

PART SIX

1 July 2023–31 December 2023

**Legislative and General Purpose
Standing Committees administered
by the Senate Committee Office
1 July 2023–31 December 2023**

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 July 2023 - 31 December 2023

	Matters current as at 1 July 2023	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2023
Legislation	6	6	11	1
References	5	2	3 +(1**)	4
Total	11	8	14	5

	Number of Meetings			Total Meetings
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	
Legislation	7	3	21	31
References	8	0	19	28
Total	15	3	40	59

	Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Legislation	31	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	23	1	2	0	0	1	1
Total	54	1	2	0	0	1	1

	Witnesses			Number of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Legislation	98	78	0	149	2
References	0	0	179	502	0
Total	98	78	179	651	2

* Includes referral of Annual reports x 1

** Interim report

Community Affairs (Legislation)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair 02.08.2022)</i>	26.07.2022
Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	04.12.2023
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹	30.11.2023
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)	13.06.2023–04.12.2023
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, CLP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) ²	22.08.2022–22.08.2022
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) ³	30.05.2023–02.06.2023
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ⁴	22.11.2023–22.11.2023
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS) ⁵	02.11.2023–02.11.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Paid Parental Leave Amendment (More Support for Working Families) Bill 2023

² Replaced Senator Brockman on 22 August 2022

³ Replaced Senator Nampijinpa Price for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates from 30 May to 2 June 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 22 November 2023

⁵ Replaced Senator Kovacic for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023 and related bill from 10am until 11am on 2 November 2023

Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁶	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP) ⁷	01.11.2023–01.11.2023
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP) ⁸	13.11.2023–13.11.2023
Senator Deborah O’Neill (NSW, ALP) ⁹	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator Matt O’Sullivan (WA, LP) ¹⁰	18.08.2022–18.08.2022
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ¹¹	09.11.2022–09.11.2022
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ¹²	31.05.2023–31.05.2023
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ¹³	17.08.2022–18.08.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ¹⁴	25.08.2022–25.08.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ¹⁵	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ¹⁶	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ¹⁷	29.09.2022–29.09.2022
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) ¹⁸	24.03.2023–01.09.2023
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) ¹⁹	14.09.2023–09.11.2023
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) ²⁰	14.09.2023–22.11.2023
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ²¹	01.06.2023–02.06.2023

⁶ Replaced Senator Nampijinpa Price for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022 from 7.30pm

⁷ Replaced Senator Liddle for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023 and related bill on 1 November 2023

⁸ Replaced Senator Liddle on 13 November 2023

⁹ Replaced Senator Pratt for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022 from 8.15pm

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Brockman on 18 August 2022

¹¹ Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 9 November 2022 from 5pm

¹² Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from 6pm

¹³ Replaced Senator Brockman on 17 and 18 August 2022

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Brockman on 25 August 2022

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 12pm to 2.30pm

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 29 September 2022

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee’s inquiry into the Improving Access to Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2023

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Disability Services and Inclusion Bill 2023 and related bill

²⁰ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023 and related bill

²¹ Replaced Senator Pratt for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 5pm and 2 June 2023 from 9am

Inquiries
as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No 2. of 2023 tabled 05.09.2023	Ongoing
Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2022	09.02.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 31.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023	No
Improving Access to Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2023	23.03.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 01.09.2023; tabled 04.09.2023	No
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	25–26 October 2023— Canberra (Supplementary) 07.11.2023—Canberra (Supplementary)	03.08.2023	No
Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Amendment (Disclosure of Information) Bill 2023	15.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 26.07.2023; tabled 31.07.2023	No
Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review Scheme) Bill 2023	15.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 23.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023	No
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Safety Net) Bill 2023	22.06.2023 (SB)	18.07.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 24.07.2023; tabled 31.07.2023	No

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry Bill 2023 [Provisions] and National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	03.08.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 30.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023	No
Disability Services and Inclusion Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Disability Services and Inclusion (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	14.09.2023 (SB)	09.10.2023—Canberra	09.11.2023	No
Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	14.09.2023 (SB)	30.10.2023—Canberra 01.11.2023—Canberra 02.11.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 22.11.2023; tabled 27.11.2023	No
Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee Bill 2023 [Provisions]	19.10.2023 (SB)	10.11.2023—Canberra 13.11.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 23.11.2023; tabled 27.11.2023	No
Paid Parental Leave Amendment (More Support for Working Families) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	19.10.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Participant Service Guarantee and Other Measures) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	13.07.2023 OOS	25.11.2021
Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Repeal of Cashless Debit Card and Other Measures) Bill 2022	20.07.2023 OOS	31.08.2022

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)*

Community Affairs (References)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	26.07.2022
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	04.12.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)	13.06.2023–04.12.2023
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, CLP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ¹	11.07.2023–11.07.2023
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ²	20.10.2022–20.10.2022
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ³	30.01.2023–31.01.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁴	29.09.2022–29.09.2022

¹ Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 11 July 2023

² Replaced Senator Brockman on 20 October 2022

³ Replaced Senator Pratt on 30 and 31 January 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 29 September 2022

Inquiries
as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Extent and nature of poverty in Australia	07.09.2022	15.08.2023—Canberra 31.10.2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Concussions and repeated head trauma in contact sports	01.12.2022	Nil	05.09.2023	No
Barriers to consistent, timely and best practice assessment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and support services for people with ADHD	28.03.2023	24.07.2023—Perth 26.09.2023—Melbourne	Assessment and support services for people with ADHD tabled 06.11.2023	No
Equitable access to diagnosis and treatment for individuals with rare and less common cancers	14.06.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes
Worsening rental crisis in Australia	22.06.2023	23.08.2023—Brisbane 24.08.2023—Sydney 30.08.2023—Canberra 27.09.2023—Melbourne	Interim report presented OOS 21.09.2023; tabled 16.10.2023 Final report tabled 07.12.2023	No

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Review of legislative instruments on income management	18.10.2023 <i>(in accordance with Section 243B of the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999)</i>	Nil	Nil	Yes
Issues related to menopause and perimenopause	06.11.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)*

Economics

Economics

1 July 2023 - 31 December 2023

	Matters current as at 1 July 2023	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2023
Legislation	3	11	7 + (3**)	7
References	3	1	1 + (3**)	3
Total	6	12	8	10

	Number of Meetings			Total Meetings
	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	
Legislation	2	15	0	21
References	0	13	0	21
Total	2	28	0	42

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	39	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses			Number of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Legislation	85	97	0	90	0
References	0	0	106	261	0
Total	85	97	106	351	0

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

**Progress and compliance reports

Economics (Legislation)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹	30.11.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ²	28.09.2022–24.03.2023
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ³	01.12.2022–10.03.2023
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ⁴	09.11.2022–09.11.2022
Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG) ⁵	26.09.2022–04.11.2022
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ⁶	09.02.2023–22.03.2023
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) ⁷	30.05.2023–30.05.2023

¹ Replaces Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the Digital ID Bill 2023 and related bill

² Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the National Energy Transition Authority Bill 2022

³ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the National Reconstruction Fund Corporation Bill 2022

⁴ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 9 November 2022

⁵ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Atomic Energy Amendment (Mine Rehabilitation and Closure) Bill 2022

⁶ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023 and related bills

⁷ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 30 May 2023 from 7pm

Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) ⁸	31.05.2023–31.05.2023
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ⁹	30.05.2023–30.05.2023
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ¹⁰	31.05.2023–31.05.2023
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ¹¹	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ¹²	01.12.2022–01.12.2022
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ¹³	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ¹⁴	26.10.2023–26.10.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹⁵	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹⁶	28.11.2022–28.11.2022
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹⁷	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹⁸	25.10.2023–26.10.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ¹⁹	08.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ²⁰	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ²¹	28.11.2022–28.11.2022
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) ²²	08.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) ²³	01.12.2022–01.12.2022

⁸ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from 7pm

⁹ Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 30 May 2023 from the dinner break

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from the dinner break

¹¹ Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from the dinner break

¹² Replaced Senator Bragg for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 1 December 2022

¹³ Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 26 October 2023 from 4pm

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 6.30pm

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022

¹⁷ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 11.45am to 1.45pm

¹⁸ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 and 26 October 2023

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022 from 6pm

²⁰ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022

²¹ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022 from 6pm until 8pm

²² Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022 from 2pm until 6pm

²³ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 1 December 2022

Inquiries
as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No 2. of 2023 tabled 05.09.2023	Ongoing
Digital Assets (Market Regulation) Bill 2023	30.03.2023 (SB)	25.07.2023—Canberra	Second progress report presented OOS 16.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023 Third progress report presented OOS 25.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023 Report tabled 04.09.2023	No
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	25–26 October 2023—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (2023 Law Improvement Package No. 1) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	22.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 28.07.2023; tabled 31.07.2023	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Multinationals Pay Their Fair Share—Integrity and Transparency) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	22.06.2023 (SB)	15.08.2023—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 31.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023 Report presented OOS 22.09.2023; tabled 16.10.2023	No

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Competition and Consumer (Gas Market Code) Regulations 2023	08.08.2023	21.09.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 06.10.2023; tabled 16.10.2023	No
Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023 [No. 2] [Provisions], National Housing Supply and Affordability Council Bill 2023 [No. 2] [Provisions] and Treasury Laws Amendment (Housing Measures No. 1) Bill 2023 [No. 2] [Provisions]	10.08.2023 (SB)	Nil	Final report presented OOS 24.10.2023; tabled 06.11.2023	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Support for Small Business and Charities and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	19.10.2023 (SB)	13.11.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 24.11.2023; tabled 27.11.2023	No
Digital ID Bill 2023 and Digital ID (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2023	30.11.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.11.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Accountability and Fairness) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.11.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Help to Buy Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Help to Buy (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.11.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Government amendments to the Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Multinationals Pay Their Fair Share-Integrity and Transparency) Bill 2023	05.12.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Treasury Laws Amendment (Reserve Bank Reforms) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	07.12.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Treasury Laws Amendment (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Superannuation (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions) Imposition Bill 2023 [Provisions]	07.12.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)*

Economics (References)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	01.08.2022
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former substitute member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹	28.09.2022–30.11.2023

¹ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the influence of international digital platforms

Inquiries
as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Influence of international digital platforms	26.09.2022	26.07.2023—Sydney 22.08.2023—Canberra 03.10.2023—Canberra	30.11.2023	No
Capacity and capability of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to undertake proportionate investigation and enforcement action arising from reports of alleged misconduct	27.10.2022	23.08.2023—Canberra 24.08.2023—Canberra 04.10.2023—Canberra 01.11.2023—Canberra	Report on compliance with orders for the production of documents – presented OOS 19.07.2023; tabled 31.07.2023 Further report on compliance with orders for the production of documents – presented OOS 28.07.2023; tabled 31.07.2023 Report on compliance with orders for the production of documents—OPD 298 – tabled 11.09.2023	Yes
Australia’s residential electrification efforts	14.06.2023	22.11.2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Improving consumer experiences, choice and outcomes in Australia’s retirement system	27.11.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
 OOS (Out of session)*

Education and Employment

Education and Employment

1 July 2023 - 31 December 2023

	Matters current as at 1 July 2023	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2023
Legislation	2	5	5 + (1**)	2
References	3	0	2 + (1**)	1
Total	5	5	7	3

Number of Meetings				
	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	2	15	0	26
References	0	5	1	10
Total	2	20	1	36

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	4	2	1	0	1	0	2
References	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	2	1	0	1	0	2

Witnesses					
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	183	219	0	486	1
References	0	0	45	1	0
Total	183	219	45	487	1

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

**Progress and Interim reports

Education and Employment (Legislation)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Matt O’Sullivan (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) ¹	11.09.2023
Former member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ²	02.08.2022–02.08.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) ³	02.05.2023–03.05.2023
Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash (WA, LP) ⁴	06.10.2023–06.10.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁵	05.04.2023–05.04.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁶	26.10.2023–26.10.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023

² Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 August 2022

³ Replaced Senator O’Sullivan on 2 and 3 May 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Brockman on 6 October 2023

⁵ Replaced Senator O’Sullivan on 5 April 2023

⁶ Replaced Senator O’Sullivan for the committee’s examination of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and the Australian Skills Quality Authority during 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 26 October 2023

Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) ⁷	04.11.2022–04.11.2022
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) ⁸	17.04.2023–17.04.2023
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) ⁹	03.10.2023–03.10.2023
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ¹⁰	01.09.2023–01.09.2023
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ¹¹	26.10.2023–26.10.2023
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ¹²	31.10.2023–31.10.2023
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ¹³	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ¹⁴	04.11.2022–04.11.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ¹⁵	17.03.2023–17.03.2023
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ¹⁶	28.04.2023–28.04.2023
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) ¹⁷	20.06.2023–20.06.2023
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ¹⁸	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ¹⁹	06.10.2023–06.10.2023
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ²⁰	31.10.2023–31.10.2023

⁷ Replaced Senator Liddle on 4 November 2022 from 11am until 12.30pm and 2pm until 2.45pm

⁸ Replaced Senator Liddle on 17 April 2023

⁹ Replaced Senator Brockman on 3 October 2023

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Brockman on 1 September 2023

¹¹ Replaced Senator O’Sullivan for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 26 October 2023, after completion of the Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio

¹² Replaced Senator Brockman on 31 October 2023

¹³ Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 November 2022

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Liddle on 4 November 2022 from 8am until 11am

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Payman on 17 March 2023

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Grogan on 28 April 2023

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Grogan on 20 June 2023

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Grogan on 11 November 2022 for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 2022

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Grogan on 6 October 2023

²⁰ Replaced Senator Grogan on 31 October 2023

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as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No 2. of 2023 tabled 05.09.2023	Ongoing
COVID-19 Vaccination Status (Prevention of Discrimination) Bill 2022 and Fair Work Amendment (Prohibiting COVID-19 Vaccine Discrimination) Bill 2023	09.02.2023 (SB)	03.08.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 25.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023	No
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	25–26 October 2023—Canberra (Supplementary)	03.08.2023	No

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	10.08.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 31.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023	No
Higher Education Support Amendment (Response to the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	10.08.2023 (SB)	01.09.2023—Sydney 08.09.2023—Sydney	Progress report presented OOS 27.09.2023; tabled 16.10.2023 Report presented OOS 11.10.2023; tabled 16.10.2023	No

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	07.09.2023 (SB)	03.10.2023—Sydney 06.10.2023—Perth 10.10.2023—Melbourne 11.10.2023—Launceston TAS 31.10.2023—Rockhampton QLD 10.11.2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Australian Research Council Amendment (Review Response) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	07.12.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Data Streamlining) Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]	11.10.2023 OOS	14.04.2023 OOS

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)*

Education and Employment (References)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Matt O’Sullivan (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ¹	29.11.2022
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, CLP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ²	27.10.2022–10.08.2023
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ³	02.08.2022–02.08.2022
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ⁴	10.05.2023–31.08.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into increasing disruption in Australian school classrooms

² Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the national trend of school refusal

³ Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 August 2022

⁴ Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the potential impacts of the Commonwealth Paid Parental Leave scheme on small businesses and their employees

Inquiries
as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
National trend of school refusal	27.10.2022	Nil	10.08.2023	No
Increasing disruption in Australian school classrooms	28.11.2022	04.08.2023—Sydney 15.09.2023—Canberra 07.11.2023—Canberra	The issue of increasing disruption in Australian school classrooms— Interim report presented OOS 01.12.2023; tabled 04.12.2023	Yes
Potential impacts of the Commonwealth Paid Parental Leave (PPL) scheme on small businesses and their employees	30.03.2023	14.08.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 31.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023	No

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

Government Responses
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)

Environment and Communications

Environment and Communications

1 July 2023 - 31 December 2023

	Matters current as at 1 July 2023	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2023
Legislation	8	6	9 + (3**)	5
References	5	3	2 + (3**)	6
Total	13	9	11	11

	Number of Meetings				Total Meetings
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	
Legislation	3	3	13	0	19
References	7	0	11	0	18
Total	10	3	24	0	37

	Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Legislation	19	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	15	0	0	2	1	0	0
Total	34	0	0	2	1	0	0

	Witnesses			Number of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Legislation	91	101	0	486	0
References	0	0	85	119	1
Total	91	101	85	605	1

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

**Progress reports

Environment and Communications (Legislation)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	26.07.2022
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	16.10.2023
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)	01.08.2022
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022–30.03.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	30.03.2023–16.10.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ¹	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ²	26.05.2023–26.05.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ³	11.09.2023–10.11.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁴	24.10.2023–24.10.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ⁵	28.11.2022–28.11.2022
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ⁶	16.06.2023–04.12.2023

¹ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022 from 9am until 5pm

² Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 26 May 2023

³ Replaced Senator Cadell for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Bill 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 Supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023

⁵ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022 from 6.30pm until 9pm

⁶ Replaced Senator Hughes for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Nature Repair Market Bill 2023 and a related bill

Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ⁷	23.10.2023–23.10.2023
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ⁸	07.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ⁹	21.11.2022–21.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ¹⁰	23.11.2022–23.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ¹¹	29.11.2022–29.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ¹²	01.12.2022–01.12.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ¹³	14.12.2022–14.12.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ¹⁴	15.12.2022–15.12.2022
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ¹⁵	19.08.2022–19.08.2022
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ¹⁶	26.05.2023–26.05.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ¹⁷	23.10.2023–23.10.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ¹⁸	24.10.2023–24.10.2023
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ¹⁹	16.11.2022–16.11.2022

⁷ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2023 from 5.30pm until 6.15pm

⁸ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates from 2pm on 7 November until 1pm on 8 November 2022

⁹ Replaced Senator Hughes on 21 November 2022 from 10.30am until 11am

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 23 November 2022 from 6.30pm until 11pm

¹¹ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 29 November 2022 from 9.45am until 11am

¹² Replaced Senator Hughes on 1 December 2022 from 1.15pm

¹³ Replaced Senator Hughes on 14 December 2022 from 3.30pm until 4pm

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Hughes on 15 December 2022 from 11.30am until 12pm

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Hughes on 19 August 2022 for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Climate Change Bill 2022 and a related bill

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 26 May 2023 from 2pm until adjournment

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2023 from 8pm

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023 from 8pm

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 16 November 2022

Inquiries
as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No 2. of 2023 tabled 05.09.2023	Ongoing
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Save the Koala) Bill 2021	28.07.2022 (SB)	Nil	07.12.2023	No
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2022 [No. 2]	08.09.2022 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Environment and Other Legislation Amendment (Removing Nuclear Energy Prohibitions) Bill 2022	27.10.2022 (SB)	Nil	Second progress report presented OOS 06.07.2023; tabled 31.07.2023 Report presented OOS 11.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023	No
Nature Repair Market Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Nature Repair Market (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.03.2023 (SB)	11.09.2023—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 23.10.2023; tabled 06.11.2023 Report tabled 04.12.2023	No
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	23–24 October 2023—Canberra (Supplementary) 08.11.2023—Canberra (Supplementary)	Presented OOS 06.07.2023; tabled 31.07.2023	No
Murdoch Media Inquiry Bill 2023	11.05.2023 (SB) (<i>contingent upon introduction</i>)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Amendment (Using New Technologies to Fight Climate Change) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	22.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 27.07.2023; tabled 31.07.2023	No
Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Amendment (Administrative Changes) Bill 2023	22.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 27.07.2023; tabled 31.07.2023 Report tabled 03.08.2023	No

New References

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equity) Bill 2023	03.08.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	07.09.2023 (SB)	31.10.2023—Canberra 01.11.2023—Canberra	10.11.2023	No
Interactive Gambling Amendment (Credit and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	14.09.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 12.10.2023; tabled 16.10.2023	No
Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023	19.10.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Communications Legislation Amendment (Prominence and Anti-siphoning) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.11.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)*

Environment and Communications (References)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	26.07.2022
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP)	20.06.2023
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	01.08.2022
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹	10.08.2023
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	13.06.2023–20.06.2023
Former substitute member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ²	08.09.2022–03.11.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into Australian Antarctic Division funding

² Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into climate-related marine invasive species

Inquiries
as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Australia’s extinction crisis <i>(terms of reference and title updated; previously known as Australia’s faunal extinction crisis)</i>	04.08.2022	Nil	Nil	Yes
Climate-related marine invasive species	05.09.2022	Nil	Second progress report presented OOS 31.10.2023; tabled 06.11.2023 Win-win under our oceans: Climate-related marine invasive species presented OOS 03.11.2023; tabled 06.11.2023	No
National Cultural Policy released on 30 January 2023	08.02.2023	03.07.2023—Port Adelaide SA	Nil	Yes
Impacts and management of feral horses in the Australian Alps	09.02.2023	23.08.2023—Canberra 07.09.2023—Canberra	Second progress report presented OOS 28.09.2023; tabled 16.10.2023 Third progress report presented OOS 04.10.2023 Report presented OOS 13.10.2023; tabled 16.10.2023	No

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Greenwashing	29.03.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) funding	09.08.2023	04.10.2023—Hobart 05.10.2023—Hobart 16.11.2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Middle Arm Industrial Precinct	05.09.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes
Optus network outage	09.11.2023	17.11.2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Shark mitigation and deterrent measures	07.12.2023	12.12.2017 OOS

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OOS (Out of session)*

Finance and Public Administration

Finance and Public Administration

1 July 2023 - 31 December 2023

	Matters current as at 1 July 2023	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2023
Legislation	2	3	3	2
References	1	2	0	3
Total	3	5	3	5

Number of Meetings				Total Meetings
Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	
Legislation	3	18	0	23
References	0	17	0	23
Total	3	35	0	46

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses				Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	21	0	119	0	
References	0	54	18	1	
Total	21	54	137	1	

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

Finance and Public Administration (Legislation)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹	11.09.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ²	28.10.2022–28.10.2022
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ³	08.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ⁴	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) ⁵	24.05.2023–24.05.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁶	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) ⁷	12.12.2022–12.12.2022
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP) ⁸	11.11.2022–11.11.2022

¹ Replaces Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fairer Contracts and Grants) Bill 2023

² Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 October 2022

³ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022

⁴ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022

⁵ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 24 May 2023, from 7pm

⁶ Replaced Senator Colbeck on 11 November 2022, for any private meeting

⁷ Replaced Senator Sheldon for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget Estimates on 12 December 2022

⁸ Replaced Senator Colbeck for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022

Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP) ⁹	27.10.2023–27.10.2023
Senator Deborah O’Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹⁰	23.05.2023–23.05.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹¹	22.05.2023–22.05.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹²	25.05.2023–25.05.2023
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹³	07.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹⁴	09.03.2023–31.07.2023

⁹ Replaced Senator McGrath for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 27 October 2023

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 23 May 2023, from 7pm

¹¹ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 22 May 2023, from 7pm

¹² Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 25 May 2023, from 7pm

¹³ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November and 8 November 2022

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee’s inquiry into the Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2023

Inquiries
as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No 2. of 2023 tabled 05.09.2023	Ongoing
Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2023	09.03.2023 (SB)	21.07.2023—Canberra	31.07.2023	No
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	23, 24 and 27 October 2023—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No
Public Service Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]	22.06.2023 (SB)	21.08.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 30.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023	No

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Vaccine Indemnity) Bill 2023	10.08.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fairer Contracts and Grants) Bill 2023	07.09.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)*

Finance and Public Administration (References)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹	13.06.2023
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ²	07.12.2023
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ³	07.12.2023
Former substitute member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ⁴	07.06.2023–07.06.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Stewart for the committee's inquiry into consulting services provided for the Australian Government

² Replaces Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into sovereign capability in the Australian tech sector

³ Replaces Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into access to Australian Parliament House by lobbyists

⁴ Replaced Senator Pratt for the committee's inquiry into consulting services provided for the Australian Government, on 7 June 2023

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as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Management and assurance of integrity by consulting services provided for the Australian Government	09.03.2023	17.07.2023—Canberra 18.07.2023—Canberra 26.09.2023—Canberra 27.09.2023—Canberra 12.10.2023—Canberra 09.11.2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Supporting the development of sovereign capability in the Australian tech sector	06.12.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes
Access to Australian Parliament House by lobbyists and the adequacy of current transparency arrangements relating to the lobbyist register	06.12.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Administration of the referendum into an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice	14.09.2023	09.06.2023 OOS

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)*

**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 July 2023 - 31 December 2023

	Matters current as at 1 July 2023	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2023
Legislation	2	5	3 + (1**)	4
References	0	1	1	0
Total	2	6	4	4

Number of Meetings			
Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Legislation	3	11	1
References	0	4	0
Total	3	15	1
			Total Meetings
			17
			5
			22

Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Legislation	15	0	0	0	2	0	0
References	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	20	0	0	0	2	0	0

Witnesses			
Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	14	0	0
References	0	12	1
Total	14	12	1
		Number of Submissions	
		57	0
		14	1
		71	1

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Legislation)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹	22.06.2023
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ²	30.11.2023
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ³	30.11.2023
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ⁴	30.11.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ⁵	02.06.2023–02.06.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ⁶	15.11.2023–15.11.2023
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ⁷	08.08.2023–24.11.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the performance of the Department of Defence

² Replaces Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023 and related bill

³ Replaces Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure and Other Measures) Bill 2023

⁴ Replaces Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2023

⁵ Replaced Senator Green for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 2 June 2023 from 4pm to 6pm

⁶ Replaced Senator White for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 15 November 2023 from 7pm to 9pm

⁷ Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the Defence Capability Assurance and Oversight Bill 2023

Inquiries
as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No 2. of 2023 tabled 05.09.2023	Ongoing
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	25–26 October 2023— Canberra (Supplementary) 15.11.2023—Canberra	Nil	No
Defence Capability Assurance and Oversight Bill 2023	11.05.2023 (SB)	14.09.2023—Canberra 28.09.2023—Adelaide	Presented OOS 24.11.2023; tabled 27.11.2023	No
Performance of the Department of Defence in supporting the capability and capacity of Australia’s defence industry	21.06.2023 (adopted by committee under Standing Order 25(2)(a)(v))	Nil	Interim report tabled 19.10.2023	Yes

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Amendment Bill 2023	03.08.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 30.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023	No
Migration Amendment (Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure and Other Measures) Bill 2023	09.11.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	16.11.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.11.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (References)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP)
(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)

01.08.2022

Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)
(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)

28.07.2022

Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)

01.08.2022

Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP)

01.08.2022

Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)

28.07.2022

Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG)

26.07.2022

Inquiries
as at 01.07.2023

Nil

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Efficacy of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade due diligence framework	18.10.2023	16.11.2023—Canberra	07.12.2023	No

Government Responses
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Human rights implications of recent violence in Iran	13.09.2023	01.02.2023 OOS

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OOS (Out of session)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

1 July 2023 - 31 December 2023

	Matters current as at 1 July 2023	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2023
Legislation	5	8	8	5
References	3	2	2	3
Total	8	10	10	8

	Number of Meetings			Total Meetings
	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	
Legislation	4	9	0	16
References	8	11	0	19
Total	12	20	0	35

	Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Legislation	14	0	0	0	0	0	2
References	12	3	1	0	0	1	2
Total	26	3	1	0	0	1	4

	Witnesses			Number of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Legislation	84	101	0	160	0
References	0	0	149	108	1
Total	84	101	149	268	1

* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Legislation)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹	16.11.2023
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ²	30.11.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ³	30.03.2023–18.05.2023
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ⁴	09.02.2023–07.03.2023
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ⁵	09.03.2023–13.06.2023
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ⁶	22.06.2023–31.08.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Pay for Radio Play) Bill 2023

² Replaces Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Costs Protection) Bill 2023

³ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the Criminal Code Amendment (Prohibition of Nazi Symbols) Bill 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Evacuation to Safety) Bill 2023

⁵ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Australia's Engagement in the Pacific and Other Measures) Bill 2023 and a related bill

⁶ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Strengthening Employer Compliance) Bill 2023

Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ⁷	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁸	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁹	16.11.2022–16.11.2022
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹⁰	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹¹	12.05.2023–14.06.2023
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹²	12.05.2023–24.08.2023

⁷ Replaced Senator Ciccone for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect at Work) Bill 2022 on 2 November 2022

⁸ Replaced Senator Polley for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect at Work) Bill 2022 on 2 November 2022

⁹ Replaced Senator Polley for the committee's inquiry into the Parliamentary Privileges Amendment (Royal Commission Response) Bill 2022 on 16 November 2022

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect at Work) Bill 2022 on 2 November 2022

¹¹ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023

¹² Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment Bill 2023

Inquiries
as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No 2. of 2023 tabled 05.09.2023	Ongoing
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	04.08.2023—Canberra 23–24 October 2023—Canberra (Supplementary)	04.09.2023	No
Family Law Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]	11.05.2023 (SB)	11.08.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 24.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023	No
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combating Foreign Bribery) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	22.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 26.07.2023; tabled 31.07.2023	No
Migration Amendment (Strengthening Employer Compliance) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	22.06.2023 (SB)	21.08.2023—Brisbane	Presented OOS 31.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023	No
Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment Bill 2023	22.06.2023 (SB)	04.09.2023—Canberra	06.09.2023	No

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Pay for Radio Play) Bill 2023	10.08.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Statutory Declarations Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]	07.09.2023 (SB)	Nil	19.10.2023	No

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Identity Verification Services Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Identity Verification Services (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	14.09.2023 (SB)	30.10.2023—Brisbane	09.11.2023	No
Legalising Cannabis Bill 2023	14.09.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Attorney-General's Portfolio Miscellaneous Measures Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.11.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Costs Protection) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.11.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Modern Slavery Amendment (Australian Anti-Slavery Commissioner) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	07.12.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

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OOS (Out of session)*

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (References)

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Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG) ¹	05.09.2022
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ²	07.12.2023
Former substitute member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ³	02.12.2022–14.09.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into missing and murdered First Nations women and children

² Replaces Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into right wing extremist movements in Australia

³ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into current and proposed sexual consent laws

Inquiries
as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Missing and murdered First Nations women and children	04.08.2022	28.07.2023—Sydney 04.10.2023—Perth 02.11.2023—Stratford QLD	Nil	Yes
Current and proposed sexual consent laws	29.11.2022	25.07.2023—Canberra 26.07.2023—Melbourne 27.07.2023—Sydney	14.09.2023	No
Operation of Commonwealth Freedom of Information (FOI) laws	28.03.2023	28.08.2023—Darling Harbour NSW 29.08.2023—Canberra	07.12.2023	No

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Appropriate terms of reference for a COVID-19 Royal Commission that would allow all affected stakeholders to be heard	19.10.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes
Right wing extremist movements in Australia	07.12.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Practice of dowry and the incidence of dowry abuse in Australia	07.12.2023	14.02.2019

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
 OOS (Out of session)*

**Rural & Regional Affairs
and Transport**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

1 July 2023 - 31 December 2023

	Matters current as at 1 July 2023	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2023
Legislation	2	3	4	1
References	3	1	1 + (2**)	3
Total	5	4	5	4

Number of Meetings				
Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	2	8	0	12
References	0	9	1	22
Total	2	17	1	34

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	1	2	1	0	2	0	3
Total	1	2	1	0	2	0	3

Witnesses			
Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	33	0	0
References	0	227	1
Total	33	227	1

* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

** Interim reports

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)	01.08.2022
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Peter Wish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022–01.08.2022
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ¹	30.03.2023–04.05.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ²	12.05.2023–19.10.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ³	03.08.2023–30.08.2023
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ⁴	07.11.2022–07.11.2022
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ⁵	07.11.2022–07.11.2022

¹ Replaced Senator Wish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2023

² Replaced Senator Wish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021

³ Replaced Senator Wish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports Amendment (Animal Welfare) Bill 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 2.30pm until 3pm

⁵ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 7pm until 11pm

Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ⁶	24.10.2023–24.10.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ⁷	24.10.2023–24.10.2023
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ⁸	07.11.2022–07.11.2022
Senator David Van (VIC, LP) ⁹	07.11.2022–07.11.2022

⁶ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023 from 3.30pm

⁷ Replaced Senator White for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023 from 7.30pm

⁸ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 3pm until 6pm

⁹ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 6pm until 7pm

Inquiries
as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No 2. of 2023 tabled 05.09.2023	Ongoing
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	23–24 October 2023—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No
Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021	11.05.2023 (SB)	15.09.2023—Canberra	19.10.2023	No
Biosecurity Amendment (Advanced Compliance Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	22.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 27.07.2023; tabled 31.07.2023	No

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports Amendment (Animal Welfare) Bill 2023	03.08.2023 (SB)	14.08.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 30.08.2023; tabled 04.09.2023	No
Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Bill 2023 [Provisions], Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Bill 2023 [Provisions], Primary Industries (Services) Levies Bill 2023 [Provisions], Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Bill 2023 [Provisions], Primary Industries Levies and Charges Disbursement Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Primary Industries (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	16.11.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (References)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne, (QLD, AG) ¹	30.03.2023
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ²	01.08.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games

² Replaces Senator Rennick for the committee's inquiry into Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games

Inquiries
as at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Project known as the Iron Boomerang	05.09.2022	Nil	10.08.2023	No
Current extent of bank closures in regional Australia	08.02.2023	15.08.2023—Carnamah WA 16.08.2023—Beverley WA 19.09.2023—Launceston TAS 20.09.2023—Canberra 21.09.2023—June NSW 01.12.2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Adequacy of Australia’s preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games	30.03.2023	22.08.2023—Brisbane 28.08.2023—Melbourne 29.08.2023—Bendigo VIC 08.09.2023—Canberra 16.11.2023—Canberra 23.11.2023—Mackay QLD	Interim report tabled 14.09.2023 Second interim report tabled 07.12.2023	Yes

New References
01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Red imported fire ants	18.10.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

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Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Adequacy of Australia's biosecurity measures and response preparedness, in particular with respect to foot-and-mouth disease and varroa mite	12.09.2023	08.12.2022 OOS

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