

Membership of the committee

Members

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Ms Fiona Scott MP	Lindsay, New South Wales, LP
Senator Penny Wright	South Australia, AG
Mr Ken Wyatt AM MP	Hasluck, Western Australia, LP

Functions of the committee

The Committee has the following functions:

- a) to examine Bills for Acts, and legislative instruments, that come before either House of the Parliament for compatibility with human rights, and to report to both Houses of the Parliament on that issue;
- b) to examine Acts for compatibility with human rights, and to report to both Houses of the Parliament on that issue;
- c) to inquire into any matter relating to human rights which is referred to it by the Attorney-General, and to report to both Houses of the Parliament on that matter.

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