

APPENDIX 3

Committee of Privileges Reports 1966–2012

Report, date tabled	Reference*	Findings, recommendations, action by Senate
1st Report: <i>Unauthorised Publication of Draft Committee Report</i> , PP No. 163/1971 Tabled 13/5/1971, J.605	Referred by Senate: motion moved by Chairman of Select Committee on Drug Trafficking and Drug Abuse (Senator Marriott) and agreed to 4/5/1971, J.555	Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the publication prior to presentation to the Senate of contents of report constituted a breach of the privileges of the Senate• the editor and publisher of the relevant newspapers were the responsible and culpable persons• the Senate has the power to commit to prison, to fine, to reprimand or admonish, or to otherwise withdraw facilities held, by courtesy of the Senate, in and around its precincts Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• that the editor and publisher be reprimanded• that any such breach in future be met by a much heavier penalty Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report adopted 13/5/71, J.606; persons attended and reprimanded 14/5/71, J.612

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<p>2nd Report: <i>Executive Government Claim of Privilege</i>, PP 215/1975 Tabled 7/10/1975, J.936</p>	<p>Referred by Senate: motion moved by Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Withers, amendment moved by Leader of Government in the Senate (Senator Wriedt, amendment negatived, motion agreed to 17/7/1975, J.836</p>	<p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no breach of privilege involved (majority report) • claims of executive privilege were misconceived but that no action should be taken by the Senate (dissenting report) <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • motion for adoption of dissenting report debated 17/2/77 (J.571)
<p>3rd Report: <i>Security in Parliament House</i>, PP 22/1978 Tabled 30/5/1978, J.207</p>	<p>Referred by Senate: motion moved by Senator Button, amendment moved by Senator Chaney agreed to, motion as amended agreed to 4/4/1978, J.88-9</p>	<p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resolutions should be passed by both Houses to establish the police authority for Parliament's own protection • external and internal policing of Parliament should be within the jurisdiction of one force • a position of security coordinator, directly responsible to the Presiding Officers, should be permanently created • certain methods of identification of members and visitors should be instituted • an effective protection system is necessary for Parliament House and its occupants • details of the agreed system should be incorporated in standing orders <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report noted 17/8/1978, J.310

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4th Report: <i>Quotation of Unparliamentary Language in Debate</i> , PP No. 214/1979 29/5/1979, J.748	Referred by Senate: motion moved by Senator Georges and agreed to 29/5/1979, J.748	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> question not a matter of privilege Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> matter should be referred to Standing Orders Committee for consideration Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 20/9/1979, J.936
5th Report: <i>Imprisonment of a Senator</i> , PP No. 273/1979 30/8/1979, J.901-2	Referred by Senate: motion moved by Senator Georges and agreed to 30/8/1979, J.901-2	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> imprisonment of a certain senator did not attract the privilege of freedom from arrest Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that certain resolutions relating to notification of detention of senators should be agreed to if resolutions agreed to, Commonwealth and State Presiding Officers and Attorneys-General should confer upon action to be taken to secure compliance Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> resolutions agreed to 26/2/1980, J.1153
6th Report: <i>Harassment of a Senator</i> , PP No. 137/1981 26/5/1981, J.271-2	Referred by Senate: motion moved by Senator Harradine and agreed to 26/5/1981, J.271-2	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contempt found but no action recommended other than adoption of report Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 22/10/1981, J.591

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<p>7th Report: <i>Unauthorised Publication of Committee Evidence taken in camera</i>, PP No. 298/1984 17/10/1984, J.1243</p>	<p>Referred by Senate: motion moved by Chairman of Select Committee on the Conduct of a Judge (Senator Tate) and agreed to 14/6/1984, J.992; motion moved by Chairman of Committee of Privileges (Senator Childs) and agreed to 27/8/1984, J.1029</p>	<p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • publication constituted serious contempt of Senate • editor and publisher of relevant newspaper should be held responsible and culpable for the publication • author of articles culpable for the contempt • publications were based on unauthorised disclosure by unknown person(s), and that such disclosure, if wilfully and knowingly made, constitutes serious contempt of Senate • that committee would report on the question of penalty after persons affected place submissions before committee <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 24/10/1984, J.1295
<p>8th Report: <i>Question of Appropriate Penalties Arising from the 7th Report of the Committee</i>, PP No. 239/1985 23/5/1985, J.3174</p>	<p>Referred by Senate: motion moved by Chairman of Standing Committee of Privileges (Senator Childs) and agreed to 27/2/1985, J.64</p>	<p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that no penalty be imposed at that time but that if further offence committed within the remainder of the session of Parliament consideration be given to imposing an appropriate penalty for present offence • that legislation be introduced to put the power of the Houses of Parliament to fine beyond doubt
<p>9th Report: <i>The Improper Disclosure and Misrepresentation by a Departmental Officer of an Amendment Prepared for Moving in the Senate</i>, PP No. 506/1985 16/9/1985, J.454</p>	<p>Referred by Senate: Motion moved by Senator Haines and agreed to 23/4/1985, J.193</p>	<p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that matter be not further pursued <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 18/9/1985, J.470

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10th Report: <i>Detention of a Senator</i> , PP No. 433/1986 5/12/1986, J.1571	Referred by Senate: Motion moved by Senator Reynolds and agreed to 13/11/1985, J.594	<p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that certain resolutions be passed • that the Senate give consideration to the alteration of the immunity from arrest and detention <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resolutions agreed to 18/3/1987, J.1693–4
11th Report: <i>The Circulation of Petitions</i> , PP No. 46/1988 2/6/1988, J.843	Referred by Senate: advisory report; President determined precedence to notice of motion 15/3/1988; motion moved by Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney) 16/3/1988; amendment moved by Senator Collins agreed to, motion as amended agreed to 16/3/1988, J.556	<p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the circulation of petitions is not absolutely privileged and is probably not subject to qualified privilege • that a change to the law would be required if Parliament were to determine that circulation of petitions should be privileged • that the circulation of petitions containing defamatory matter should not be privileged • that the circulation of most petitions requires no special protection and that therefore no change to present law is warranted <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report noted 2/11/1988, J.1065
12th Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate - Mr T Motion</i> , PP No. 385/1988 7/12/1988, J.1264	Referred by President: 30/11/1988	<p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that response be incorporated in Hansard <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 13/12/1988, J.1297
Report 13: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate - Mr I R Cornelius</i> , PP 386/1988 14/12/1988, J.1314	Referred by President: 12/12/1988	<p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that response be incorporated in Hansard <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 14/12/1988, J.1314

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14th Report: <i>Possible False or Misleading Evidence and Manipulation of Evidence before Senate Committees - Travel by Aboriginal Community Representatives</i> , PP No. 461/1989	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to notice of motion 7/11/1988, motion moved by Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney) and agreed to 8/11/1988, J.1098-9	<p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that on evidence available to the Committee no false or misleading evidence was given to Estimates Committee E in relation to attendance of officers, (b) there was no attempt to manipulate the evidence laid before the Select Committee, and (c) therefore no contempt was committed <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report noted 12/4/1989, J.1549
15th Report: <i>Possible False or Misleading Evidence before a Senate Estimates Committee - Department of Defence Project Parakeet</i> , PP No. 461/1989	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to notice of motion 5/12/1988, motion moved by Senator MacGibbon and agreed to 6/12/1988, J.1247	<p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as there was no intention to give false or misleading evidence to a Senate Estimates Committee, no contempt committed <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report noted 12/4/1989, J.1549
16th Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate - Mr C Wyatt</i> , PP No. 461/1989	Referred by President: 11/4/1989	<p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that response be incorporated in Hansard <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 5/5/1989, J.1606
17th Report: <i>Possible Improper Interference with a Witness - Drugs in Sport Inquiry</i> , PP No. 461/1989	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to notice of motion 8/12/1988, motion moved by Chairman of Environment, Recreation and the Arts Committee (Senator Black), by leave, and agreed to 8/12/1988, J.1276-7	<p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • because requisite intention not established, no contempt committed <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finding endorsed 4/10/1989, J.2087-8
Finding separately reported to Senate 11/5/1989, J.1662		

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18th Report: <i>Possible Interference with Witnesses in Consequence of their giving evidence before Senate Select Committee on Administration of Aboriginal Affairs</i> , PP No. 461/1989	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to notice of motion 2/11/1988, motion moved by Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney) and agreed to 3/11/1988, J.1070	<p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in relation to term of reference (1)(a) (resolution of 23 May 1988) no contempt committed • in relation to term of reference (1)(b) (Presentation of papers and submissions) no contempt committed • in relation to term of reference (1)(c) (resolution of no confidence in Mrs S McPherson) in particular circumstances of case finding of contempt should not be made • in relation to paragraph (1)(d) (proposed transfer of Mr M O'Brien) no contempt committed <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • findings endorsed 4/10/1989, J.2087
16/6/1989, J.1921		
19th Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate - Sir Charles Court</i> , PP No. 461/1989	Referred by President: 25/9/1989	<p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that response be incorporated in Hansard <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 27/10/1989, J.2171
27/10/1989, J.2171		
20th Report: <i>Possible Unauthorised Disclosure of Senate Committee Report</i> , PP No. 461/1989	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to notice of motion 17/8/1989, motion moved by Senator Hamer, at the request of Senator Teague, and agreed to 18/8/1989, J.1961	<p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that a finding of contempt should not be made in light of all circumstances • that no further action should be taken <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the President draw paragraph 6(16) of the Privilege Resolutions and standing order 37 to the attention of Senators • that a proposal for the early tabling of committee reports when the Senate meets in the mornings be referred to the Procedure Committee for consideration <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Findings endorsed and recommendations adopted 16/5/1990, J.96-7
21/12/1989, J.2445		

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<p>21st Report: <i>Possible Adverse Treatment of a Witness before the Select Committee on the Administration of Aboriginal Affairs</i>, PP No. 461/1989 22/12/1989, J.2465</p>	<p>Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to notice of motion 9/3/1989, motion moved by Senator P Baume, debated and agreed to 9/3/1989, J.1458-9</p>	<p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that there was adverse treatment of Mr M Pope by Messrs Wyatt and Stewart partially in consequence of Mr Pope's having given evidence to a Senate Committee • that a contempt was committed in each case although not serious <p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that in the light of apologies no further action should be taken <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of motion given for next day of sitting not less than 7 days after the day on which notice given - that Senate endorse findings 22/12/1989, J.2466. Fresh notice given 9/5/1990, J.37. Findings endorsed 16/5/1990, J.97
<p>22nd Report: <i>Possible Unauthorised Disclosure of Senate Committee Submission</i>, PP No. 45/1990 9/5/1990 J.41</p>	<p>Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to notice of motion 5/12/1989, motion moved by Chairman of Select Committee on Health Legislation and Health Insurance (Senator Crowley) and agreed to 6/12/1989, J.2321</p>	<p>Finding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that in the light of circumstances no finding of contempt should be made <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that an appropriate warning about conditions of disclosure be given in public advertisements calling for submissions, in notes to witnesses, and in letter acknowledging receipt of submissions • that persons making submissions be notified when submissions are publicly released by a committee <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finding endorsed and recommendations adopted 23/5/1990, J.130
<p>23rd Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate —Mr A E Harris</i>, PP No. 45/1990 25/5/1990, J.144</p>	<p>Referred by President: 26/2/1990</p>	<p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that response be incorporated in Hansard <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted and noted 25/5/1990, J.146

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24th Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate—Dr P Ingram Cromack</i> , PP No. 438/1990	Referred by President: 18/7/1990	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 19/9/1990, J.293
19/9/1990, J.293		
25th Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate—Mr A E Harris</i> , PP No. 438/1990	Referred by President: 23/8/1990	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 17/10/1990, J.345
17/10/1990, J.345		
26th Report: <i>Possible Misleading Evidence before a Senate Estimates Committee—Department of Defence Asbestos in Royal Australian Navy Ships</i> , PP No. 438/1990	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to notice of motion 23/8/1990, motion moved by Senator Newman and agreed to 24/8/1990, J.250-1	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no contempt committed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 14/11/1990, J.449
8/11/1990, J.398		
27th Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate—Sir William Keys</i> , PP No. 438/1990	Referred by President: 26/11/1990	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted, J.493, motion to take note, J.494 29/11/1990; report noted 5/12/1990, J.510
29/11/1990, J.493		
28th Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate—Mr C H Cannon</i> , PP No. 438/1990	Referred by President: 11/12/1990	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 19/12/1990, J.644
19/12/1990, J.644		

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29th Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate — The Honourable Tom Uren</i> PP No. 438/1990 19/12/1990, J.646	Referred by President: 17/12/1990	Recommendation • that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate • report adopted 19/12/1990, J.646
30th Report: <i>Possible Improper Influence or Penalty on a Witness in respect of Evidence before a Senate Committee</i> , PP No. 258/1991 6/3/1991, J.812	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to notice of motion 17/10/1990, motion moved by Chairman of Environment, Recreation and the Arts Committee (Senator Crowley) and agreed to 18/10/1990, J.359	Finding • no contempt committed Action by Senate • finding endorsed 7/3/1991, J.831
31st Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate — Sir William Keys</i> , PP No. 258/1991 11/3/1991, J.842	Referred by President: 11/12/1990	Recommendation • that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate • report adopted 11/3/1991, J.842
32nd Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate — Ms Patsy Harmsen</i> , PP No. 258/1991 21/6/1991, J.1280	Referred by President: 19/6/1991	Recommendation • that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate • report adopted 21/6/1991, J.1280
33rd Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate — Dr Alex Proudfoot</i> , FRACP, PP No. 470/1991 3/9/1991, J.1452	Referred by President: 21/8/1991	Recommendation • that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate • report adopted 3/9/1991, J.1452

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34th Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate—Ms Jeannie Cameron</i> , PP No. 470/1991	Referred by President: 13/11/1991	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 14/11/1991, J.1726
35th Report: <i>Report on Work Since Passage of Privilege Resolutions of 25 February 1988</i> , PP No. 467/1991	General report	Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report noted 26/3/1992, J.2133
2/12/1991, J.1811		
36th Report: <i>Possible Improper Interference with a Witness and Possible Misleading Evidence Before the National Crime Authority Committee</i> , PP No. 194/1992	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to notice of motion 8/11/1990, motion moved by Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Hill) and agreed to 12/11/1990, J.410	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> committee determined that no contempt should be found Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that sections 51 and 55 of the <i>National Crime Authority Act 1984</i> should be clarified that any conflict between accountability of statutory bodies to Parliament and secrecy requirements should be resolved during passage of legislation through Parliament that the Scrutiny of Bills Committee might appropriately draw such provisions to the attention of Parliament that urgent consideration should be given to legislation such as the Parliamentary Privileges Amendment (Effect of Other Laws) Bill 1991 that the Senate should warn persons dealing with Houses of Parliament and their committees to direct attention to the real effects of their actions, and in particular to answer committees' questions as fully and frankly as possible Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed and recommendations adopted 17/12/1992, J.3427
25/6/1992, J.2623		

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37th Report: <i>Possible Improper Interference with Witnesses before the Community Affairs Committee</i> , PP No. 235/1992	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to motion 2/4/1992, motion moved by Chair of Community Affairs Committee (Senator Zakharov) and agreed to 2/4/1992, J.2178	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no finding of contempt can or should be made Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 17/12/1992, J.3427
38th Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate — The Honourable Paul B Toose</i> , PP No. 540/1992	Referred by Deputy President: 6/10/1992	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report adopted 13/10/1992, J.2891
39th Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate - Mr Dale E Hennessy</i> , PP No. 540/1992	Referred by President: 24/11/1992	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report adopted and noted 17/12/1992, J.3426
40th Report: <i>Persons Referred to in the Senate - Ms Margaret Piper, Ms Eve Lester and Mr Seth Richardson</i> , PP No. 40/1992	Referred by President: 14/12/1992	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted and noted 17/12/1992, J.3426
17/12/1992, J.3426		
41st Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate — Mr R.S. Lippiatt</i> , PP No 82/1993	Referred by President: after consultation with Committee of Privileges, 26/8/1992	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report adopted 12/5/1993, J.126
12/5/1993, J.126		

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42nd Report: <i>Possible Adverse Treatment of a Witness before the Corporations and Securities Committee</i> , PP 85/1993 27/5/1993, J.310	Referred by Senate: Deputy President determined precedence to motion 8/10/1992, motion moved by Senator Bell, at the request of Senator Spindler, and agreed to 12/10/1992, J.2879	<p data-bbox="181 866 208 971">Findings</p> <ul data-bbox="221 190 611 971" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="221 694 248 971">• In respect of charge F - <ol data-bbox="255 190 611 971" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="255 190 315 971">(a) laying the charge could deter other witnesses from appearing before other committees <li data-bbox="322 190 383 971">(b) laying the charge had the effect of penalising a witness for having given evidence in a private capacity to a committee <li data-bbox="389 190 436 971">(c) a contempt was committed in laying charge <li data-bbox="443 637 470 971">• In respect of charges A to E - <ol data-bbox="477 190 611 971" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="477 190 537 971">(a) charges A to E were not laid with the intention of penalising the witness, nor did the laying of these charges have such an effect <li data-bbox="544 190 611 971">(b) on the evidence, no contempt was involved in the laying of charges A to E
		<p data-bbox="631 761 658 971">Recommendations</p> <ul data-bbox="672 190 873 971" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="672 561 698 971">• that the Senate endorse the findings <li data-bbox="705 190 772 971">• that no penalty should be imposed in respect of the identified contempts <li data-bbox="779 190 873 971">• that the Senate pass a resolution relating to the study by senior public servants of the operation of Parliament and their accountability to Parliament
		<p data-bbox="887 780 913 971">Action by Senate</p> <ul data-bbox="927 190 1055 971" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="927 190 1055 971">• report noted 27/5/1993, J.310; notice of motion given for next day of sitting not less than 7 days after the day on which notice given - that Senate endorse findings and adopt recommendations, 27/5/1993, J.310-11
		<p data-bbox="1068 618 1095 971">Findings and recommendations</p> <ul data-bbox="1108 190 1239 971" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1108 190 1239 971">• debated 30/9/1993, J.557; amendment moved by Senator Cooney, negated, findings endorsed and recommendations adopted 21/10/1993, J.684; President's response 16/3/1994, J.1413; Government response 22/8/1995, J.3650

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43rd Report: <i>Possible Threats to Senate Select Committee or Senators</i> , PP 389/1993 15/12/1993, J.1028	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to motion 4/5/1993, motion moved by Senator Reynolds and Senator Walters and agreed to 5/5/1993, J.67	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> committee did not find that contempt committed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 3/2/1994, J.1198
44th Report: <i>Possible Improper Interference with or Misleading Reports of Proceedings of Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee</i> , PP 390/1993 15/12/1993, J.1028	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to motion 8/8/1993, motion moved by Chair of Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (Senator Cooney) and agreed to 30/8/1993, J.405	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> committee did not find that contempt committed Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that The Watchdog Association Incorporated place an appropriate notification of the matters raised in this report, and the Committee's conclusions, in The Watchdog Reporter as soon as possible after the Senate has considered and adopted this recommendation Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed, recommendation adopted 3/2/1994, J.1198 Watchdog Association complied with Senate order 15/3/1994, J.1394
45th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate —Mr T.T. Vajda</i> , PP 4/1994 7/2/1994, J.1208	Referred by President: 28/1/1994	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 7/2/1994, J.1209
46th Report: <i>Possible False or Misleading Information given to Estimates Committee E or the Senate</i> , PP 43/1994 2/3/1994, J.1342	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to motion 28/9/1993, motion moved by Senator Ferguson and agreed to 29/9/1993, J.528	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> committee determined that it should not find that contempt committed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finding endorsed 24/3/1994, J.1524

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47th Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate - Councillor Michael Samaras</i> , PP 112/1994	Referred by President: 11/5/1994	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 2/6/1994, J.1746
31/5/1994, J.1713		
48th Report: <i>Possible Improper Disclosure of Document or Proceedings of Migration Committee</i> , PP 113/1994	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence to motion 25/11/1993, motion moved by Chair of Migration Committee (Senator McKiernan) and agreed to 25/11/1993, J.901	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> committee did not find that contempt committed Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that question of journalistic ethics be referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed, recommendation adopted 30/6/1994, J.1999
8/6/1994, J.1778		
49th Report: <i>Parliamentary Privileges Amendment (Enforcement of Lawful Orders)</i> , Bill 1994, PP 171/1994	Referred by Senate: Advisory report; Motion moved by Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Kernot) 12/5/1994, agreed to 12/5/1994, J.1683	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the Bill not be proceeded with Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report noted 19/9/1994, J.2160
19/9/1994, J.2160		

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<p>50th Report: <i>Possible Improper Interference with a Witness and Possible False or Misleading Answers given to the Senate or a Senate Committee</i>, PP 322/1994</p>	<p>Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 19/5/1993. Motion moved by Senator Watson and agreed to 20/5/1993, J.214</p>	<p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that a threatening call was made to a witness and this constituted a serious contempt. The Committee was unable to discover the source of the call. • the witness suffered penalty or injury but the Committee could not establish whether this was as a result of his giving evidence to a committee • answers and evidence to the Senate and committees did not constitute a contempt <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the Senate request the Comptroller-General of Customs to circulate copies of this report to all senior officers of the Australian Customs Service • that the following matter be referred by the Senate to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continuing scrutiny of the implementation of recommendations contained in the Conroy Report entitled Review of the Australian Customs Service, tabled in the Senate on 8/2/1994.
<p>51st Report: <i>Possible Penalty or Injury to a Witness before the Employment, Education and Training Committee</i>, PP 4/1995</p>	<p>Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 30/5/1994. Motion moved by Senator Crane and agreed to 31/5/1994, J.1711</p>	<p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • findings endorsed and recommendations adopted 2/2/1995, J.2863 <p>Finding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • committee did not find that contempt committed <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finding endorsed 2/3/1995, J.3008
<p>7/2/1995, J.2899</p>		

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52nd Report: <i>Parliamentary Privileges Amendment (Enforcement of Lawful Orders, Bill 1994 Casselden Place Reference</i> , PP 21/1995 1/3/1995, J.2984	Referred by Senate: Advisory report; motion moved by Senator Spindler and agreed to 22/6/1994, J.830-31	Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report noted 2/3/1995, J.3008
53rd Report: <i>Possible Threat to a Senator</i> , PP 44/1995 22/3/1995, J.3107	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 19/10/1994. Motion moved by Senator Parer and agreed to 20/10/1994, J.2342	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> committee did not find that contempt committed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 23/3/1995, J.3136
54th Report: <i>Possible Unauthorised disclosure of a submission to the Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority</i> , PP 133/1995 30/6/1995, J.3602	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 2/3/1994. Motion moved by Deputy Chairman of Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority (Senator Amanda Vanstone) and agreed to 3/3/1994, J.1359	Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that a submission and letter from a WA Police Superintendent received in camera by the Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority was improperly disclosed and that such disclosure constituted a serious contempt the committee was unable to establish the source of the improper disclosure, owing to the constraints on its capacity to examine members of the SA legislature responsible for publishing and referring to the two documents in each house Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if the source of the improper disclosure is subsequently revealed, that the matter again be referred to the committee, with a view to a possible prosecution for an offence under s.13 of the <i>Parliamentary Privileges Act 1987</i> Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> findings endorsed and recommendation adopted 24/8/1995, J.3694

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55th Report: <i>Possible Penalty or Injury to a Witness Before the Standing Committee on Industry, Science, Technology, Transport, Communications and Infrastructure</i> , PP 134/1995 30/6/1995, J.3602	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 27/10/1993. Motion moved by Chair of Industry, Science, Technology, Transport, Communications and Infrastructure Committee (Senator Childs) and agreed to 18/11/1993, J.812	<p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that a statement issued by the NT Minister for Health and Community Services could be regarded as constituting a threat to Dr Philip Nitschke • that Dr Philip Nitschke was penalised by the Royal Darwin Hospital through the failure to offer him an early contract for 1994 as a Resident Medical Officer • that the threat was not made and penalties were not imposed in consequence of Dr Nitschke's appearance before the Senate Standing Committee on Industry, Science, Technology, Transport, Communications and Infrastructure • committee determined that no finding of contempt be made <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • findings endorsed 24/8/1995, J.3694
56th Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate - Ms Yolanda Brooks</i> , PP 135/1995 30/6/1995, J.3602	Referred by President: 20/6/1995	<p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the response be incorporated in Hansard <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report adopted 24/8/1995, J.3694
57th Report: <i>Possible Penalty or Injury Imposed on Witnesses before the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation</i> , PP 183/1995 17/10/1995, J.3937	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 16/12/1993. Motion moved by Senator West, on behalf of Superannuation Committee, and agreed to 16/12/1993, J.1073	<p>Finding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • committee determined not to make finding that contempt committed <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finding endorsed 19/10/1995, J.3984

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58th Report: <i>Possible Improper Interference with a Witness before Select Committee on Unresolved Whistleblower Cases</i> , PP 476/1995	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 29/6/1995. Motion moved by Senator Foreman, on behalf of Chair of Select Committee on Unresolved Whistleblower Cases (Senator Murphy), and agreed to 30/6/1995, J.3600	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no contempt of the Senate committed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 9/5/1996, J.146
26/10/1995, J.4069		
59th Report: <i>Person Referred to in the Senate - Mrs Esther Crichton-Browne</i> , PP 475/1995	Referred by President: 22/11/1995	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 9/5/1996, J.146
1/12/1995, J.4345		
60th Report: <i>Possible unauthorised disclosure of documents or private deliberations of the Select Committee on the Dangers of Radioactive Waste</i> , PP 9/1996	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 29/6/1995; motion moved by Chair of Select Committee on the Dangers of Radioactive Waste (Senator Chapman) and agreed to 30/6/1995, J.3600	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no question of contempt involved Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that a resolution be adopted for committee proceedings following unauthorised disclosure of proceedings Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed and recommendation adopted 20/6/1996, J.361
30/4/1996, J.31		
61st Report: <i>Possible false or misleading statements to Senate Select Committee on Public Interest Whistleblowing</i> , PP 10/1996	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 9/3/1995; motion moved by Chair of Select Committee on Public Interest Whistleblowing (Senator Murphy) and agreed to 21/3/1995, J. 3084	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no finding of contempt should be made Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 20/6/1996, J.361
30/4/1996, J.32		

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62nd Report: <i>Committee of Privileges 1966-1996: History, Practice and Procedure</i> , PP 108/1996	General report: presented to the President of the Senate on 28 June 1996	Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report noted 25/9/1997, J.2527
21/8/1996, J.481		
63rd Report: <i>Possible false or misleading evidence before Select Committee on Unresolved Whistleblower Cases</i> , PP 360/1996	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 24/6/1996; motion moved by Chair of Select Committee on Unresolved Whistleblower Cases (Senator Murphy) and agreed to 25/6/1996, J.385	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no finding of contempt should be made Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding endorsed 29/5/1997, J. 2041
5/12/1996, J.1212		
64th Report: <i>Possible false or misleading evidence before the Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee</i> , PP 40/1997	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 22/8/1996; motion moved by Chair of Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee (Senator Patterson) and agreed to 9/9/1996, J.532	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no contempt of the Senate has been committed • Recommendation • that the Senate reaffirm the accountability of statutory authorities to Parliament Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finding endorsed and recommendation adopted 29/5/1997, J.2042
19/3/1997, J.1635		
65th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate - Dr Neil Cherry</i> , PP 48/1997	President: 5/3/1997	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 25/3/1997, J.1759
25/3/1997, J.1759		
66th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate - Ms Deborah Keely</i> , PP 89/1997	President: 22/4/1997	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 29/5/1997, J.2038
29/5/1997, J.2038		

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67th Report: <i>Possible threats of legal proceedings made against a Senator and other persons</i> , PP 141/1997 3/9/1997, J.2412	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 22/8/1995; motion moved by Senator Boswell and agreed to 23/8/1995, J.3665	Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contempt of the Senate committed by the threat of legal proceedings against a person; no contempt involved in the threat of legal proceedings against a senator Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> notice of motion given for next day of sitting not less than 7 days after the day on which notice given – that Senate endorse findings 3/9/1997, J.2412 findings endorsed 22/9/1997, J.2456
68th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate - Mr Ray Platt and Mr Peter Mulheron</i> , PP 158/1997 23/9/1997, J.4278	Referred by President: 21/7/1997 and 7/8/1997	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that responses be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 23/9/1997, J.4278
69th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate - Dr Clive Hamilton</i> , PP 183/1997 21/10/1997, J.2659	Referred by President: 29/9/1997	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 21/10/1997, J.2659
70th Report: <i>Questions arising from proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority</i> , PP 68/1998 6/4/1998, J.3623	Referred by Senate: Advisory report; motion moved, by leave, by Senator Ferris and agreed to 26/6/1997, J.2257	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the NCA Committee consider seeking amendment to sections 51 and 55 of the National Crimes Authority Act or that parliament consider declaratory enactment Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report noted 28/5/1998, J.3882

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<p>71st Report: <i>Further possible false or misleading evidence before Select Committee on Unresolved Whistleblower Cases</i>, PP 86/1998</p>	<p>Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 4/12/1997; motion moved by Senator Woodley and agreed to 5/12/1997, J.3240</p>	<p>Finding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no contempt has been committed <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finding endorsed 28/5/1998, J.3881
<p>26/5/1998, J.3839</p> <p>72nd Report: <i>Possible threat of proceedings against Dr William De Maria</i>, PP 117/1998</p> <p>30/6/1998, J.4110</p>	<p>Referred by Senate: Documents tabled by President 25/8/1997; motion moved, by leave, by Senator Bourne and agreed to 4/9/1997, J.2438</p>	<p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the University of Queensland, in taking action against Dr William De Maria as a direct consequence of his communication with the Senate through Senator Woodley, committed a contempt • the committee would regard it as unsafe to conclude that Dr De Maria should be found in contempt of the Senate <p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that no penalty be imposed <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notice of motion given for next day of sitting not less than 7 days after the day on which notice given - that Senate endorse findings 30/6/1998, J.4110-11 • findings endorsed and recommendation adopted 1/12/1998, J.225

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73rd Report: <i>Possible improper interference with a potential witness before the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund</i> , PP 118/1998 30/6/1998, J.4111	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 1/10/1997; motion moved by Senator Bolkus and agreed to 2/10/1997, J.2611	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no contempt has been committed Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the statutory powers and functions of the Australian Law Reform Commission be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report that Senate resolution of 21 October 1993 (see report 42 above) be reaffirmed and that the Senate seek a specific report, in a year's time, from each Commonwealth department, on how the terms of the resolution have been complied with. Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed and recommendations adopted 1/12/1998, J.225
74th Report: <i>Possible Unauthorised Disclosure of Parliamentary Committee Proceedings</i> , PP 180/1998 9/12/1998, J.360	Advisory Report: incorporating reports on six contempt matters referred to the Committee – listed below	General Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the question of publication of committee deliberations be referred to Procedure Committee Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> notice of motion given for next day of sitting not less than 7 days after the day on which notice given - that Senate endorse findings and adopt recommendations 9/12/1998, J.360 findings endorsed and recommendations adopted 15/2/1999, J.428
74th Report: <i>Possible unauthorised disclosure of documents of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund</i> 9/12/1998, J.360	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 23/10/1997; motion moved by Senator Evans, at the request of Senator Bolkus, and agreed to 27/10/1997, J.2717	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no contempt has been committed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 15/2/1999, J.428

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74th Report: <i>Possible unauthorised disclosures of a report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund</i>	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 28/10/1997; motion moved by Senator Abetz (also on behalf of Senator Ferris) and agreed to 29/10/1997, J.2759	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contempt of the Senate has been committed Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that no penalty be imposed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed and recommendation adopted 15/2/1999, J.428
9/12/1998, J.360		
74th Report: <i>Possible unauthorised disclosure of a document of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority</i>	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 19/11/1997; motion moved by Senator McGauran and agreed to 26/11/1997, J.2991	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the circumstances do not warrant a finding that a contempt has been committed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 15/2/1999, J.428
9/12/1998, J.360		
74th Report: <i>Possible unauthorised disclosure of a report of the Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee</i>	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 25/11/1997; motion moved by Senator Evans, at the request of Senator Schacht, and agreed to 26/11/1997, J.2991	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that no contempt has been committed by certain persons but that a contempt has been committed by an unidentified officer, or officers, of a public service department Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that no penalty be imposed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed and recommendation adopted 15/2/1999, J.428
9/12/1998, J.360		

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74th Report: <i>Possible unauthorised disclosure of a draft report of the Economics References Committee</i> 9/12/1998, J.360	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 11/3/1998; motion moved by Chair of Economics References Committee (Senator Jacinta Collins) and agreed to 12/3/1998, J.3379	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a contempt of the Senate has been committed by a person or persons who disclosed a draft report of the Economics References Committee, but the Committee is unable to discover the source of the improper disclosure Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finding endorsed 15/2/1999, J.428
74th Report: <i>Possible unauthorised disclosure of the report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority on the Committee's third evaluation of the National Crime Authority</i> 9/12/1998, J.360	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 30/6/1998; motion moved by Senator McGauran and agreed to 2/7/1998, J.4162	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it is likely that a contempt of the Senate has been committed, but the Committee has determined not to take matter further Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finding endorsed 15/2/1999, J.428
75th Report: <i>Execution of Search Warrants in Senators' Offices</i> , PP 52/1999 22/3/1999, J.581	Advisory report: Reference received from the Senate Procedure Committee 1/12/1998	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the general guidelines between the Australian Federal Police and the Law Council of Australia should form the basis for discussion between the Presiding Officers and the Attorney-General Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recommendation adopted 25/3/1999, J.633
76th Report: <i>Parliamentary Privilege – Precedents, Procedures and Practice in the Australian Senate 1966-1999</i> , PP 126/1999 22/6/1999, J.1061	General report	Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report noted 26/8/1999, J.1585

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77th Report: <i>Persons Referred to in the Senate - Certain Faculty Members of Greenwich University</i> , PP 151/1999 28/6/1999, J.1350	Referred by President: 27/5/1999	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 28/6/1999, J.1350
78th Report: <i>Possible improper use of proceedings of Community Affairs References Committee</i> , PP 183/1999	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 27/5/1999; motion moved by Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Crowley) and agreed to 27/5/1999, J.947	Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms of reference (a) and (b): no adjudication required Term of reference (c): no contempt committed Term of reference (d): no contempt found Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> findings endorsed 23/9/1999, J.1739
79th Report: <i>Possible false or misleading statements tabled in the Senate - Discontinuation of inquiry</i> , PP 196/1999 29/9/1999, J.1792	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 6/5/1997; motion moved by Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner), at the request of Senators Bolkus and Margetts, and agreed to 7/5/1997, J.1855-56 [Inquiry not to commence until conclusion of investigations and any legal proceedings]	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the inquiry be not further pursued Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 30/9/1999, J.1811
80th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate - Board members and staff of Electronic Frontiers Australia Inc</i> , PP 358/1999 21/10/1999, J.1986	Referred by President: 13/10/1999	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 21/10/1999, J.1986

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81st Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate - Dr Chris Atkinson and Dr Chris Harper</i> , PP 373/1999	Referred by President: 9/11/1999	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 30/11/1999, J.2159
30/11/1999, J.2159		
82nd Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate - Ms Christine Bourne</i> , PP 374/1999	Referred by President: 10/11/1999	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 30/11/1999, J.2159
30/11/1999, J.2159		
83rd Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate - Mr Raymond Rose, Principal, Bridge Business College</i> , PP 375/1999	Referred by President: 10/11/1999	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 30/11/1999, J.2159
30/11/1999, J.2159		

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<p>84th Report: <i>Possible unauthorised disclosure of draft parliamentary committee report</i>, PP. 35/2000 7/3/2000, J.2374</p>	<p>Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 1/9/1999; motion moved by Senator O'Brien, at the request of Chair of Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee (Senator Collins), and agreed to 2/9/1999, J.1636</p>	<p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that persons disclosed without authority draft report of a committee • that persons to whom the report was disclosed should have been aware, and probably were aware, of the status of the document • that departmental training was inadequate • that the handling of the draft report constituted culpable negligence and therefore a contempt was committed <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that arrangements be made for ministerial and shadow ministerial staff to attend seminar on parliamentary procedure • that committees mark and transmit draft reports appropriately • that no penalty be imposed
		<p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notice of motion given for next day of sitting not less than 7 days after the day on which notice given that Senate endorse findings and adopt recommendations 7/3/2000, J.2374 • findings endorsed and recommendations adopted 15/3/2000, J.2447

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85th Report: <i>Possible intimidation of a witness before the Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee</i> , PP 36/2000 7/3/2000, J.2374	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 11/8/1999; motion moved by Senator O'Brien, at the request of Chair of Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee (Senator Collins), and agreed to 12/8/1999, J.1481	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Findings • that an officer of a Shire Council improperly interfered with and penalised another officer as a consequence of participation in committee proceedings • that therefore a contempt was committed • Recommendation: • that no penalty be imposed • Action by Senate • notice of motion given for next day of sitting not less than 7 days after the day on which notice given - that Senate endorse findings and adopt recommendations 7/3/2000, J.2374 • findings endorsed and recommendations adopted 15/3/2000, J.2448
86th Report: <i>Alleged threats to a witness before the Select Committee on A New Tax System</i> , PP 39/2000 13/3/2000, J.2424	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 6/12/1999; motion moved by Senator Allison and agreed to 7/12/1999, J.2189	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding • the circumstances do not warrant a finding that a contempt has been committed • Action by Senate • finding endorsed 16/3/2000, J.2485
87th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate - Mr R. I. Mincherton</i> , PP 40/2000 13/3/2000, J.2424	Referred by President: 8/3/2000	<p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that response be incorporated in Hansard • report adopted 13/3/2000, J. 2424-5
88th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate - Mr N. Crichton-Browne</i> , PP 71/2000 10/4/2000, J.2585	Referred by President: 30/3/2000	<p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that response be incorporated in Hansard <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 10/4/2000, J.2585

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89th Report: <i>Senior Public Officials' Study of Parliamentary Processes - Report on Compliance with Senate Order of 1 December 1998</i> , PP 79/2000 13/4/2000, J.2632	Advisory report	Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report noted 13/4/2000, J.2632
90th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate - Dr Malcolm Colston</i> , PP 113/2000 5/6/2000, J.2723	Referred by Deputy President: 19/4/2000	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 5/6/2000, J.2723
91st Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate - Mr Noel Crichton-Browne</i> , PP 119/2000 19/6/2000, J.2797	Referred by President: 30/5/2000	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 19/6/2000, J.2797
92nd Report: <i>Matters arising from 67th Report of the Committee of Privileges</i> , PP 150/2000 29/6/2000, J.2997	Advisory report	Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair's statement Hansard 29/6/2000 p. 16040 • report noted 17/8/2000, J.3114
93rd Report: <i>Possible unauthorised disclosure of in camera proceedings of the Economics References Committee</i> , PP 179/2000 28/8/2000, J.3126	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 11/5/2000; motion moved by Senator Calvert, at the request of Senator Gibson, and agreed to 11/5/2000, J.2704-5	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the circumstances do not warrant a finding that a contempt has been committed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finding endorsed 31/8/2000, J.3181

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94th Report: <i>Matters arising from 67th Report of the Committee of Privileges(2) – Possible Senate representation in court proceedings</i> , PP 198/2000	Advisory report	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the Senate authorise the President, if required, to engage counsel as amicus curiae if either the action for defamation against Mr David Armstrong or a similar action against Mr William O’Chee is set down for trial. Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recommendaion adopted 4/9/2000, J.3192
4/9/2000, J.3192		
95th Report: <i>Penalties for Contempt - Information Paper</i> , PP 199/2000	Advisory report	Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report noted 5/10/2000, J.3321
4/9/2000, J.3193		
96th Report: <i>Possible misleading evidence to and improper interference with witnesses before the Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee</i> , PP 118/2001	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 27/2/2001; motion moved by Senator Collins and agreed to 28/2/2001, J.3980	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no evidence to support any conclusion that a contempt has been committed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 9/8/2001, J.4650
25/6/2001, J.4393		
97th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate - Mr Terence O’Shane</i> , PP 131/2001	Referred by President: 28/6/2001	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 28/6/2001, J.4458
28/6/2001, J.4458		

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98th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate - Alderman Dr John Freeman</i> , PP 166/2001 27/8/2001, J.4765	Referred by President: 7/8/2001	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 27/8/2001, J.4765
99th Report: <i>Possible unauthorised disclosure of a submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities</i> , PP 177/2001 30/8/2001, J.4834	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 26/6/2000 Motion moved by Chair of Corporations and Securities Committee (Senator Chapman) and agreed to 27/6/2000, J.2098	Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that person(s) who disclosed in camera evidence to a journalist, and Nationwide News Pty Ltd, as the organisation responsible for the actions of the journalist, have committed contempt Penalty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if person(s) discovered – possible fine or prosecution under the <i>Parliamentary Privileges Act 1987</i>; • Nationwide News Pty Ltd – that Senate administer a serious reprimand Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • findings endorsed and penalty imposed 18/9/2001, J.4866
100th Report: <i>Possible unauthorised disclosure of draft report of Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee</i> , PP 195/2001 19/9/2001, J.4882	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 25/6/2001; motion moved by Senator Calvert, at the request of Chair of Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (Senator Payne), and agreed to 26/6/2001, J.4405	Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that person(s) who disclosed a draft report to a journalist, and Nationwide News Pty Ltd, as the organisation responsible for the actions of the journalist, have committed contempt Penalty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no penalty should be imposed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • findings endorsed 26/9/2001, J.4974

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101st Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate - Staff and faculty of Greenwich University</i> , PP 215/2001 26/9/2001, J.4976	Referred by President: 17/9/2001	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 26/9/2001, J.4976
102nd Report: <i>Counsel to the Senate</i> , PP 307/2002 26/6/2002, J.492	Referred by Senate: motion moved by Chair of the Privileges Committee, Senator Ray, and agreed to 20/3/2002, J.244	Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that a proposal to appoint counsel on a retainer, while desirable, is not efficacious Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report noted 22/8/2002, J.646
103rd Report: <i>Possible improper influence and penalty on a senator</i> , PP 308/2002 26/6/2002, J.492	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 6/8/2001; motion moved by Leader of the Government (Senator Hill), at the request of Senator Tambling, and agreed to 7/8/2001, J.4597	Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the Northern Territory Country Liberal Party purported to direct a senator as to how he should exercise a vote in the Senate and imposed a penalty on him in consequence of his vote that while these actions were reckless and ill-judged, on balance a contempt should not be found Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> findings endorsed 22/8/2002, J.646
104th Report: <i>Possible false or misleading evidence before the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund</i> , PP 309/2002 26/6/2002, J.492	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 18/9/2001; motion moved by Senator McGauran, at the request of Chair of Native Title Committee (Senator Ferris), and agreed to 19/9/2001, J.4879	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that while misleading evidence was given to the Native Title Committee, it is unlikely that it was given with deliberate intent; therefore no contempt was committed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 22/8/2002, J.645

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105th Report: <i>Execution of search warrants in Senators' offices - Senator Harris</i> , PP 310/2002 26/6/2002, J.492	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 14/2/2002; motion moved by Senator Harris and agreed to 14/2/2002, J.91-2	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that no contempt of the Senate was involved in the execution of the warrant, and police acted appropriately in relation to the claim of parliamentary privilege Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 22/8/2002, J.645
106th Report: <i>Possible improper interference with a witness before the Senate Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident</i> , PP 344/2002 27/8/2002, J.671	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 15/5/2002; motion moved by Chair of the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident (Senator Cook) and agreed to 16/5/2002, J.359	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that there was no evidence of attempt or intention to influence the witness, and therefore no contempt of the Senate was committed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 29/8/2002, J.712
107th Report: <i>Parliamentary Privilege - Precedents, Procedures and Practice in the Australian Senate 1966-2002</i> , PP 345/2002 27/8/2002, J.672	General report	Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report noted 29/8/2002, J.712
108th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate - Mr John Hyde Page</i> , PP 388/2002 15/10/2002, J.875	Referred by President: 16/9/2002	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 15/10/2002, J.875
109th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate - Mr Tony Kevin</i> , PP 497/2002 22/10/2002, J.949	Referred by President: 14/10/2002	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 22/10/2002, J.949

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110th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate - Dr Geoffrey Vaughan, Dr Peter Jonson and Professor Brian Anderson</i> , PP 601/2002	Referred by President: 15/11/2002, 20/11/2002 and 2/12/2002	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 10/12/2002, J.1285
10/12/2002, J.1285		
111th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate - Mr Bob Moses, on behalf of Board and Management of National Stem Cell Centre</i> , PP 2/2003	Referred by President: 12/12/2002	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 5/2/2003, J.1458
5/2/2003, J.1458		
112th Report: <i>Possible unauthorised disclosure of draft report of Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee</i> , PP 11/2003	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 27/6/2002; motion moved by Chair of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee (Senator Eggleston) and agreed to 27/6/2002, J.524	Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that there was a deliberate and unauthorised disclosure and publication of recommendations in a draft report that the discloser of the proceedings is prima facie in contempt of the Senate but that no contempt can be found against The Age publisher, editor and journalist Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> findings endorsed 6/2/2003, J.1475
6/2/2003, J.1475		
113th Report: <i>Australian Press Council and Committee of Privileges Exchange of Correspondence</i> , PP 135/2003	Advisory report	Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report noted 25/6/2003, J.1983
25/6/2003, J.1983		

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114th Report: <i>Execution of search warrants in senators' offices – Senator Harris Matters arising from the 105th report of the Committee of Privileges</i> , PP 175/2003 20/8/2003, J.2245	Statement by Chair, Committee of Privileges (Senator Ray): <i>Hansard</i> , 5/2/2003 (pp. 8573-4), J. 1457	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the Presiding Officers and the Attorney-General finalise draft protocols for the execution of search warrants in senators' and members' offices and that the committee be given opportunity to comment on the draft Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report noted 20/8/2003, J.2245
115th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate – Board members of Electronic Frontiers Australia Inc.</i> , PP 292/2003 18/9/2003, J.2447	Referred by President: 17/9/2003	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 18/9/2003, J.2447
116th Report: <i>Possible improper interference with a witness before the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee</i> , PP 53/2004 2/3/2004, J.3052	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 1/12/2003; motion moved by Senator McGauran, at the request of the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Senator Heffernan) and agreed to 2/12/2003, J.2810	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> on the basis of the evidence before the committee a contempt should not be found Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 4/3/2004, J.3092
117th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate – Dr I C F Spry QC</i> , PP 77/2004 30/3/2004, J.3277	Referred by President: 23/3/2004	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 30/3/2004, J.3277

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118th Report: <i>Certain matters arising from the joint meetings of the Senate and the House of Representatives on 23 and 24 October 2003</i> , PP 80/2004	Referred by Senate: Advisory report; motions moved by Senator Brown, and agreed to 29/10/2003, J.2645	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the Senate agree to a resolution, along the lines proposed by the Procedure Committee in its Third Report of 2003, that future addresses by foreign heads of state should be received by a meeting of the House of Representatives in the House chamber, to which all senators are invited as guests Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report noted 5/8/2004, J.3836
119th Report: <i>Possible false or misleading evidence before the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee</i> , PP 177/2004 3/8/2004, J.3791	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 23/3/2004; motion moved by Senator Mackay and agreed to 24/3/2004, J.3215	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the absence of any evidence of an intention to mislead, no contempt should be found Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that there be laid on the table by no later than 1 March 2005 a statement of measures taken by Telstra to ensure that senior officers are appropriately trained in their obligations to Parliament, including the number and level of officers who have undergone such training and the dates of any such training Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed and recommendation adopted 5/8/2004, J.383
120th Report: <i>Possible unauthorised disclosure of private deliberations or draft report of Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America</i> , PP 52/2005 8/3/2005, J.432	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 4/8/2004; motion moved by Senator Ridgeway, and agreed to 5/8/2004, J.3829	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the circumstances of the case no contempt should be found Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 10/3/2005, J.477

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121st Report: <i>Possible unauthorised disclosures of draft reports of Community Affairs References Committee</i> , PP 58/2005 15/3/2005, J.507	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 11/5/2004; motion moved by Senator Ferris, at the request of Senators Knowles and Humphries, and agreed to 12/5/2004, J.3403 Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 24/6/2004; motion moved by Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator McLucas) and agreed to 24/6/2004, J.3699-3700	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that, given the inability of the committee to discover the source of the unauthorised disclosures, no contempt should be found Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding endorsed 17/3/2005, J.568
122nd Report: <i>Parliamentary privilege – unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings</i> , PP 137/2005 21/6/2005, J.781	Referred by Senate: Advisory report; motion moved by Chair of the Privileges Committee (Senator Faulkner) and agreed to 16/3/2005, J.544	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that proposed revised procedures for dealing with unauthorised disclosures of committee documents be referred to the Procedure Committee for consideration Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recommendation adopted 11/8/2005, J.93
123rd Report: <i>Possible failure by a senator to comply with the Senate's resolution relating to registration of interests</i> , PP 224/2005 5/10/2005, J.1174	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 15/6/2005; motion moved by Senator George Campbell, at the request of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans), and agreed to 16/6/2005, J.706	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that although there were failures to comply with the resolution there was no evidence of an intention not to comply and, therefore, no contempt should be found Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finding endorsed 6/10/2005, J.120

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124th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate – Professor David Peetz</i> , PP 405/2005 6/12/2005 J.1652	Referred by President: 29/11/2005	Recommendation • that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate • report adopted 6/12/2005, J.1652
125th Report: <i>Parliamentary privilege – Precedents, procedures and practice in the Australian Senate 1966–2005</i> , PP 3/2006 Presented to the President under standing order 387 on 19/12/2005 tabled 7/2/2006, J.1787	General report	
126th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate – Professor Barbara Pocock</i> , PP 41/2006 27/2/2006, J.1883	Referred by President: 6/2/2006	Recommendation • that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate • report adopted 27/2/2006, J.1883
127th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate – Certain persons on behalf of the Exclusive Brethren</i> , PP 122/2006 21/6/2006, J.2328	Referred by President: 8/6/2006	Recommendation • that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate • report adopted 21/6/2006, J.2328

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128th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate – Mr Karl J. O’Callaghan, APM Commissioner of Police, Western Australia</i> , PP 155/2006	Referred by President: 3/8/2006	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 16/8/2006, J.2514
16/8/2006, J.2514		
129th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate – Dr Clive Hamilton</i> , PP 388/2006	Referred by President: 30/10/2006	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 8/11/2006, J.3027
8/11/2006, J.3027		
130th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate – Mr Darryl Hockey</i> , PP 131/2007	Referred by President: 29/3/2007	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 7/8/2007, J.4081
7/8/2007, J.4081		
131st Report: <i>Possible false or misleading evidence and improper refusal to provide information to the Finance and Public Administration Committee</i> , PP 171/2007	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 6/2/2007; motion moved by Senator Forshaw and agreed to 7/2/2007, J.3382	Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there was a refusal to provide information, but in view of repeated refusal to provide it committee unable to find that false or misleading evidence given • unable to find a contempt against the person who refused to provide information as this would have involved allowing him to examine a member of the House of Representatives Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the Senate accept that the matter not amenable to further pursuit by exercise of formal inquiry powers Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • findings endorsed, recommendation agreed to 20/9/2007, J.4463
11/9/2007, J.4328		

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132nd Report: <i>Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings (oral report)</i> 13/9/2007, J.4369	Advisory report	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the order of 6/10/2005 relating to unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings operate as an order of continuing effect Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recommendation adopted 17/9/2007, J.4388
133rd Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate – Indonesian Forum for Environment</i> , PP 173/2007 17/9/2007, J.4389	Referred by President: 10/9/2007	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 17/9/2007, J.4389
134th Report: <i>Possible false or misleading evidence before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee</i> , PP No.260/2008 15/5/2008, J.427 Additional information tabled 26/6/2008, J.662	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 17/9/7. Motion moved by Senator Nettle and agreed to 18/9/2007, J.4415	Finding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no contempt was committed Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> motion to endorse finding moved 15/5/2008, J.427
135th Report: <i>Effective Repetition</i> , PP No.275/2008 18/6/2008, J.527	Advisory report	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the Senate endorse the principles outlined in paragraph 1.18 to guide any amendment of the <i>Parliamentary Privileges Act 1987</i> to address the issue of effective repetition Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recommendation adopted 18/6/2008, J.527

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136th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate – Certain persons on behalf of the Exclusive Brethren Christian Fellowship</i> , PP 338/2008 24/9/2008, J.940	Referred by President: 17/9/2008	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the response by certain persons on behalf of the Exclusive Brethren be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 24/9/2008, J.940
136th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate – Mr Barry Williams, President of the Lone Fathers Association of Australia Inc</i> , PP 4/2009 10/2/2009, J.1579	Referred by President: 3/2/2009	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the response by Mr Barry Williams be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 10/2/2009, J.1579
137th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate – Mr Anthony and Mrs Brenda Bird, members of the Exclusive Brethren</i> , PP 5/2009 10/2/2009, J.1579	Referred by President: 17/9/2008	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the response by Mr and Mrs Bird be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 10/2/2009, J.1579
138th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate – The Medical Council of Tasmania</i> , PP 176/2009 14/9/2009, J.2467	Referred by President: 26/8/2009	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 14/9/2009, J.2467
139th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate – Mr Alan Cummine</i> , PP 192/2009 26/10/2009, J.2579	Referred by President: 16/10/2009	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 26/10/2009, J.2579

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140th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate – Mr Richard Stanton</i> , PP 301/2009	Referred by President: 16/10/2009	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 29/10/2009, J.2693
141st Report: <i>Possible interference with, or imposition of a penalty on, a witness before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee</i> , PP 318/2009	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 9/9/2009, J.2419; motion moved by Senator Barnett and agreed to 10/9/2009, J.2444	Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no contempt should be found but Chairs' Committee to consider adequacy of information provided to witnesses report adopted 4/2/2010, J.3153
23/11/2009, J.2817		
142nd Report: <i>Matters arising from the Economics Legislation Committee hearing on 19 June 2009 (referred 24 June and 12 August 2009)</i> , PP 396/2009	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 23/6/2009 and 11/8/2009; motions moved by Senator Heffernan and Senator Evans and agreed to 24/6/2009, J.2173 and 12/8/2009, J.2278	Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> extensive findings on two references including that Mr Grech's state of health prevented an assessment of his culpability, necessary for a finding of contempt. Matters arising to be considered by the President and the Chairs' Committee report adopted 25/2/2010, J.3236
25/11/2009, J.2873		
143rd Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate – Vicki Dunstan on behalf of the Church of Scientology</i> , PP 9/2010	Referred by President: 11/1/2010	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 4/2/2010, J.3147-48
4/2/2010 J.3147		

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144th Report: <i>Statutory secrecy provisions and parliamentary privilege – an examination of certain provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information, Bill 2009, PP 127/2010</i>	Referred by Senate: Advisory report; motion moved by Senator Brandis (Chair) and agreed to 18/3/2010, J.3399	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the bill be amended to remove provisions limiting parliamentary privilege • that the Procedure Committee consider adequacy of existing procedural safeguards • that the Clerk offer parliamentary training to Tax Office staff Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • government amendments to bill implementing recommendations still before the Senate
4/6/2010 out of session, 15/6/2010, J.3532		
145th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate – Mr Geordie Guy on behalf of Electronic Frontiers Australia Inc, PP 133/2010</i>	Referred by President: 7/4/2010	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 22/6/2010, J.3663
22/6/2010, J.3663		
146th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate - Ms Vicki Dunstan on behalf of the Church of Scientology Australia, PP 134/2010</i>	Referred by President: 11/5/2010	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 22/6/2010, J.3663
22/6/2010, J.3663		
147th Report: <i>Persons referred to in the Senate – Reverend Monsignor Ian Dempsey, PP 222/2011</i>	Referred by President: 21/9/2011	Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the response be incorporated in Hansard Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report adopted 22/9/2011, J.1562
22/9/2011 J.1562		

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<p>Report: <i>The adequacy of advice contained in the Government Guidelines for Official Witnesses before Parliamentary Committees and Related Matters for officials considering participating in a parliamentary committee whether in a personal capacity or otherwise</i></p>	<p>Interim Report</p>	
<p>28/9/2010, J.37, interim</p>		
<p>148th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate - Mr Ian Lazar</i>, PP 267/2011</p>	<p>Referred by President: 30/9/2011</p>	<p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the response be incorporated in Hansard <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 13/10/2011, J.1641
<p>13/10/2011, J.1641</p>		
<p>149th Report: <i>Person referred to in the Senate: Mr Henry Ergas</i>, PP 375/2011</p>	<p>Referred by President: 15/10/2011</p>	<p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the response be incorporated in Hansard <p>Action by Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 7/11/2011, J.1760
<p>7/11/2011, J.1760</p>		

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150th Report: <i>Whether there was any improper influence in relation to political donations made by Mr Graeme Wood and questions without notice asked by Senator Bob Brown and Senator Milne</i> , PP 69/2012	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 23/11/2011; motion moved by Senator Kroger and agreed to 24/11/2011, J.1945	Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No question of contempt arises but processes for raising and referring matters of privilege be referred to the Procedure Committee Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report adopted 22/3/2012, J.2375
19/3/2012, J.2285		
151st Report: <i>Possible imposition of a penalty on, or interference with, a witness before the Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee</i> , PP 95/2012	Referred by Senate: President determined precedence 16/8/2011; motion moved by Senator Kroger on behalf of Senator Heffernan and agreed to 17/8/2011, J.1257	Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no contempt should be found Action by Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> motion relating to findings and recommendation still before Senate
22/3/2012, J.2370		

* Before passage of Privilege Resolutions on 25 February 1988 all matters were referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Senate.