

WORK OF COMMITTEES

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FORMAT OF THIS REPORT

This report is divided into sections that provide statistics on committee work during the following periods:

- the half year (1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023); and
- the calendar year (1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023).

Statistics on these periods are kept in order to record information based on parliamentary terms as well as half, financial and full year periods.

This report is available online at:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/woc/index.

ABBREVIATIONS

Committees

Bilateral Air Agreements	Commonwealth Bilateral Air Service Agreements
CA	Community Affairs
CFS	Corporations and Financial Services
Dental Services	Provision of and Access to Dental Services in Australia
Disaster Resilience	Australia's Disaster Resilience
ECO	Economics
EE	Education and Employment
Northern Australia agenda	Effectiveness of the Australian Government's Northern Australia agenda
EC	Environment and Communications
FPA	Finance and Public Administration
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Foreign Interference	Foreign Interference through Social Media
LE	Law Enforcement
LCA	Legal and Constitutional Affairs
NACC	National Anti-Corruption Commission
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme
Perth Mint	Perth Mint and Commonwealth regulatory compliance
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Political Affiliations

AG	Australian Greens
ALP	Australian Labor Party
CLP	Country Liberal Party
IND	Independent
JLN	Jacqui Lambie Network
LNP	Liberal National Party of Queensland
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
NATS	The Nationals
PHON	Pauline Hanson's One Nation
UAP	United Australia Party

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Publications and resources relating to committees*:

Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970–2023)
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/Senate/register](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/register)

Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees: The First 20 Years 1970–1990
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/Senate/Significant Reports/first20years/contents](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Significant_Reports/first20years/contents)

Bills referred to Senate committees
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Bills Legislation/Bills and Committees/Bills referred to Senate committees](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_and_Committees/Bills_referred_to_Senate_committees)

Today's Public Hearings (*daily list of committee public hearings held in Canberra or interstate*)
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/Senate/Todays Public Hearings](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Todays_Public_Hearings)

Senate Committees: Upcoming Public Hearings (*list of all forthcoming committee public hearings*)
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/Senate/Upcoming Public Hearings](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Upcoming_Public_Hearings)

Senate Committees: celebrating 50 years (*a website celebrating 50 years of the modern Senate committee system*)
[Navigate Senate Committees](#)

*A selection of reports presented prior to June 1997 and all reports tabled thereafter are available online.

Information on getting involved in Senate committee inquiries

Making a Submission

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Making_a_submission

Attending a public hearing

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Attending_a_public_hearing

Protection of witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (Senate Privilege Resolution No. 1 on procedures to be observed by Senate committees for the protection of witnesses)

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Procedures_to_be_observed

Government Guidelines for official witnesses before Parliamentary Committees and related matters

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/Guidelines_for_official_witness

DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Administered</i>	<i>Phone (02)</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs	Joint Standing	H	6277 4559
Appropriations, Staffing and Security	Standing	S	6277 3015
Australia's Disaster Resilience	Select	S	6277 3535
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4888
Chairs'	Standing	S	6277 3371
Community Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3515
Corporations and Financial Services	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3583
Cost of Living	Select	S	6277 3547
Economics*	LGPS	S	6277 3540
Electoral Matters	Joint	H	6277 4579
Education and Employment*	LGPS	S	6277 3521
Environment and Communications*	LGPS	S	6277 3526
Finance and Public Administration*	LGPS	S	6277 3439
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint	H	6277 4629
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade*	LGPS	S	6277 3535
House	Standing	S	6277 3398
Human Rights	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3823
Implementation of the National Redress Scheme	Joint Standing	H	6277 4549
Intelligence and Security	Joint Statutory	H	6277 2360
Law Enforcement	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598
Legal and Constitutional Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3560
Migration	Joint	H	6277 4560
National Anti-Corruption Commission	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3419
National Capital and External Territories	Joint	H	6277 2319
National Disability Insurance Scheme	Joint Standing	S	6277 3083
Northern Australia	Joint Select	S	6277 3846
Parliamentary Library	Joint	DPS	6277 7102
Perth Mint and Commonwealth regulatory compliance	Select	S	6277 3585
Privileges	Standing	S	6277 3360
Procedure	Standing	S	6277 3364
Public Accounts and Audit	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4615
Public Works	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4636
Publications	Standing	S	6277 3037
Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport*	LGPS	S	6277 3511
Scrutiny of Bills	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3051
	Standing		
Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3066
	Standing		
Selection of Bills	Standing	S	6277 3020
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3396
Supermarket Prices	Select	S	6277 3585
Trade and Investment Growth	Joint Standing	H	6277 4562
Treaties	Joint	H	6277 4642

H Department of the House of Representatives

DPS Department of Parliamentary Services

LGPS Legislative and General Purpose Standing

S Department of the Senate

***** Legislation and References Committees

COMMITTEES ADMINISTERED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE OFFICE

Introduction

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office provided staffing and resources for the following committees:

- Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees;
- Certain Joint Statutory, Joint Standing and Joint Select Committees; and
- Senate Select Committees.

Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees

The Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees and the relevant portfolio/subject areas allocated to them are as follows:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Portfolio/subject area</i>
Community Affairs Legislation References	Health and Aged Care Social Services
Economics Legislation References	Industry, Science and Resources Treasury
Education and Employment Legislation References	Education Employment and Workplace Relations
Environment and Communications Legislation References	Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Communications and the Arts (<i>part of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</i>)
Finance and Public Administration Legislation References	Finance Parliament Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Indigenous Affairs)
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation References	Defence (including Veterans' Affairs) Foreign Affairs and Trade
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation References	Attorney-General's Home Affairs
Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation References	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (<i>excluding Communications and the Arts</i>)

Joint Statutory Committees

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office administered the following Joint Statutory Committees comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators:

- Corporations and Financial Services
- Law Enforcement
- National Anti-Corruption Commission

Joint Standing Committees

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office administered the following Joint Standing Committee comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators:

- National Disability Insurance Scheme

Joint Select Committees

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office administered the following Joint Select Committee comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators:

- Northern Australia

Senate Select Committees

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office administered the following Select Committees:

- Australia's Disaster Resilience
- Commonwealth Bilateral Air Service Agreements
- Cost of Living
- Foreign Interference through Social Media
- Perth Mint and Commonwealth regulatory compliance
- Provision of and Access to Dental Services in Australia
- Supermarket Prices