

**Committee-related
activity in the chamber
26 July 2022–31 December 2022**

Matters referred to Committees

During the reporting period, 65 matters were referred to Senate Committees for inquiry and report. This included 33 individual/packages of bills referred through the Selection of Bills Committee, 1 bill referred to a Legislation Committee pursuant to an order of the Senate, 1 legislation matter being reviewed by a Legislation Committee, 17 matters referred to or re-referred to a References Committee, 4 Senate Select Committees established, 2 Joint Select Committees established or re-established and 7 inquiries adopted by or referred to Joint Committees. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
Parliamentary Standards (Joint Select)	Matters relating to the development of codes of conduct for Commonwealth Parliamentary Workplaces (for inquiry and report by 1 November 2022)	27.07.2022 (1)
CA (Leg)	Aged Care Amendment (Implementing Care Reform) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 31 August 2022)	28.07.2022 (8)
EC (Leg)	Climate Change Bill 2022 [Provisions] and Climate Change (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 31 August 2022)	
EC (Leg)	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Save the Koala) Bill 2021 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 8 February 2023)	
EE (Leg)	Fair Work Amendment (Equal Pay for Equal Work) Bill 2022 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 24 October 2022)	
EE (Leg)	Jobs and Skills Australia Bill 2022 [Provisions] and Jobs and Skills Australia (National Skills Commissioner Repeal) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 23 September 2022)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Lifting the Income Limit for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 24 August 2022)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Electric Car Discount) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 21 September 2022)	
RRAT (Ref)	Adequacy of Australia's biosecurity measures and response preparedness, in particular with respect to foot-and-mouth disease and varroa mite (for inquiry and report by 10 October 2022)	

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Work and Care (Select)	The impact that combining work and care responsibilities has on the wellbeing of workers, carers, and those they care for (for inquiry and report by the 2 nd sitting Tuesday in February 2023)	03.08.2022 (2)
LE (Joint)	Law enforcement capabilities in relation to child exploitation (re-adopted from the 46 th Parliament for inquiry and report)	
EE (Leg)	Fair Work Amendment (Paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 1 September 2022)	04.08.2022 (8)
CA (Leg)	Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Repeal of Cashless Debit Card and Other Measures) Bill 2022 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 31 August 2022)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Pensioner and Veteran Workforce Participation) Bill 2022 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 September 2022)	
LCA (Ref)	Missing and murdered First Nations women and children (for inquiry and report by 31 July 2023)	
RRAT (Ref)	Fisheries quota system (re-adopted from the 46 th Parliament for inquiry and report by 29 November 2022)	
EC (Ref)	Oil and gas exploration in the Beetaloo Basin (re-adopted from the 46 th Parliament for inquiry and report by 14 February 2023)	
EC (Ref)	Australia's extinction crisis (formally <i>Australia's faunal extinction crisis</i> , re-adopted from the 46 th Parliament with updated title and terms of reference, for inquiry and report by 28 June 2023)	
Northern Australia (Joint Select)	Inquire into and report on such matters relating to the development of Northern Australia as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister (for report by the last sitting day of May 2025)	
LCA (Leg)	Review of the National Emergency (2022 New South Wales Floods) Declaration 2022 (for inquiry and report, in accordance with Section 14A of the <i>National Emergency Declaration Act 2020</i>)	25.08.2022 (1)
EC (Ref)	Climate-related marine invasive species (for inquiry and report by 1 March 2023)	05.09.2022 (2)
RRAT (Ref)	Iron Boomerang project (for inquiry and report by the 1 st sitting day in 2023)	

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CA (Ref)	Extent and nature of poverty in Australia (for inquiry and report by 31 October 2023)	07.09.2022 (1)
ECO (Leg)	Atomic Energy Amendment (Mine Rehabilitation and Closure) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 23 November 2022)	08.09.2022 (4)
FPA (Leg)	Emergency Response Fund Amendment (Disaster Ready Fund) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 16 November 2022)	
EC (Leg)	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2022 [No. 2] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 28 February 2023)	
NDIS (Joint)	Capability and Culture of the NDIA (adopted by the committee for inquiry and report)	
ECO (Ref)	Influence of international digital platforms (for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of 2023)	26.09.2022 (2)
LE (Joint)	Challenges and opportunities for law enforcement in addressing Australia's illicit drug problem (adopted by committee for inquiry and report)	
LCA (Leg)	Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect at Work) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 3 November 2022)	28.09.2022 (11)
EE (Leg)	Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Cheaper Child Care) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 16 November 2022)	
ECO (Leg)	Financial Accountability Regime Bill 2022 [Provisions], the Financial Sector Reform Bill 2022 [Provisions], the Financial Services Compensation Scheme of Last Resort Levy Bill 2022 [Provisions] and the Financial Services Compensation Scheme of Last Resort Levy (Collection) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 20 October 2022)	
ECO (Leg)	National Energy Transition Authority Bill 2022 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 14 March 2023)	
LCA (Leg)	Parliamentary Privileges Amendment (Royal Commission Response) Bill 2022 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 17 November 2022)	

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CA (Leg)	Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Incentivising Pensioners to Downsize) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 20 October 2022)	28.09.2022 <i>continued</i>
CA (Leg)	Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Workforce Incentive) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 10 November 2022)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (2022 Measures No.3) Bill 2022 [Provisions], the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment Bill 2022 [Provisions] and the Income Tax Amendment (Labour Mobility Program) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 17 November 2022)	
CA (Ref)	Barriers to achieving priorities under the National Women's Health Strategy for universal access to reproductive healthcare (for inquiry and report by 31 March 2023)	
Cost of Living (Select)	Cost of living pressures facing Australians (for inquiry and report by 30 November 2023)	
CFS (Joint)	Corporate insolvency in Australia (adopted by committee for inquiry and report by 30 May 2023)	
Northern Australia (Joint Select)	Operation and implementation of the Cyclone Reinsurance Pool (for inquiry and report)	11.10.2022 (1)
Northern Australia (Joint Select)	Northern Australia workforce development (for inquiry and report)	12.10.2022 (1)
EC (Leg)	Environment and Other Legislation Amendment (Removing Nuclear Energy Prohibitions) Bill 2022 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 31 March 2023)	27.10.2022 (8)
EC (Leg)	Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 17 November 2022)	
EE (Leg)	Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 17 November 2022)	
LCA (Leg)	Privacy Legislation Amendment (Enforcement and Other Measures) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 22 November 2022)	

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ECO (Ref)	Capacity and capability of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to undertake proportionate investigation and enforcement action arising from reports of alleged misconduct (for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in June 2024)	27.10.2022 <i>continued</i>
EE (Ref)	National trend of school refusal (for inquiry and report by 22 March 2023)	
FADT (Ref)	Human rights implications of recent violence in Iran (for inquiry and report by 1 February 2023)	
CFS (Joint)	ASIC's capacity and capability to respond to reports of alleged misconduct (adopted by committee for inquiry and report)	
LCA (Leg)	Crimes Amendment (Penalty Unit) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (Pursuant to order of the Senate of 25 October 2022 for inquiry and report by 21 November 2022)	09.11.2022 (1)
FADT (Ref)	Adaptive sport programs for Australian Defence Force veterans (for inquiry and report by 30 March 2023)	23.11.2022 (1)
Foreign Interference (Select)	Risk posed to Australia's democracy by foreign interference through social media (for inquiry and report by 1 August 2023)	24.11.2022 (4)
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (2022 Measures No. 4) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 25 January 2023)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Modernising Business Communications and Other Measures) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 25 January 2023)	
EC (Leg)	Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Information Disclosure, National Interest and Other Measures) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 1 March 2023)	
EE (Ref)	Increasing disruption in Australian school classrooms (for inquiry and report by the first sitting day in July 2023)	28.11.2022 (1)
LCA (Ref)	Current and proposed sexual consent laws in Australia (for inquiry and report by 30 June 2023)	29.11.2022 (1)
Disaster Resilience (Select)	Australia's resilience and response to natural disasters (for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in September 2023)	30.11.2022 (1)
ECO (Leg)	National Reconstruction Fund Corporation Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 28 February 2023)	01.12.2022 (6)

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EE (Leg)	Education and Other Legislation Amendment (Abolishing Indexation and Raising the Minimum Repayment Income for Education and Training Loans) Bill 2022 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 17 April 2023)	01.12.2022 <i>continued</i>
CA (Leg)	Paid Parental Leave Amendment (Improvements for Families and Gender Equality) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 3 March 2023)	
EC (Leg)	Safeguard Mechanism (Crediting) Amendment Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 2 March 2023)	
LCA (Leg)	Public Interest Disclosure Amendment (Review) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 14 March 2023)	
CA (Ref)	Concussions and repeated head trauma in contact sports (for inquiry and report by 21 June 2023)	

Reports tabled by Senate Committees

During the reporting period, committees supported by the Senate Committee Office tabled/presented 35 reports. This included 29 Legislation Committee reports, 4 References Committee reports, 1 Select Committee report and 1 Joint Select Committee report. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
RRAT (Ref)	Report on references not disposed of in the 46 th Parliament	04.08.2022 (2)
EC (Ref)	Report on references not disposed of in the 46 th Parliament	
CA (Leg)	Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Lifting the Income Limit for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (presented OOS 24.08.2022)	05.09.2022 (6)
CA (Leg)	*Aged Care Amendment (Implementing Care Reform) Bill 2022 [Provisions]—Progress report (presented OOS 31.08.2022)	
CA (Leg)	Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Repeal of Cashless Debit Card and Other Measures) Bill 2022 (presented OOS 31.08.2022)	
EC (Leg)	Climate Change Bill 2022 [Provisions] and Climate Change (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (presented OOS 31.08.2022)	
EE (Leg)	Fair Work Amendment (Paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (presented OOS 01.09.2022)	
CA (Leg)	Aged Care Amendment (Implementing Care Reform) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (presented OOS 02.09.2022)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Electric Car Discount) Bill 2022 [Provisions]	06.09.2022 (1)
EE (Leg)	Jobs and Skills Australia Bill 2022 [Provisions] and Jobs and Skills Australia (National Skills Commissioner Repeal) Bill 2022 [Provisions]	08.09.2022 (1)
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Pensioner and Veteran Workforce Participation) Bill 2022 (presented OOS 30.09.2022)	25.10.2022 (6)
Work and Care (Select)	*Interim report (presented OOS 18.10.2022)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Incentivising Pensioners to Downsize) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (presented OOS 20.10.2022)	

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ECO (Leg)	*Financial Accountability Regime Bill 2022 [Provisions], Financial Sector Reform Bill 2022 [Provisions], Financial Services Compensation Scheme of Last Resort Levy Bill 2022 [Provisions] and Financial Services Compensation Scheme of Last Resort Levy (Collection) Bill 2022 [Provisions]–Progress report (presented OOS 20.10.2022)	25.10.2022 <i>continued</i>
ECO (Leg)	Financial Accountability Regime Bill 2022 [Provisions], Financial Sector Reform Bill 2022 [Provisions], Financial Services Compensation Scheme of Last Resort Levy Bill 2022 [Provisions] and Financial Services Compensation Scheme of Last Resort Levy (Collection) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (presented OOS 24.10.2022)	
EE (Leg)	Fair Work Amendment (Equal Pay for Equal Work) Bill 2022 (presented OOS 24.10.2022)	
LCA (Leg)	Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect at Work) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (presented OOS 03.11.2022)	21.11.2022 (10)
ECO (Leg)	Atomic Energy Amendment (Mine Rehabilitation and Closure) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (presented OOS 04.11.2022)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Workforce Incentive) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (presented OOS 10.11.2022)	
EE (Leg)	Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Cheaper Child Care) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (presented OOS 16.11.2022)	
FPA (Leg)	Emergency Response Fund Amendment (Disaster Ready Fund) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (presented OOS 16.11.2022)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (2022 Measures No. 3) Bill 2022 [Provisions], the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment Bill 2022 [Provisions] and the Income Tax Amendment (Labour Mobility Program) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (presented OOS 17.11.2022)	
EE (Leg)	*Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 2022 [Provisions]–Progress report (presented OOS 17.11.2022)	
EC (Leg)	Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 [Provisions] (presented OOS 17.11.2022)	
LCA (Leg)	Parliamentary Privileges Amendment (Royal Commission Response) Bill 2022 (presented OOS 17.11.2022)	
LCA (Leg)	Crimes Amendment (Penalty Unit) Bill 2022 [Provisions]	

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LCA (Leg)	Privacy Legislation Amendment (Enforcement and Other Measures) Bill 2022 [Provisions]	22.11.2022 (2)
EE (Leg)	Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 2022 [Provisions]	
Parliamentary Standards (Joint Select)	Final report	29.11.2022 (1)
RRAT (Ref)	Fisheries quota system (presented OOS 07.12.2022)	Presented OOS (6)
RRAT (Ref)	Adequacy of Australia's biosecurity measures and response preparedness, in particular with respect to foot-and-mouth disease and varroa mite (presented OOS 08.12.2022)	
ECO (Leg)	*National Reconstruction Fund Corporation Bill 2022 [Provisions]–Progress report (presented OOS 22.12.2022)	
ECO (Leg)	*Treasury Laws Amendment (2022 Measures No. 4) Bill 2022 [Provisions]–Progress report (presented OOS 22.12.2022)	
ECO (Leg)	*Treasury Laws Amendment (Modernising Business Communications and Other Measures) Bill 2022 [Provisions]–Progress report (presented OOS 22.12.2022)	
ECO (Leg)	*National Energy Transition Authority Bill 2022–Progress report (presented OOS 22.12.2022)	

* Reports that did not discharge a reference

Estimates reports:

There were 6 reports tabled or presented out of session during the reporting period.

Reports on Annual Reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 7 reports.

Government Responses to Committee reports

During the reporting period, 6 Government responses to Senate Committee reports were tabled/presented. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
ECO (Ref)	Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability All at sea... (presented OOS 18.08.2022; report presented OOS 18.05.2022)	05.09.2022 (1)
CA (Ref)	Accountability and justice: Why we need a Royal Commission into Robodebt (presented OOS 13.10.2022; report presented OOS 13.05.2022)	25.10.2022 (2)
CA (Ref)	Centrelink's Compliance program—Fifth interim report (presented OOS 13.10.2022; report tabled 23.11.2021)	
EC (Leg)	Online Safety Bill 2021 [Provisions] and Online Safety (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 03.11.2022; report tabled 12.03.2021)	21.11.2022 (1)
Autism (Select)	Services, support and life outcomes for autistic Australians (presented OOS 08.12.2022; report tabled 25.03.2022)	Presented OOS (2)
FPA (Leg)	Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme (Facilitation) Bill 2021 [Provisions] and Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 16.12.2022; report tabled 14.10.2021)	

Additional Comments, Dissenting Reports, Minority Reports and Supplementary Reports*

<i>Legislation</i>	LP/NAT	ALP	AG	Minor Parties/IND	Multi-Party
Additional Comments	14	–	14	2	–
Dissenting Reports	6	–	–	2	–
Minority Reports	–	–	–	–	–
<i>References</i>	LP/NAT	ALP	AG	Minor Parties/IND	Multi-Party
Additional Comments	–	–	2	–	–
Dissenting Reports	–	–	–	–	–
<i>Select/Joint</i>	LP/NAT	ALP	AG	Minor Parties/IND	Multi-Party
Additional Comments	1	–	–	–	–
Dissenting Reports	–	–	–	–	–
Minority Reports	–	–	–	–	–

* *These statistics record the signatory to the reports*

LP/NAT (Liberal Party, National Party), ALP (Australian Labor Party), AG (Australian Greens), IND (Independent), minor parties include JLN (Jacqui Lambie Network), PHON (Pauline Hanson's One Nation) UAP (United Australia Party).

Extension of time to present reports

During the reporting period, there were 23 extensions of time – 3 of one week or less; 13 of over a week; 7 of over a month – granted to a committee administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports.

Leave to meet while the Senate is in session

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted leave to meet while the Senate was in session on 27 occasions.

Appointment of Committees

The Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary Standards was appointed on 27 July 2022.

The Senate Select Committee on Work and Care was appointed on 3 August 2022.

The Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia was appointed on 4 August 2022.

The Senate Select Committee on Cost of Living was appointed on 28 September 2022.

The Senate Select Committee on Foreign Interference through Social Media was appointed on 24 November 2022.

The Senate Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience was appointed on 30 November 2022.

Change of Committee Name

Nil