of Division 11A of Part 1D: Forensic procedures—Overseas incidents, July 2004.....	11 Aug
Customs Act—	
Conduct of customs officers—Report under subsection 233(3A) of the Act—2003-2004.....	11 Aug
Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations—Permissions granted under regulation 7—1 January to 30 June 2004	4 Aug
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Transnational terrorism: The threat to Australia—White paper	
Doping allegations within the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Track Sprint Cycling Program—Independent inquiry by Hon. Robert Anderson QC to Australian Sports Commission and Cycling Australia—Report dealing with first three terms of reference, together with addendum to report.....	3 Aug
Infant Formula—Advisory panel on the marketing of infant formula in Australia—Report 2002-03.....	3 Aug
Interactive Gambling Act 2001—Review of the operation of the Act—Report, July 2004.....	3 Aug
Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report 2002-03.....	3 Aug
National Health and Medical Research Council—NHMRC Licensing Committee—Report to the Parliament of Australia for the period—1 October 2003 to 31 March 2004.....	3 Aug
Productivity Commission—Reports—	
No. 29—Impacts of native vegetation and biodiversity regulations, 8 April 2004.....	10 Aug
No. 30—Review of the <i>Disability Discrimination Act 1992</i> , 30 April 2004—	
Volume 1—Chapters.....	3 Aug
Volume 2—Appendices	3 Aug
No. 31—Review of the gas access regime, 11 June 2004.....	10 Aug

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Review of the corporate governance of statutory authorities and office holders—	
Government response	12 Aug
Report, June 2003	12 Aug
Treaties—	
Bilateral—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures—	
Agreement on Bilateral Cooperation between the Government of Australia and the	
Government of the Kingdom of Thailand, done at Canberra on 5 July 2004	4 Aug
Joint Agreement on enhanced cooperation between Australia and Papua New	
Guinea, done at Port Moresby on 30 June 2004	4 Aug
Termination of the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the	
Government of the Slovak Republic on trade and economic cooperation, done at	
Canberra on 23 April 1999	4 Aug
Treaty between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand	
establishing certain exclusive economic zone and continental shelf boundaries,	
done at Adelaide on 25 July 2004	4 Aug
Multilateral—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures—Convention	
for the unification of certain rules for international carriage by air, done at Montreal	
on 28 May 1999 [replacing the Warsaw Convention]	4 Aug
United Nations—	
Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or	
Punishment—Committee Against Torture—Communications—No. 148/1999—	
Decision	4 Aug
Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights—Human	
Rights Committee—Communications—	
No. 1253/2004—Outline	4 Aug
No. 1254/2004—Outline	4 Aug
No. 1255/2004—Outline	4 Aug
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PETITIONS

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Ageing and aged care	3	241
Animal welfare	1	32
Centrelink	2	432
Child care	1	1,093
Defence and defence facilities	4	239
Domestic violence	2	231
Education and education funding	6	825
Electoral matters	1	162
Foreign affairs and human rights	7	1,449
Health and Medicare	14	5,404
Immigration, refugees and asylum seekers	5	396
Postal and telecommunication services	3	114
Religion	1	47
Roads and road funding	1	148

Total	51	10,813
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MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

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Total number of sittings in 2004: 48 *No. of sittings Member present in 2004:* Column B

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| <p>a Leave granted 22 Mar to 1 Apr incl.</p> <p>c Leave granted 23 Mar to 1 Apr incl.</p> | <p>b Leave granted 8 Mar to 1 Apr and 13 May to 24 Jun incl.</p> <p>d Leave granted 22 Mar to 1 Apr and 13 May to 24 Jun incl.</p> |
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