

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*)

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*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

PART ONE

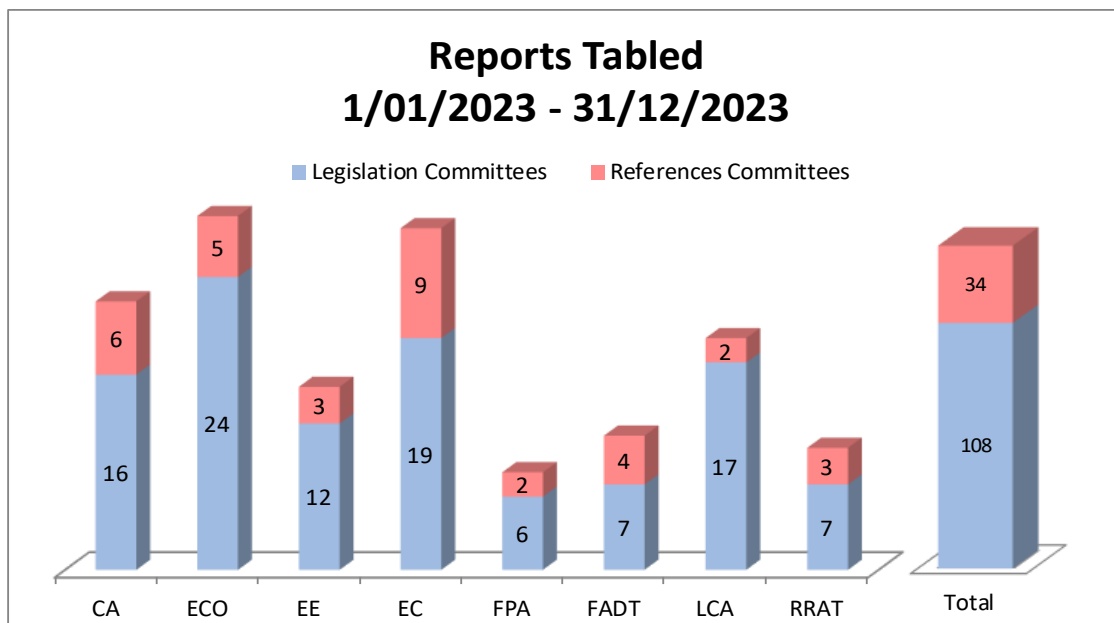
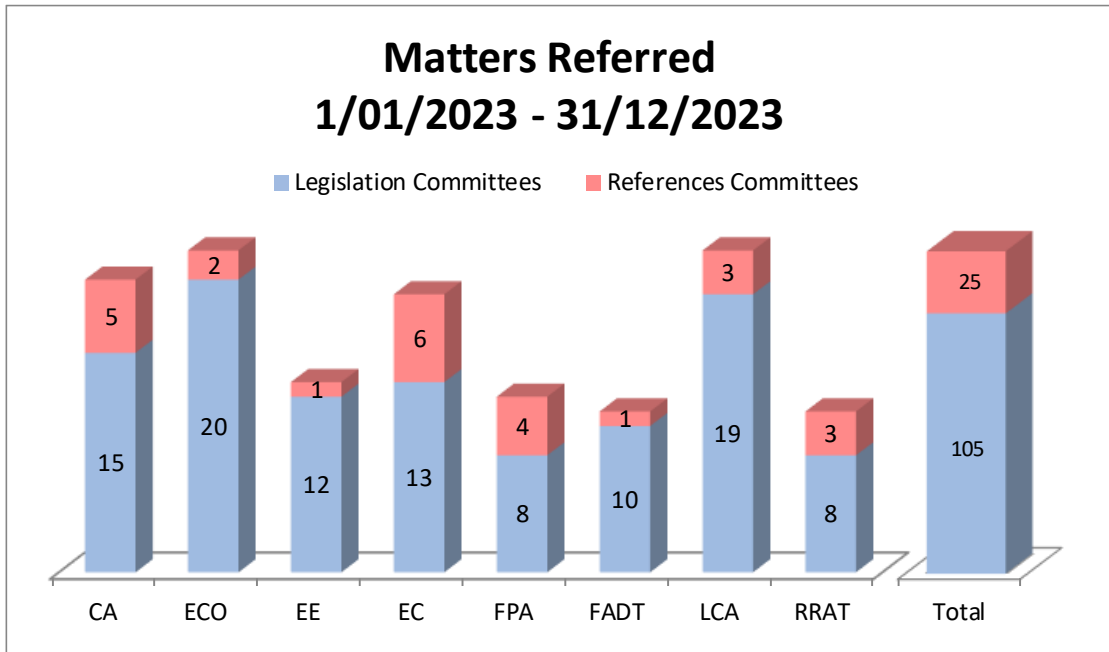
Legislation and References

Committees at a glance

1 January 2023–31 December 2023

Senate Committees at a glance

Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees



CA (Community Affairs), ECO (Economics), EE (Education and Employment),
 EC (Environment & Communications), FPA (Finance & Public Administration), FADT (Foreign Affairs,
 Defence & Trade), LCA (Legal & Constitutional Affairs), RRAT (Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport)

PART TWO

**Consolidated Statistical Overview
(Calendar Year)**

1 January 2023–31 December 2023

Calendar Year Statistical Overview of Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

1 January 2023–31 December 2023

	Matters current as at 1 January 2023	Matters re-referred and/or referred (including estimates, annual reports and statutory oversight obligations)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2023
Legislation	15	105 (A)	93 + (15**) (B)	27
References	15	25 (A)	17 + (17**) (B)	23
Joint/Select	17	10	8 + (13**) + 2#	17
Total	47	140	118 + 2#	67

	Public	Public Estimates	Private	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	54	75	228	1	358
References	91	0	171	4	266
Joint/Select	81	0	152	5	238
Total	226	75	551	10	862

Meetings by State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	6	3	1	2	1	0	4		
References	19	11	4	1	11	0	13		
Joint/Select	13	13	3	4	12	6	10		
Total	38	27	8	7	24	6	27		

	Witnesses			No. of Submissions*	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Legislation	2605	1061	48	5422	8
References	0	0	1482	3613	7
Joint/Select	0	0	1134	1418	6
Total	2605	1061	2664	10453	21

(A) 16 Annual Reports and 8 Estimates references; 78 Individual/packages of bills; 3 Legislation matters; 25 other references
 (B) 16 Reports on Annual Reports; 10 estimates reports; 65 bills reports; 1 Legislation Committee report; 18 References Committee reports

** Interim reports, progress reports and reports on statutory obligations

*submissions total includes 635 survey responses to the cost of living inquiry

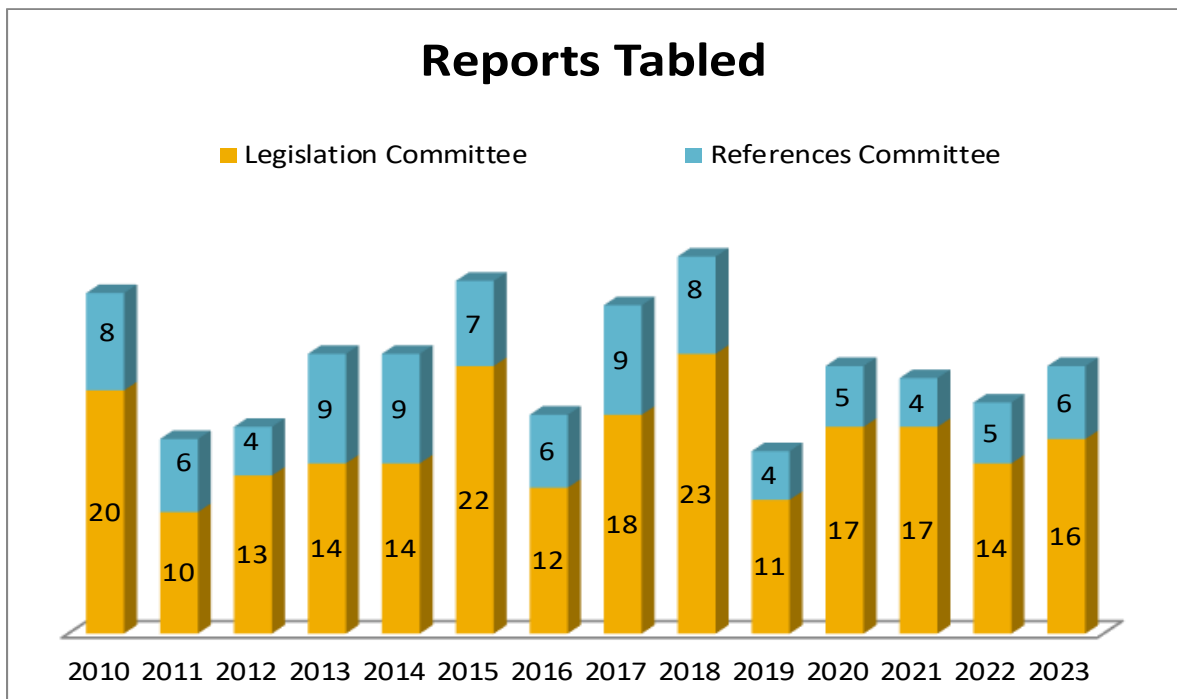
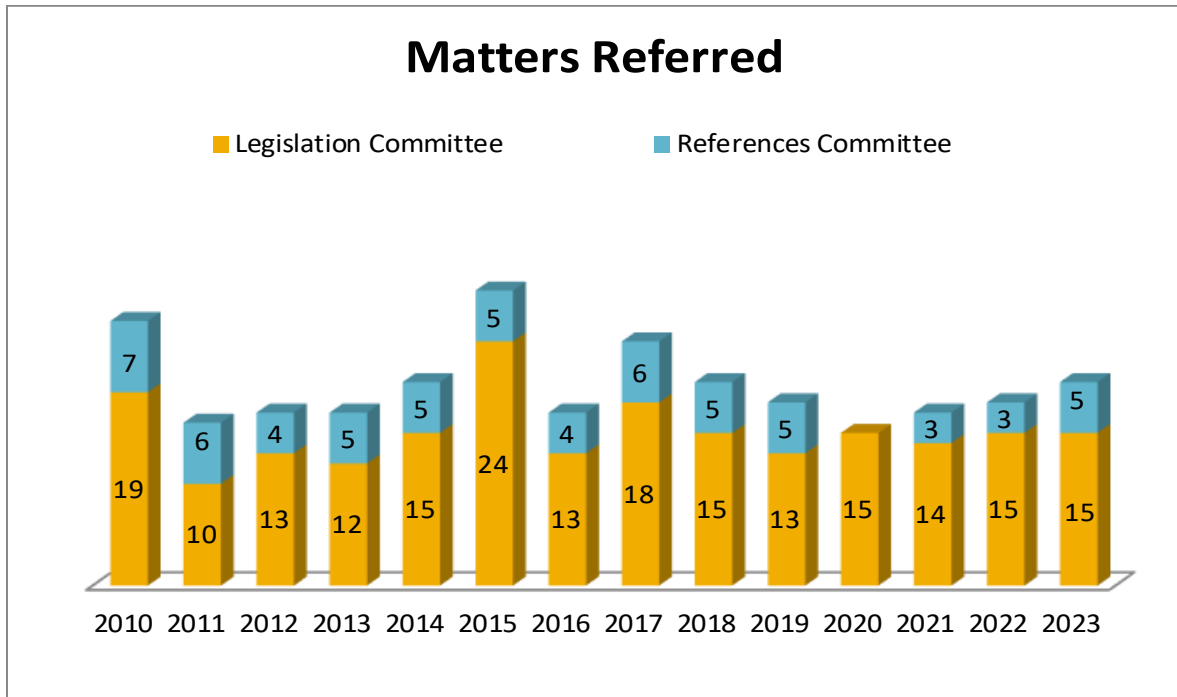
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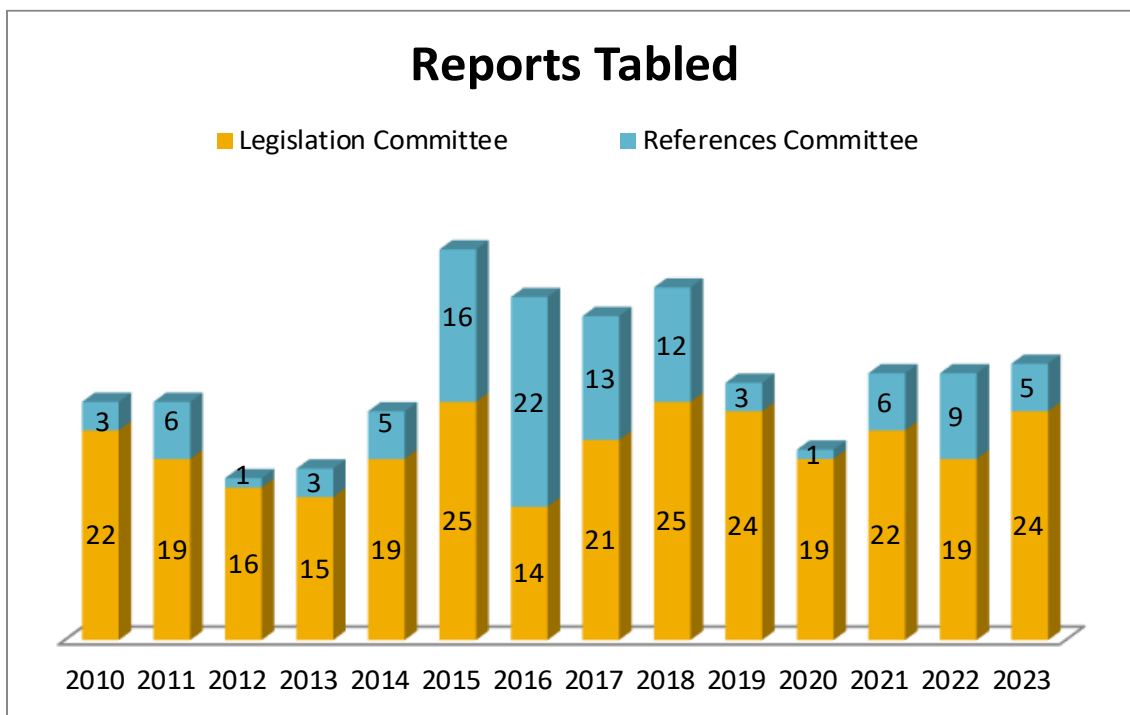
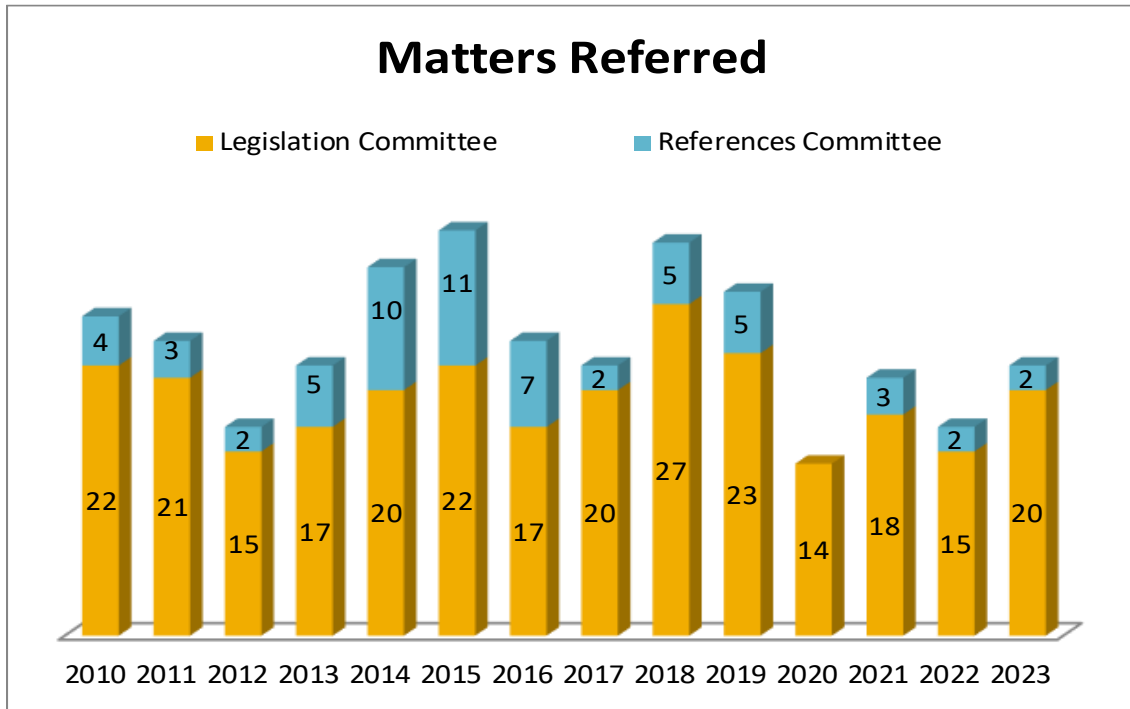
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Economics

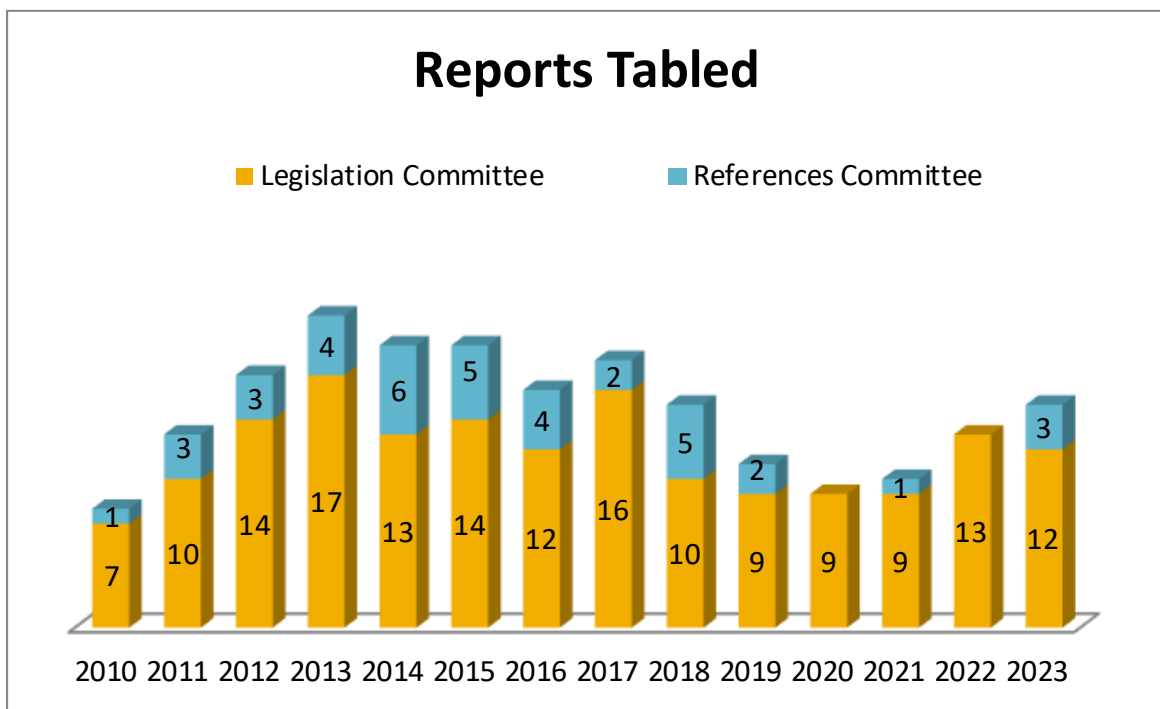
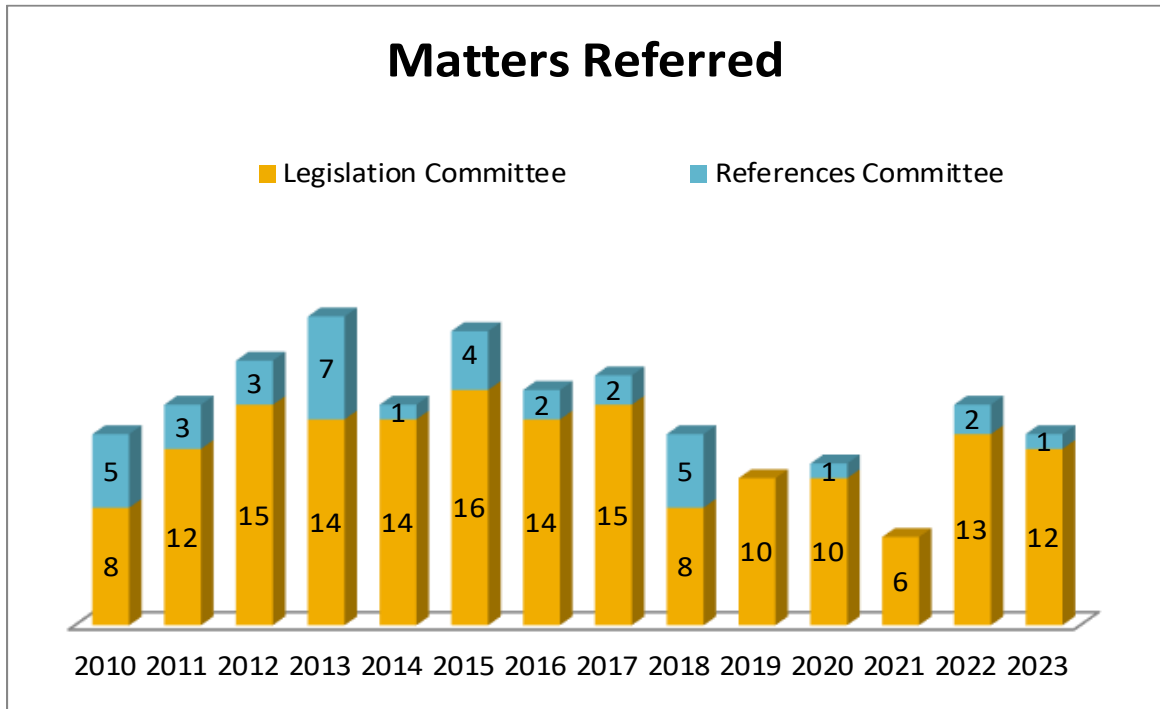
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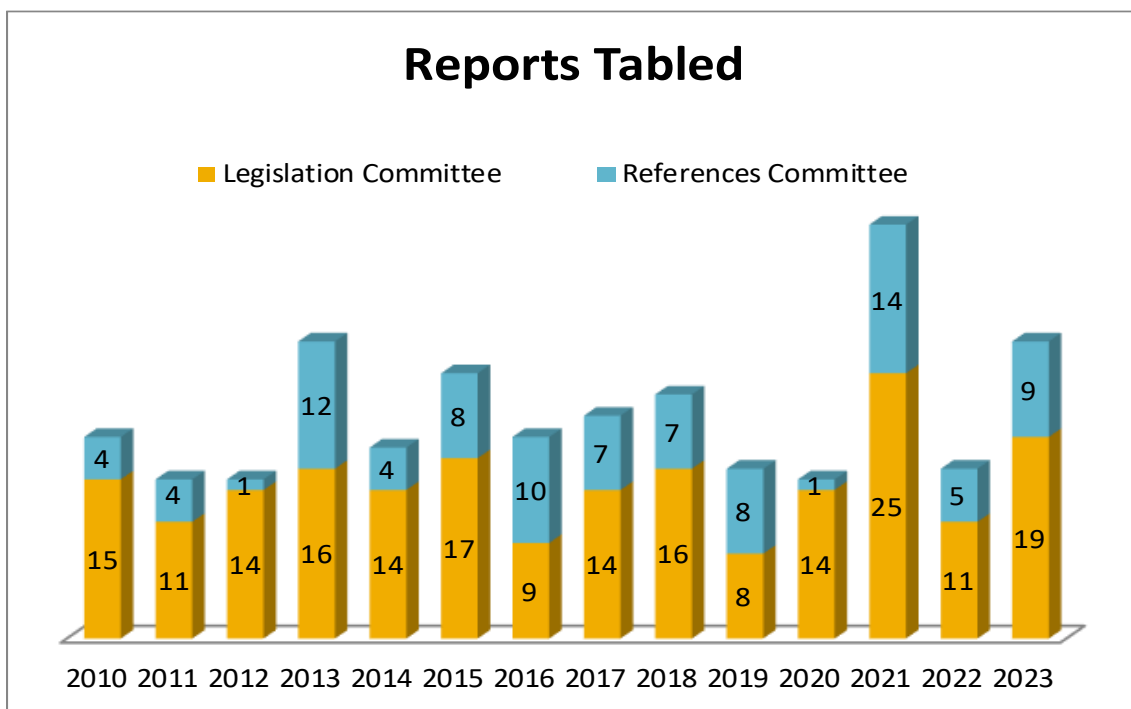
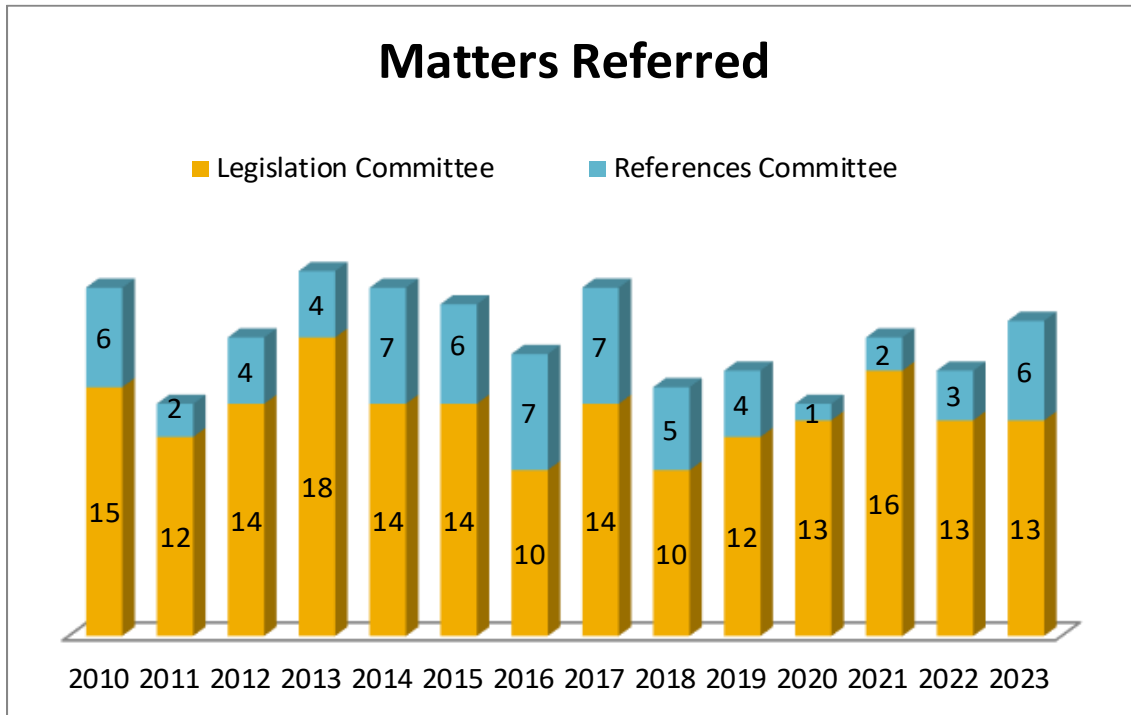
Education and Employment Legislation and References Committees

Matters referred and Reports tabled annually
1 January 2010–31 December 2023



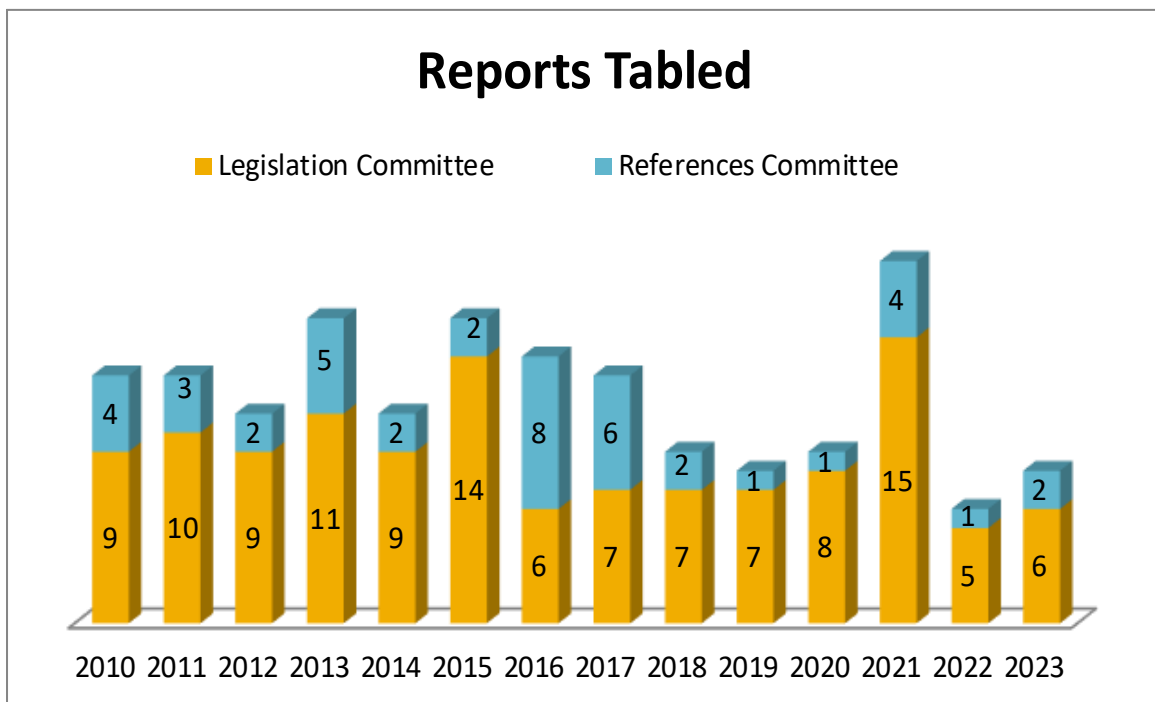
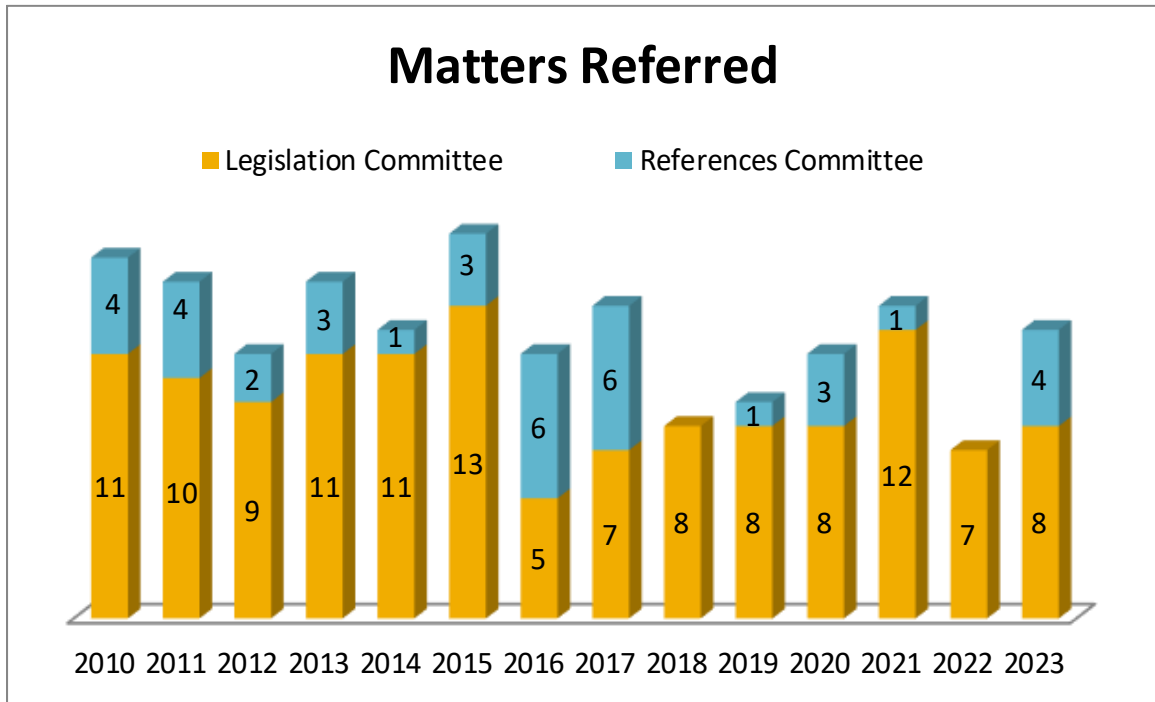
Environment and Communications Legislation and References Committees

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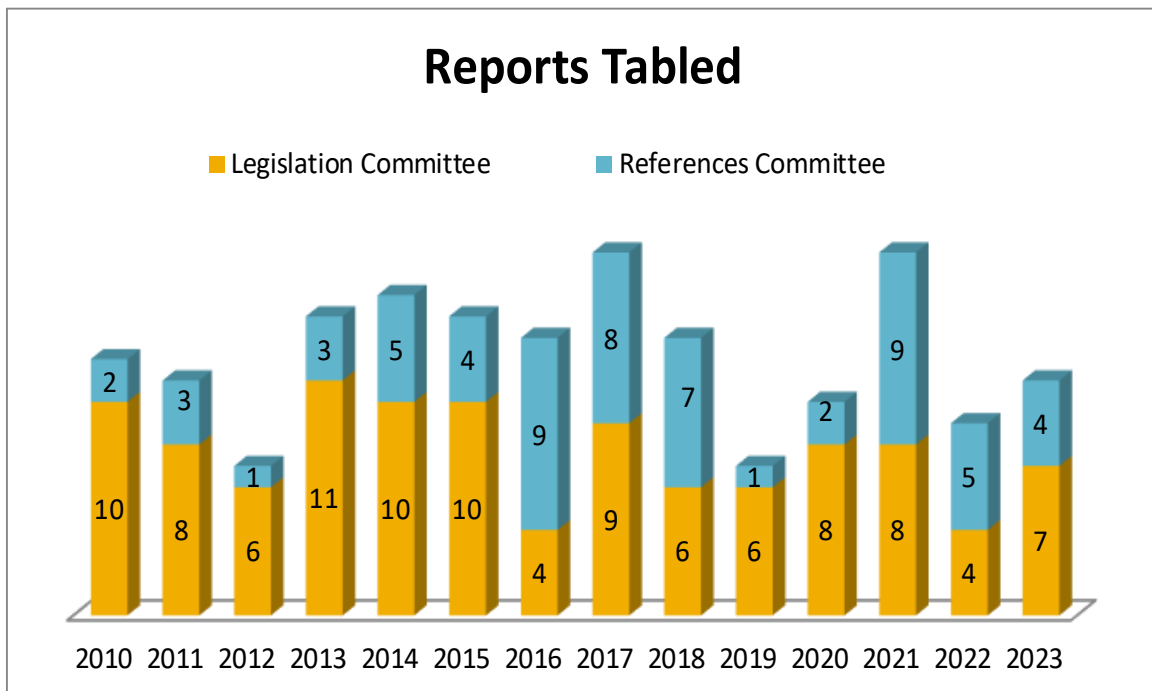
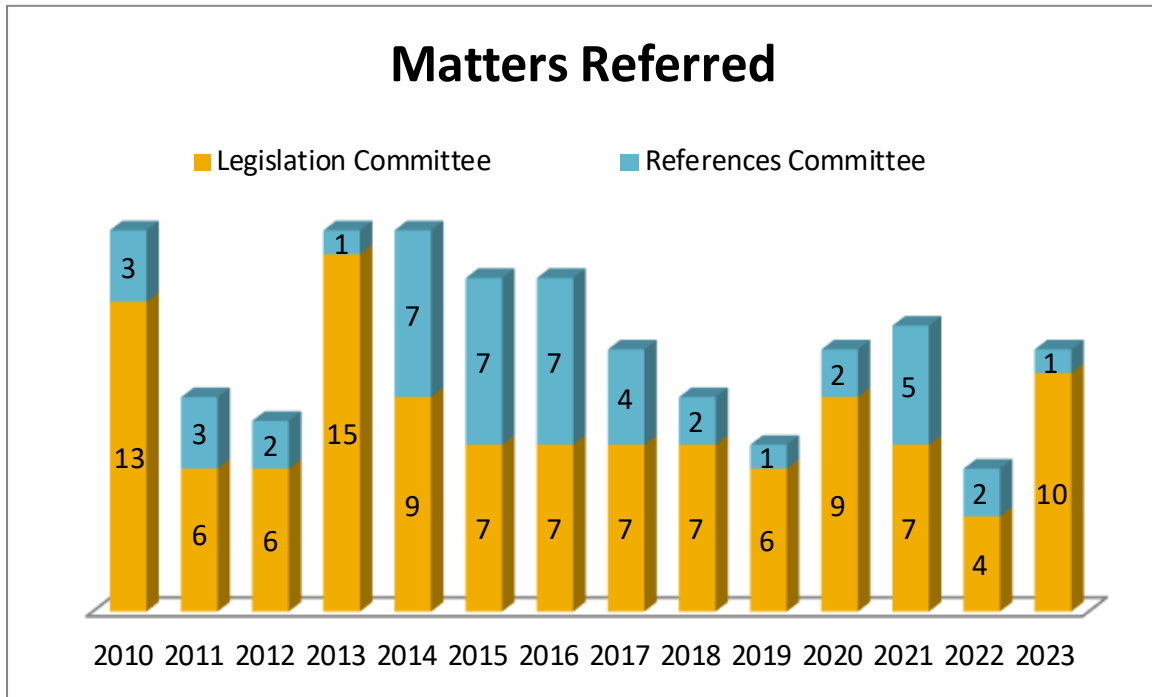
Finance and Public Administration Legislation and References Committees

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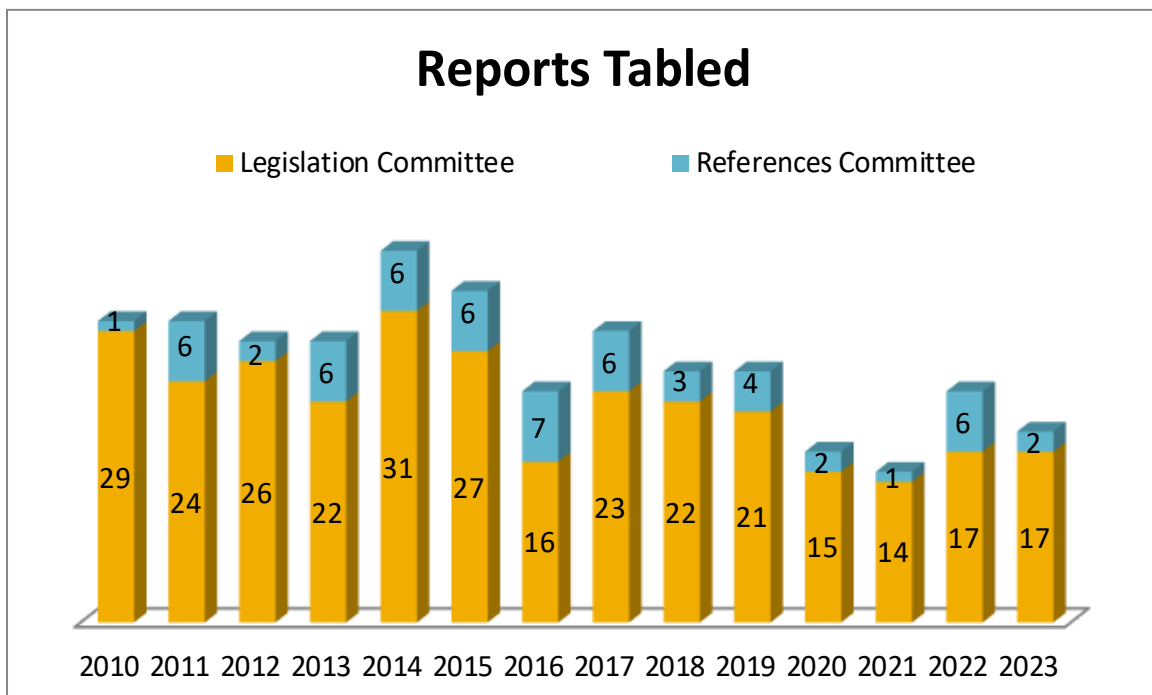
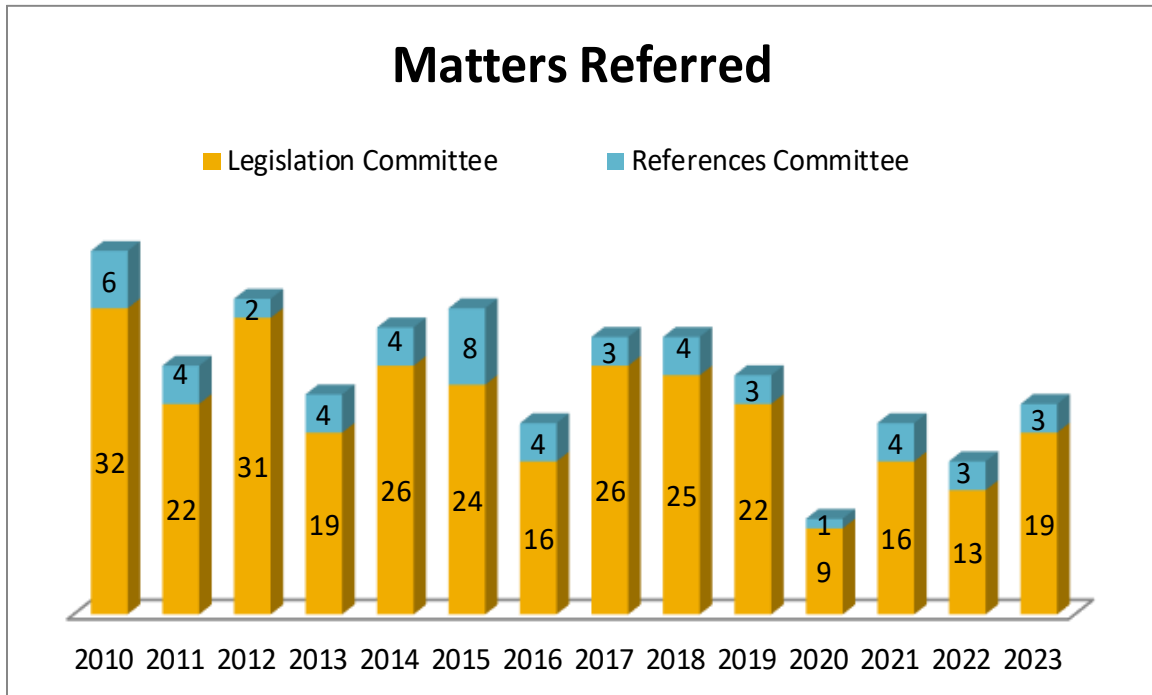
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation and References Committees

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1 January 2010–31 December 2023



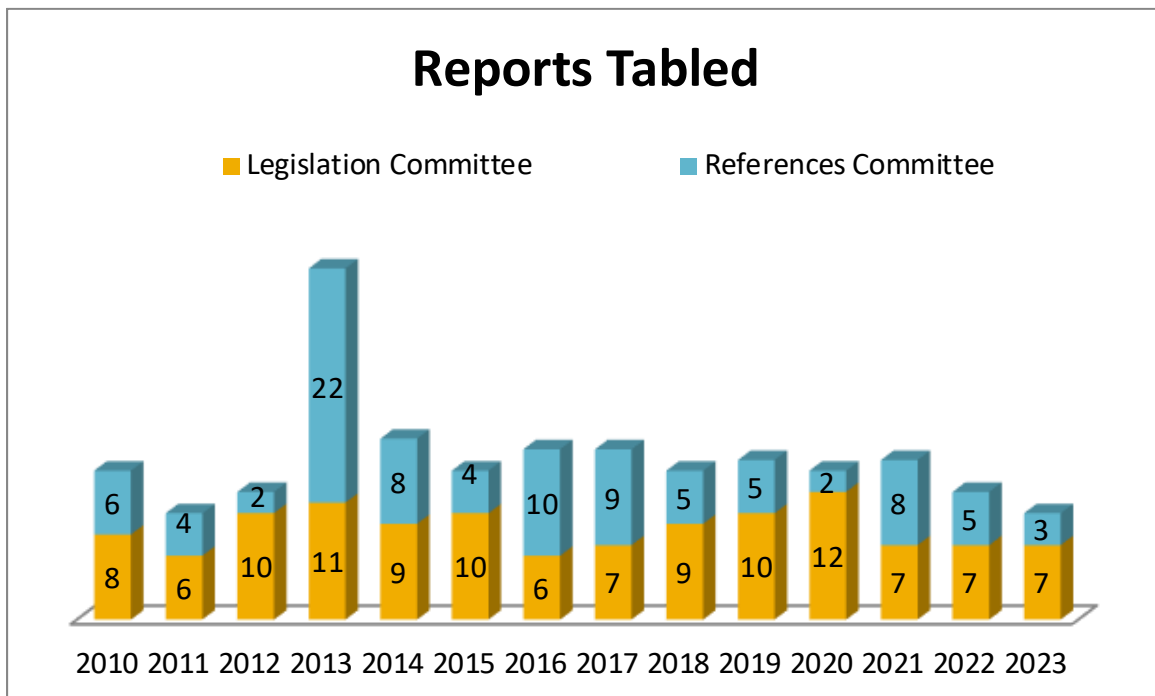
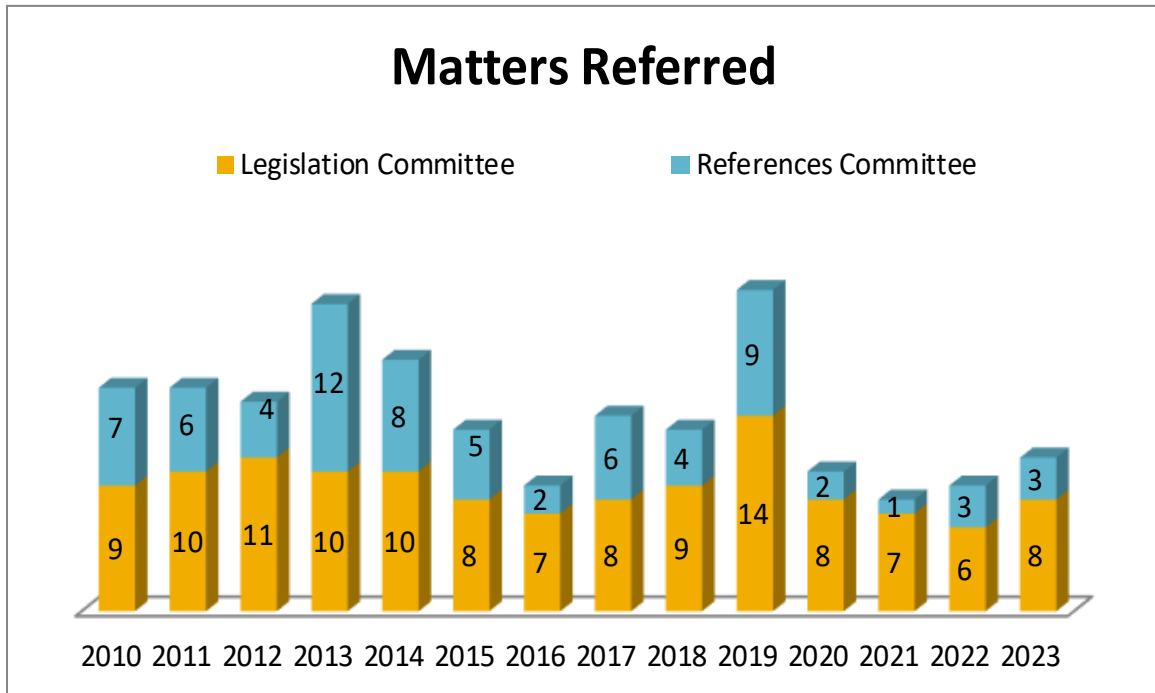
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation and References Committees

Matters referred and Reports tabled annually
1 January 2010–31 December 2023



Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation and References Committees

Matters referred and Reports tabled annually
1 January 2010–31 December 2023



PART FOUR

**Consolidated Statistical Overview
(Half Year)**

1 July 2023–31 December 2023

Half-Year Statistical Overview of Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

1 July 2023–31 December 2023

	Current inquiries as at 1 July 2023	Matters referred (including estimates, annual reports and statutory reporting obligations)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2023
Legislation	30	47 (A)	50 + (8**) (B)	27
References	23	12 (A)	12 + (10**) (B)	23
Joint/Select	21	4	6 + (5**) + 2#	17
Total	74	63	68 + 2#	67

	Public	Public Estimates	Private	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	33	21	110	1	165
References	54	0	89	3	146
Joint/Select	43	0	77	4	124
Total	130	21	276	8	435

Meetings by State									
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD	
Legislation	151	4	2	1	2	1	0	4	
References	117	10	5	3	1	4	0	6	
Joint/Select	94	1	8	2	2	8	2	7	
Total	362	15	15	6	5	13	2	17	

	Witnesses			No. of Submissions*	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Legislation	858	664	0	1790	3
References	0	0	857	1091	5
Joint/Select	0	0	547	932	1
Total	858	664	1404	3813	9

(A) 8 Annual Reports references; 37 Individual/packages of bills; 2 Legislation matters; 12 other references

(B) 8 Reports on Annual Reports; 4 estimates reports; 37 bills reports; 13 References Committee reports

** Interim reports, progress reports or reports on statutory obligations

* submission total includes 635 survey responses for inquiry into the cost of living

Inquiries placed on-hold

PART FIVE

**Statistics on
2023–24 Budget Estimates
(August 2023) and
Supplementary Budget Estimates
(October and November 2023)**

Statistics on 2023–24 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October and November 2023)

Community Affairs	2023–24 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October and November 2023)	Total
No. of public meetings	3 (25–26 October 2023, 7 November 2023)	3
Hours by portfolio:		
- Health and Aged Care	11:04	11:04
- Social Services	14:08	14:08
Hours of public meetings	25:12	25:12

Economics	2023–24 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2023)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (25–26 October 2023)	2
Hours by portfolio:		
- Industry, Science and Resources	07:49	07:49
- Treasury	14:00	14:00
Hours of public meetings	21:49	21:49

Education and Employment	2023–24 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2023)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (25–26 October 2023)	2
Hours by portfolio:		
- Education	09:45	09:45
- Employment and Workplace Relations	12:23	12:23
Hours of public meetings	22:08	22:08

Environment and Communications	2023–24 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October and November 2023)	Total
No. of public meetings	3 (23–24 October 2023, 8 November 2023)	3
Hours by portfolio:		
- Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	12:01	12:01
- Communications and the Arts <i>(part of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts)</i>	11:10	11:10
- Cross portfolio Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters	Hearings deferred	–
Hours of public meetings	23:11	23:11

Finance and Public Administration	2023–24 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2023)	Total
No. of public meetings	3 (23, 24 and 27 October 2023)	3
Hours by portfolio:		
- Finance	09:59	09:59
- Parliament	01:50	01:50
- Prime Minister and Cabinet	12:40	12:40
- Cross portfolio Indigenous matters	06:10	06:10
Hours of public meetings	30:39	30:39

**Statistics on 2023–24 Budget Estimates (August 2023) and
2023–24 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October and November 2023)**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	2023–24 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October and November 2023)	Total
No. of public meetings	3 (25–26 October 2023, 15 November 2023)	3
Hours by portfolio:		
- Defence	10:51	10:51
- Foreign Affairs and Trade	10:42	10:42
- Veterans' Affairs	02:06	02:06
Hours of public meetings	23:39	23:39

Legal and Constitutional Affairs	2023–24 Budget Estimates (August 2023)	2023–24 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2023)	Total
No. of public meetings	1 (4 August 2023)	2 (23–24 October 2023)	3
Hours by portfolio:			
- Attorney-General's	04:45	12:52	17:37
- Home Affairs	–	08:50	08:50
Hours of public meetings	04:45	21:42	26:27

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport	2023–24 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2023)	
No. of public meetings	2 (23–24 October 2023)	2
Hours by portfolio:		
- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	11:18	11:18
- Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (<i>excluding Communications and the Arts</i>)	11:17	11:17
Hours of public meetings	22:35	22:35

The number of days the committees met to consider estimates:

2023–24 Budget Estimates

1 Day (4 August 2023)

2023–24 Supplementary Budget Estimates

8 Days (23–27 October 2023; 7, 8 and 15 November 2023)

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

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

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

* 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

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
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 <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
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				
Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	3	13	0	19
References	0	11	0	18
Total	3	24	0	37

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

Witnesses			
Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	101	0	0
References	0	85	1
Total	101	85	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

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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 <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
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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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	0
References	0	54	18	1	1
Total	21	54	137	1	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

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>
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 Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	3	11	1	17
References	0	4	0	5
Total	3	15	1	22

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

Witnesses				
	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	103	14	0	57
References	0	0	12	14
Total	103	14	12	71

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

**Interim report

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)
OOS (Out of session)*

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 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
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

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
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 <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
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 <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
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)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

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 <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
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 Wish-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 Wish-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 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
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 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Red imported fire ants	18.10.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

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

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
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**Joint Committees
administered by the
Senate Committee Office
1 July 2023–31 December 2023**

**Corporations and Financial Services
(Joint Statutory)**

Corporations & Financial Services

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
Joint Statutory	7	0	1 +(2*) +2#	4

	Number of Meetings			Total Meetings
	Public Hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	
Joint Statutory	6	0	9	15
			Site visits	
			0	

	Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Joint Statutory	13	0	2	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses		
	Estimates	Bills	General
Joint Statutory	0	0	80
			Number of Submissions
			67
			Government Responses
			0

*Reports on statutory obligations of the committee

#inquiries placed on-hold

Corporations and Financial Services (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to the <i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001</i>	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
The Hon Alex Hawke MP (Mitchell, NSW, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)	02.08.2022
Mr Steve Georganas MP (Adelaide, SA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Ms Zaneta Mascarenhas MP (Swan, WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Dr Daniel Mulino MP (Fraser, VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
The Hon Keith Pitt MP (Hinkler, QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG)	31.07.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP)	01.08.2022
Former member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022–31.07.2023

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>
Oversight of ASIC, the Takeovers Panel and the corporations legislation	Ongoing	20.10.2023—Canberra 03.11.2023—Melbourne	Statutory inquiry into ASIC, the Takeovers Panel, and the corporations legislation: ASIC licence transfers presented OOS 10.07.2023; tabled 31.07.2023	Ongoing
Examination of annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	Ongoing	Nil	2021–22 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act presented OOS 11.07.2023; tabled 31.07.2023	Ongoing
Corporate insolvency in Australia	28.09.2022 <i>(adopted by committee)</i>	Nil	Presented OOS 12.07.2023; tabled 31.07.2023	No
ASIC’s capacity and capability to respond to reports of alleged misconduct	27.10.2022 <i>(adopted by committee)</i>	Nil	Nil	Yes
Ethics and Professional Accountability: Structural Challenges in the Audit, Assurance and Consultancy Industry	22.06.2023 <i>(adopted by committee)</i>	06.10.2023—Canberra 03.11.2023—Melbourne 20.11.2023—Canberra 21.11.2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Reports Tabled	Current inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Effectiveness and efficiency of capital raising in Australia	22.06.2023 (<i>adopted by committee</i>)	Nil	Nil	Inquiry on-hold
Opt-in financial technologies to assist vulnerable Australians	22.06.2023 (<i>adopted by committee</i>)	Nil	Nil	Inquiry on-hold

New References

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

OOS (*Out of session*)
HoR (*House of Representatives*)

**Law Enforcement
(Joint Statutory)**

Law Enforcement

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
Joint Statutory	3	1	1	3

	Number of Meetings			Total Meetings
	Public Hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	
Joint Statutory	4	0	11	15

	Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Joint Statutory	15	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses		
	Estimates	Bills	General
Joint Statutory	0	0	22

	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Joint Statutory	2	1

Law Enforcement (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to the <i>Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Act 2010</i>	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Mr Llew O'Brien MP (Wide Bay, QLD, LNP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Mr Sam Lim MP (Tangney, WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP (Boothby, SA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Mr Dan Repacholi MP (Hunter, NSW, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	04.12.2023
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
The Hon Jason Wood MP (La Trobe, VIC, LP)	01.08.2022
Former member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP)	01.08.2022–04.12.2023

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
Performance of statutory duties	Ongoing	Nil	Nil	Ongoing
Law enforcement capabilities in relation to child exploitation	03.08.2022 (re-adopted by the committee)	26.07.2023—Canberra 10.08.2023—Canberra	29.11.2023	No
Challenges and opportunities for law enforcement in addressing Australia's illicit drug problem	26.09.2022 (adopted by the committee)	26.09.2023—Canberra 27.09.2023—Canberra	Nil	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
Capability of law enforcement to respond to cybercrime	16.10.2023 (adopted by the committee)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Public communications campaigns targeting drugs and substance abuse	14.11.2023	12.05.2021

OOS (Out of session)
HoR (House of Representatives)

**National Anti-Corruption Commission
(Joint Statutory)**

National Anti-Corruption Commission

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
Joint Statutory	1	0	0	1

	Number of Meetings			
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Joint Statutory	0	0	6	0
				Total Meetings
				6

	Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Joint Statutory	6	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses			Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions
Joint Statutory	0	0	0	0

National Anti-Corruption Commission (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 8 February 2023 and agreed to by the Senate on 9 February 2023	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 15.02.2023)</i>	09.02.2023
Dr Helen Haines MP (Indi, VIC, IND) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 15.02.2023)</i>	13.02.2023
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	30.03.2023
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	09.02.2023
Mr Josh Burns MP (Macnamara, VIC, ALP)	15.12.2023
Mr Julian Hill MP (Bruce, VIC, ALP)	07.12.2023
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP)	30.10.2023
Mr Llew O'Brien MP (Wide Bay, QLD, LNP)	13.02.2023
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)	09.02.2023
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	09.02.2023
Mr Keith Wolahan MP (Menzies, VIC, LP)	13.02.2023
Mr Tony Zappia MP (Makin, SA, ALP)	09.02.2023
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	09.02.2023–29.03.2023
Mr Josh Burns MP (Macnamara, VIC, ALP)	09.02.2023–07.12.2023
Mr Luke Gosling MP (Solomon, NT, ALP)	07.12.2023–15.12.2023
Ms Peta Murphy MP (Dunkley, VIC, ALP)	09.02.2023–04.12.2023
Senator the Hon Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	09.02.2023–30.09.2023
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	29.03.2023–30.03.2023

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
Consider the appointments of the proposed Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and Inspectors; oversee the Commissioner, the Inspector and the operation of the National Anti-Corruption Commission; and review the budget and finances of the National Anti-Corruption Commission	09.02.2023	Nil	Nil	Ongoing

New References

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

*OOS (Out of session)
HoR (House of Representatives)*

**National Disability Insurance Scheme
(Joint Standing)**

National Disability Insurance Scheme

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
Joint Standing	2	1	1	2

	Number of Meetings			Total Meetings
	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	
Joint Standing	0	8	1	15

	Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Joint Standing	10	0	5	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses			Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General	
Joint Standing	0	0	78	21

National Disability Insurance Scheme (Joint Standing)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Ms Libby Coker MP (Corangamite, VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 09.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Dr Mike Freelander MP (Macarthur, NSW, ALP)	28.07.2022
Ms Alicia Payne MP (Canberra, ACT, ALP)	28.07.2022
Dr Monique Ryan MP (Kooyong, VIC, IND)	01.08.2022
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	04.12.2023
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG)	28.07.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022
Ms Jenny Ware MP (Hughes, NSW, LP)	01.08.2022
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	13.06.2023–04.12.2023

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
General issues related to the administration and operation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme	27.07.2022	Nil	Nil	Yes
Capability and Culture of the National Disability Insurance Agency	08.09.2022 (<i>adopted by Committee</i>)	04.08.2023—Canberra 28.08.2023—Geelong VIC 29.08.2023—Melbourne 30.08.2023—Inveresk (Launceston) TAS 31.08.2023—Burnie TAS 07.11.2023—Canberra	Final report tabled 16.11.2023	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
NDIS participant experience in rural, regional and remote Australia	18.10.2023 (<i>adopted by Committee</i>)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

OOS (*Out of session*)
HoR (*House of Representatives*)

**Northern Australia
(Joint Select)**

Northern Australia

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
Joint Select Committee	3	0	0 + (1*)	3

	Number of Meetings				Total Meetings
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	
Joint Select Committee	3	0	5	2	10

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Select Committee	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	3

	Witnesses			No of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Joint Select Committee	0	0	26	3	0

*first report

Northern Australia (Joint Select)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Resolution of the Senate on 3 August 2022 and agreed to by the House of Representatives on 4 August 2022	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Ms Marion Scrymgour MP (Lingiari, NT, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 08.09.2022)</i>	05.09.2022
The Hon Warren Entsch MP (Leichhardt, QLD, LNP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 08.09.2022)</i>	05.09.2022
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG)	04.08.2022
Mr Luke Gosling MP (Solomon, NT, ALP)	05.09.2022
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	06.09.2022
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP)	04.08.2022
The Hon Shayne Neumann MP (Blair, QLD, ALP)	05.09.2022
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	04.08.2022
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	13.06.2023
Mr Andrew Willcox MP (Dawson, QLD, LNP)	05.09.2022
Former member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Patrick Dodson (WA, ALP)	06.09.2022–13.06.2023

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
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	04.08.2022	Nil	Nil	Yes
Operation and implementation of the Cyclone Reinsurance Pool	11.10.2022	Nil	Nil	Yes
Northern Australia workforce development	12.10.2022	14.08.2023—Weipa QLD 22.08.2023—Broome WA 24.08.2023—Kununurra WA	First report tabled 29.11.2023 (HoR) 30.11.2023 (Senate)	Yes

New References

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

OOS (Out of session)
HoR (House of Representatives)

**Select Committees
administered by the
Senate Committee Office
1 July 2023–31 December 2023**

Australia's Disaster Resilience

Australia's Disaster Resilience

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
Select Committee	1	0	0 + (1*)	1

	Number of Meetings				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Select Committee	3	0	9	0	12

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	2

	Witnesses			No of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Select Committee	0	0	39	28	0

*interim report

Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 30 November 2022

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Jacqui Lambie (TAS, JLN) <i>(elected Chair on 08.12.2022)</i>	02.12.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 08.12.2022)</i>	01.12.2022
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS)	01.12.2022
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)	01.12.2022
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.12.2022
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)	01.12.2022

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>
Australia's resilience and response to natural disasters	30.11.2022	19.09.2023—Darwin 21.09.2023—Townsville QLD 22.09.2023—Brisbane	Interim report tabled 14.09.2023	Yes

New References

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

**Commonwealth Bilateral
Air Service Agreements**

Commonwealth Bilateral Air Service Agreements

5 September 2023 - 9 October 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
Select Committee	0	1	1	0

	Number of Meetings				Total Meetings
	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits		
Select Committee	0	10	0		15

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	12	1	0	0	0	1	0	1

	Witnesses			No of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Select Committee	0	0	83	153	0

Select Committee on Commonwealth Bilateral Air Service Agreements

5 September 2023 to 9 October 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 5 September 2023

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <i>(elected Chair on 07.09.2023)</i>	06.09.2023
Senator Ralph Babet (VIC, UAP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 07.09.2023)</i>	07.09.2023
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG)	07.09.2023
Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	06.09.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	06.09.2023
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	06.09.2023
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)	06.09.2023

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2023

Nil

New References

05.09.2023–09.10.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>05.09.2023–09.10.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Inquire into and report on all Federal Government decisions relating to any proposals received in the past 12 months for additional services to Australia's major airports <i>(resolution of appointment varied 07.09.2023)</i>	05.09.2023	19.09.2023—Sydney 22.09.2023—Perth 26.09.2023—Brisbane 27.09.2023—Canberra 28.09.2023—Canberra	First report presented OOS 09.10.2023; tabled 16.10.2023	No

Government Responses

05.09.2023–09.10.2023

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

Cost of Living

Cost of Living

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
Select Committee	1	0	0	1

	Number of Meetings				Total Meetings
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	
Select Committee	7	0	3	0	10

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	4	0	1	1	2	1	1	0

	Witnesses			No of Submissions*	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Select Committee	0	0	87	641	0

*submission tally includes 635 survey responses

Select Committee on the Cost of Living

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 28 September 2022 *and varied on 14 September 2023 to allow substitution of a committee member*

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Jane Hume (VIC, LP)
(elected Chair on 26.10.2022)

25.10.2022

Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG)
(elected Deputy Chair on 26.10.2022)

28.09.2022

Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)

25.10.2022

Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)

27.10.2022

Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)

25.10.2022

Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)

30.03.2023

Former member

Term of appointment

Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)

27.10.2022–30.03.2023

Former substitute member

Term of appointment

Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)¹

19.10.2023–19.10.2023

¹ Replaced Senator Stewart on 19 October 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
Cost of living pressures facing Australians	28.09.2022	10.07.2023—Hobart 04.08.2023—Canberra 21.08.2023—Adelaide 22.08.2023—Port Augusta SA 23.08.2023—Alice Springs NT 28.08.2023—East Melbourne 26.09.2023—Perth	Nil	Yes

New References

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

**Foreign Interference through
Social Media**

Foreign Interference through Social Media

1 July 2023 - 1 August 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
Select Committee	1	0	1	0

	Number of Meetings			
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Select Committee	2	0	1	0
				Total Meetings
				3

	Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT
Select Committee	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
							QLD
							0

	Witnesses			No of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Select Committee	0	0	30	4	0

Select Committee on Foreign Interference through Social Media

1 July 2023 to 1 August 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 24 November 2022

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 01.12.2022)</i>	28.11.2022
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 01.12.2022)</i>	29.11.2022
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP)	28.11.2022
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)	29.11.2022
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	01.12.2022

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2023–01.08.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Risk posed to Australia's democracy by foreign interference through social media	24.11.2022	11.07.2023—Canberra 12.07.2023—Canberra	01.08.2023	No

New References

01.07.2023–01.08.2023

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2023–01.08.2023

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

**Perth Mint and Commonwealth
regulatory compliance**

Perth Mint and Commonwealth regulatory compliance

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
Select Committee	1	0	0 + (1*)	1

	Number of Meetings				Total Meetings
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	
Select Committee	3	0	5	0	8

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

	Witnesses			No of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Select Committee	0	0	17	5	0

*interim report

Select Committee on the Perth Mint and Commonwealth regulatory compliance

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 22 June 2023

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 23.06.2023)</i>	22.06.2023
Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 23.06.2023)</i>	22.06.2023
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	22.06.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	22.06.2023
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	22.06.2023
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	22.06.2023

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>
Corporate and regulatory compliance of Gold Corporation and its trading entity, the Perth Mint, with Commonwealth legislation	22.06.2023	27.07.2023—Canberra 10.08.2023—Canberra 03.11.2023—Perth	Interim report presented OOS 20.12.2023	Yes

New References

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

**Provision of and Access to Dental
Services in Australia**

Provision of and Access to Dental Services in Australia

1 July 2023 - 30 November 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
Select Committee	1	0	1	0

	Number of Meetings				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Select Committee	4	0	9	1	14

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	10	0	0	1	0	2	0	1

	Witnesses			Government Responses	
	Estimates	Bills	General		No of Submissions
Select Committee	0	0	85	8	0

Select Committee into the Provision of and Access to Dental Services in Australia

1 July 2023 to 30 November 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 8 March 2023

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 24.03.2023)</i>	09.03.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 24.03.2023)</i>	09.03.2023
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP)	09.03.2023
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)	09.03.2023
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP)	09.03.2023

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2023–30.11.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2023
Provision of and access to dental services	08.03.2023	14.08.2023—Perth 24.08.2023—Launceston TAS 20.09.2023—Brisbane 20.10.2023—Canberra	A system in decay: A review into dental services in Australia— Final report tabled 30 November 2023	No

New References

01.07.2023–30.11.2023

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2023–30.11.2023

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

Supermarket Prices

Supermarket Prices

6 December 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
Select Committee	0	1	0	1

	Number of Meetings				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Select Committee	0	0	1	0	1

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses			Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General	
Select Committee	0	0	0	0

Select Committee on Supermarket Prices

6 December 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 6 December 2023

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 14.12.2023)</i>	07.12.2023
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair 14.12.2023)</i>	07.12.2023
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)	07.12.2023
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)	07.12.2023
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	07.12.2023
Senator Tammy Tyrrell (TAS, JLN)	07.12.2023

Inquiries
As at 01.07.2023

Nil

New References
06.12.2023–31.12.2023

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>06.12.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2023</i>
Price setting practices and market power of major supermarkets	06.12.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
06.12.2023–31.12.2023

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

Other Committees
1 July 2023–31 December 2023

Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24

Current members

Senator Dean Smith (Chair), Senator Raff Ciccone (Deputy Chair), Senator Nick McKim, Senator Paul Scarr, Senator Tony Sheldon, Senator Jess Walsh

Former members

Nil

Secretary

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Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises bills and Acts of Parliament and reports to the Senate whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:

- trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
- inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

Scrutiny digests tabled

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

- Scrutiny Digest 8 of 2023
- Scrutiny Digest 9 of 2023
- Scrutiny Digest 10 of 2023
- Scrutiny Digest 11 of 2023
- Scrutiny Digest 12 of 2023
- Scrutiny Digest 13 of 2023
- Scrutiny Digest 14 of 2023
- Scrutiny Digest 15 of 2023
- Scrutiny Digest 16 of 2023

Meetings

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Private:	7
Briefings:	0
Total:	7

Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23

Current members

Senator Linda White (Chair), Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (Deputy Chair), Senator Catryna Bilyk, Senator David Pocock, Senator Louise Pratt, Senator Paul Scarr

Former members

Senator David Van

Secretary

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Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises each legislative instrument subject to disallowance, disapproval or affirmative resolution by the Senate as to whether:

- it is in accordance with its enabling Act and otherwise complies with all legislative requirements;
- it appears to be supported by a constitutional head of legislative power and is otherwise constitutionally valid;
- it makes rights, liberties, obligations or interests unduly dependent on insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- those likely to be affected by the instrument were adequately consulted in relation to it;
- its drafting is defective or unclear;
- it, and any document it incorporates, may be freely accessed and used;
- the accompanying explanatory material provides sufficient information to gain a clear understanding of the instrument;
- it trespasses unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- it unduly excludes, limits or fails to provide for independent review of decisions affecting rights, liberties, obligations or interests;
- it contains matters more appropriate for parliamentary enactment;
- in the case of an instrument exempt from sunset, it is appropriate for the instrument to be exempt from sunset;
- in the case of an instrument that amends or modifies the operation of primary legislation, or exempts persons or entities from the operation of primary legislation, the instrument is in force only for as long as is strictly necessary; and
- it complies with any other ground relating to the technical scrutiny of delegated legislation that the committee considers appropriate.

The committee also scrutinises each instrument to determine whether the attention of the Senate should be drawn to the instrument on the ground that it raises significant issues, or otherwise gives rise to issues that are likely to be of interest to the Senate.

Reports presented <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	1
Delegated legislation monitors tabled <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	8
Meetings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	9
No. of instruments scrutinised	873
Notices of motion to disallow	9
Notices withdrawn	10
Notices pending	0

Appropriations, Staffing and Security (Standing)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19

Current members

The President (Senator the Hon Sue Lines) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator Andrew McLachlan) (Deputy Chair), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon Penny Wong), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham), Senator Raff Ciccone, Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister, Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Senator the Hon Anne Ruston, Senator Marielle Smith

Former members

Nil

Secretary

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Role of the Committee

The Standing Committee on Appropriations, Staffing and Security determines the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills and reports to the Senate on its determinations prior to the Senate's consideration of those bills. The committee also examines matters affecting the staffing and administration of the Department of the Senate, including proposals to vary the staffing structure, and other matters referred to it by the Senate. It makes an annual report to the Senate on the operations of the Senate's appropriations and staffing and related matters (Standing Order 19(3)). The committee has the explicit capacity to scrutinise security funding and administration and to advise the President and the Senate as appropriate. Under a resolution of the Senate agreed to in 1987 the committee also examines proposed changes in the structure and responsibilities of the parliamentary departments.

Reports presented

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

1

Meetings

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Private: 3

Briefings: 0

Total: 3

Chairs' (Standing)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25(10)

Current members

The Deputy President (Senator Andrew McLachlan) (Chair), Senator Andrew Bragg, Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Senator Raff Ciccone, Senator Claire Chandler, Senator Nita Green, Senator Karen Grogan, Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator the Hon Jane Hume, Senator Jacqui Lambie, Senator Nick McKim, Senator Matt O'Sullivan, Senator Louise Pratt, Senator Janet Rice, Senator Paul Scarr, Senator Dean Smith, Senator Marielle Smith, Senator Tony Sheldon, Senator Glenn Sterle, Senator Jess Walsh

Former members

Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Senator James Paterson, Senator Barbara Pocock, Senator Jordon Steele-John

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Meetings

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Private:	1
Briefings:	0
Total:	1

House (Standing)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21

Current members

The President (Senator the Hon Sue Lines) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator Andrew McLachlan), Senator Wendy Askew, Senator Raff Ciccone, Senator Anne Urquhart

Former members

Secretary

Mr John Begley

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Meetings

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Private:	0
Briefings:	0
Total:	0

Privileges (Standing)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18

Current members

Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (Chair), Senator Deborah O'Neill (Deputy Chair), Senator the Hon David Fawcett, Senator the Hon James McGrath, Senator Nick McKim, Senator Helen Polley, Senator Anne Urquhart, Senator Jess Walsh

Former members

Nil

Secretary

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New references <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	0
Reports presented <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	0
Meetings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Private: 2 Briefings: 0 Total: 2

Procedure (Standing)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17

Current members

The Deputy President (Senator Andrew McLachlan) (Chair), the President (Senator the Hon Sue Lines), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon Penny Wong), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham), Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Senator the Hon Anne Ruston, Senator Anne Urquhart

Former members

Secretary

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New references <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	3
Reports presented <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	1
Meetings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Private: 2 Briefings: 0 Total: 2

Publications (Standing)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22

Current members

Senator Fatima Payman (Chair), Senator Wendy Askew (Deputy Chair), Senator the Hon Slade Brockman, Senator the Hon Carol Brown, Senator Helen Polley, Senator Gerard Rennick

Former members

Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price

Secretary

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Public hearings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	0
Reports presented <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	0
Presiding officers responses presented	0
Government responses presented	0
Meetings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Private: 0 Public: 0 Briefings: 0 Total: 0

Selection of Bills (Standing)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24A

Current members

Government Whip (Senator Anne Urquhart) (Chair), Opposition Whip (Senator Wendy Askew), Nationals Whip (Senator Ross Cadell), Australian Greens Whip (Senator Nick McKim), Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip (Senator Pauline Hanson), Jacqui Lambie Network Whip (Senator Tammy Tyrrell), United Australia Party Whip (Senator Ralph Babet), Independent (ACT) Whip (Senator David Pocock), Independent (VIC) Whip (Senator Lidia Thorpe), Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, Senator Matt O'Sullivan, Senator Paul Scarr

Former members

Nil

Secretary

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Reports presented <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	9
Meetings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Private: 9 Briefings: 0 Total: 9

Senators' Interests (Standing)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A

Current members

Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (Chair), Senator the Hon Tim Ayres, Senator Andrew Bragg, Senator Maria Kovacic, Senator Matt O'Sullivan, Senator Glenn Sterle, Senator Anne Urquhart, Senator Larissa Waters

Former members

Senator Wendy Askew, Senator Kerryne Liddle

Secretary

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Reports presented

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

0

Meetings

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Private:

0

Briefings:

0

Total:

0

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (Joint)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

Current members

Senator Patrick Dodson (Chair), the Hon Ms Melissa Price MP (Deputy Chair), Mr Matt Burnell MP, Ms Kate Chaney MP, Ms Sharon Claydon MP, Senator Dorinda Cox, Senator Kerryne Liddle, Mr Llew O'Brien MP, Mr Graham Perrett MP, Dr Gordon Reid MP, Ms Marion Scrymgour MP, Senator Jana Stewart, Senator Lidia Thorpe

Former members

Nil

Secretary

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Current inquiries <i>as at 31.12.2023</i>	Nil						
Reports presented <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Inquiry into the application of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Australia tabled 28 November 2023						
Government responses <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Nil						
Meetings* <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	<table><tr><td>Private:</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Public hearings:</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Briefings:</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	Private:	4	Public hearings:	0	Briefings:	0
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Public hearings:	0						
Briefings:	0						

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Electoral Matters (Joint)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

Current members

Ms Kate Thwaites MP (Chair), Senator the Hon James McGrath (Deputy Chair), Senator Ross Cadell, Ms Kate Chaney MP, the Hon Darren Chester MP, Senator Karen Grogan, Ms Tania Lawrence MP, the Hon Shayne Neumann MP, Mr Sam Rae MP, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds, Senator Marielle Smith, Ms Anne Stanley MP, Mr James Stevens MP, Senator Larissa Waters

Former members

Senator the Hon Marise Payne

Secretary

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Current inquiries <i>as at 31.12.2023</i>	Nil
Reports presented <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Conduct of the 2022 federal election and other matters–Final report tabled 27 November 2023
Government responses <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Conduct of the 2022 federal election and other matters – Interim Report tabled 9 November 2023
Meetings* <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Private: 4 Public hearings: 2 Total: 4

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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

Current members

The Hon Shayne Neumann MP (Chair), Senator the Hon David Fawcett (Deputy Chair), Senator Ralph Babet, Mr Colin Boyce MP, the Hon Scott Buchholz MP, Mr Josh Burns MP, Senator Claire Chandler, Senator Raff Ciccone, Ms Zoe Daniel MP, Mr Steven Georganas MP, Senator Nita Green, Mr Julian Hill MP, Mr Peter Khalil MP, the Hon Michael McCormack MP, Senator Andrew McLachlan, Mr Rob Mitchell MP, Senator Deborah O'Neill, Senator Fatima Payman, Mr Gavin Pearce MP, Mr Graham Perrett MP, the Hon Melissa Price MP, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds, Senator Tony Sheldon, Senator Dean Smith, Senator Jordon Steele-John, Ms Meryl Swanson MP, Ms Susan Templeman MP, Ms Kate Thwaites MP, Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP, Mr Andrew Wallace MP, Mr Josh Wilson MP, Mr Terry Young MP

Former members

The Hon David Colman MP, Senator Mehreen Faruqi, Mr Luke Gosling MP, Senator Jim Molan, Senator David Van

Secretary

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Current inquiries

as at 31.12.2023

- Australia's tourism and international education sectors
- Department of Defence Annual Report 2022–23

Reports presented

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

- Inquiry into the Department of Defence Annual Report 2021–22 – tabled 14 September 2023
- Quality and Integrity - the Quest for Sustainable Growth': Interim Report into International Education – tabled 18 October 2023
- Inquiry into supporting democracy in our region – tabled 16 November 2023
- The pursuit of equality: Inquiry into the rights of women and children – tabled 30 November 2023

Government responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

- The Defence Industry Security Program. Review of Auditor-General Report 4 of 2021-22 – tabled 28 November 2023
- Inquiry into international armed conflict decision making – tabled 8 August 2023
- Inquiry into the Department of Defence Annual Report 2019-20 – tabled 1 August 2023

Meetings*

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Private:	39
Public Hearings:	15
Briefings:	23
Inspections:	10
Total Meetings:	87

Secretaries of Sub-Committees	
Ms Susan Cardell (Defence Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4629
Ms Rebecca Gordon (Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4586
Ms Ophelia Tynan (Human Rights Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4628
Ms Mihira Jeyanarayanan (Trade Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 2368

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Implementation of the National Redress Scheme (Joint)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

Current members

Senator Catryna Bilyk (Chair), Senator Dean Smith (Deputy Chair), Mrs Bridget Archer MP, Mr Henry Pike MP, Senator David Shoebridge, Ms Meryl Swanson MP, Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP, Mr Tony Zappia MP

Former members

Senator Janet Rice, Ms Marion Scrymgour MP, Senator Linda White

Secretary

Mr Andrew Bray

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Current inquiries <i>as at 31.12.2023</i>	Operation of the National Redress Scheme	
Reports presented <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Nil	
Government responses <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Nil	
Meetings* <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Private:	6
	Public hearings:	1
	Briefings:	0
	Total:	7

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Migration (Joint)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

Current members

Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP (Chair), Dr Anne Webster MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Andrew Bragg, Mr Cameron Caldwell MP, Senator Raff Ciccone, Ms Cassandra Fernando MP, Senator Nick McKim, Senator Fatima Payman, Ms Allegra Spender MP, Mr Josh Wilson MP

Former members

The Hon Jason Wood MP

Secretary

Mr Lachlan Wilson

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Current inquiries <i>as at 31.12.2023</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migration, Pathway to Nation Building • Ending Indefinite and Arbitrary Immigration Detention Bill 2022 										
Reports presented <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 										
Government responses <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 										
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National Capital and External Territories (Joint)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

Current members

Ms Alicia Payne MP (Chair), the Hon Nola Marino MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Alex Antic, Ms Sharon Claydon MP, Mr Ian Goodenough MP, Mr Luke Gosling MP, Mr Julian Hill MP, Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy, Senator Andrew McLachlan, Senator David Pocock, Senator Helen Polley, Senator Matt O'Sullivan

Former members

Senator David Van

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Current inquiries <i>as at 31.12.2023</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquiry into fostering and promoting the significance of Australia's National Capital • Review of the National Capital Authority: Bi-annual Briefings 47th Parliament 								
Reports presented <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoring Democracy – Inquiry into local governance on Norfolk Island, tabled 27 November 2023 								
Government responses <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 								
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Parliamentary Library (Joint)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

Current members

Ms Anne Stanley MP (Joint Chair), Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (Joint Chair), Senator Catryna Bilyk, Ms Cassandra Fernando MP, Senator Maria Kovacic, Mr Rob Mitchell MP, Mr Rowan Ramsey MP, Senator Glenn Sterle, Ms Kate Thwaites MP, Ms Kylea Tink MP, Senator Larissa Waters, Senator Linda White

Former members

Mr Russell Broadbent MP, Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price

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Meetings

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Private:	2
Public:	0
Total:	2

Trade and Investment Growth (Joint)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

Current members

Mr Steve Georganas MP (Chair), the Hon Scott Buchholz MP (Deputy Chair), Senator the Hon Matt Canavan, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Senator Dorinda Cox, the Hon Dr David Gillespie MP, Ms Tania Lawrence MP, Mr Jerome Laxale MP, Senator Helen Polley, Senator Jess Walsh

Former members

The Hon Andrew Gee MP

Secretary

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Current inquiries <i>as at 31.12.2023</i>	Inquiry into the Australian Government's approach to negotiating trade and investment agreements	
Reports presented <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Australia's trade and investment opportunities in a global green economy, tabled 11 October 2023	
Government responses <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Nil	
Meetings* <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Private:	6
	Public:	6
	Total:	9

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Treaties (Joint)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

Current members

Mr Josh Wilson MP (Chair), Mr Phillip Thompson MP (Deputy Chair), Mr Sam Birrell MP, Mr Matt Burnell MP, Senator the Hon Matt Canavan, Senator Claire Chandler, Dr Andrew Charlton MP, Ms Lisa Chesters MP, Senator Dorinda Cox, Senator the Hon David Fawcett, Senator Nita Green, Dr Daniel Mulino MP, Senator Deborah O'Neill, Mr Henry Pike MP, Senator Marielle Smith, Ms Kate Thwaites MP

Former members

Senator Raff Ciccone, Mr Luke Gosling MP, Senator David Van

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Current inquiries

as at 31.12.2023

- Acts of the Universal Postal Union adopted by the 2nd Extraordinary Congress
- Acts of the Universal Postal Union adopted by the 27th Universal Postal Congress
- Second Protocol to Amend the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA)

Reports presented

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

- Report 210: Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on Cooperation in the Field of Defence and the Status of Visiting Forces; Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Serbia on Social Security, presented 3 August 2023
- Report 211: Protocol amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, presented 6 September 2023
- Report 212: Audiovisual Co-production Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of India, presented 18 October 2023
- Report 213: Amendments to the Annex of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965 (sent to Speaker under SO 247, 11 December 2023; tabled out of session 11 December 2023)

Government responses <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	
Meetings* <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Private: Public: Briefings: Total:	6 4 1 11

** the sum of individual meetings may not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections) and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee*

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*

Current members

The Speaker (the Hon Milton Dick MP), the President (Senator the Hon Sue Lines), Senator the Hon Slade Brockman, Mr Jerome Laxale MP, Mr Rowan Ramsey MP, Ms Joanne Ryan MP, Mr James Stevens MP, Senator Jana Stewart, Ms Susan Templeman MP

Former members

Nil

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Meetings

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

Private:	0
Briefings:	0
Total:	0

Human Rights (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*

Current members

Mr Josh Burns MP (Chair), Mr Henry Pike MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Karen Grogan, Senator Matt O'Sullivan, Ms Alicia Payne MP, Mr Graham Perrett MP, Senator Jana Stewart, Ms Kylea Tink MP, Senator Lidia Thorpe and Senator Gerard Rennick

Former members

Mr Russell Broadbent MP, the Hon David Coleman MP, Mr Peter Khalil MP, Ms Peta Murphy MP, Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price

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Current inquiries <i>as at 31.12.2023</i>	Australia's human rights framework								
Reports presented <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report 8 of 2023 (<i>presented 2 August 2023</i>)• Report 9 of 2023 (<i>presented 6 September 2023</i>)• Report 10 of 2023 (<i>presented 13 September 2023</i>)• Report 11 of 2023 (<i>presented 18 October 2023</i>)• Report 12 of 2023 (<i>presented 15 November 2023</i>)• Report 13 of 2023 (<i>presented 29 November 2023</i>)• Report 14 of 2023 (<i>presented 19 December 2023</i>)								
Government responses <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	Nil								
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Intelligence and Security (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Intelligence Services Act 2001*

Current members

Mr Peter Khalil MP (Chair), Mr Andrew Wallace MP (Deputy Chair), Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Senator Raff Ciccone, Mr Luke Gosling MP, the Hon Andrew Hastie MP, Mr Julian Hill MP, Ms Zoe McKenzie MP, Senator James Paterson, Senator Marielle Smith, Senator Jess Walsh, Mr Josh Wilson MP

Former members

The Hon Karen Andrews MP

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Current inquiries

as at 31.12.2023

- Review of the *Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act 2018*
- Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 21 (2021-22) – Australian Intelligence Agencies
- Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 22 (2022-23) – Australian Intelligence Agencies
- Review of Division 3 of Part III of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979*
- Review of post-sentence terrorism orders: Division 105A of the *Criminal Code Act 1995*
- Review of Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* (citizenship cessation determinations)
- Review of the amendments made by the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Repudiation) Bill 2023
- Review of the Defence Amendment (Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets) Bill 2023
- Review of the Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
- Review of the *Migration Amendment (Clarifying International Obligations for Removal) Act 2021*
- Review of the National Security Legislation Amendment (Comprehensive Review and Other Measures No. 3) Bill 2023

<p>Reports presented 01.07.2023–31.12.2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Administration and Expenditure – No. 20 2020-2021 – Australian Intelligence Agencies • Report by statement Review of the 2023 relisting of three organisations as terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code • Report by statement Review of the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Amendment Rules 2023 • Report by statement A review of the regulations relisting Islamic State East Asia as a terrorist organisation under the <i>Criminal Code Act 1995</i> • Advisory Report on the Counter-Terrorism and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 • Advisory Report on the Counter-Terrorism Amendment (Prohibited Hate Symbols and Other Measures) Bill 2023 • Review of the 2023 relisting of two organisations as terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code 	
<p>Government responses 01.07.2023–31.12.2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Report on item 250 of the National Anti-Corruption Commission (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2022 • Advisory Report on the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Modernisation) Bill 2022 • Review of the <i>Counter-Terrorism (Temporary Exclusion Orders) Act 2019</i> • Advisory report on the National Security Legislation Amendment (Comprehensive Review and Other Measures No.2) Bill 2023 • Review of Administration and Expenditure – No. 20 2020-2021 – Australian Intelligence Agencies • Review of police powers in relation to terrorism, the control order regime, the preventative detention order regime and the continuing detention order regime 	
<p>Meetings* 01.07.2023–31.12.2023</p>	<p>Private: Public: Classified hearings: Briefings: Inspections:</p>	<p>16 3 0 8 0</p>

* Meetings that include more than one type of activity (e.g. a private meeting followed by a private briefing) are counted as a single meeting of the committee.

Public Accounts and Audit (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*

Current members

Mr Julian Hill MP (Chair), Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (Deputy Chair), Dr Michelle Ananda-Rajah MP, Senator Catryna Bilyk, Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Dr Carina Garland MP, Mr Ian Goodenough MP, Senator Karen Grogan, Dr Daniel Mulino MP, Mr Henry Pike MP, Senator Barbara Pocock, Mr Sam Rae MP, Senator Tony Sheldon, Mr Aaron Violi MP, Mr Josh Wilson MP

Former members

The Hon David Coleman MP, the Hon Dr David Gillespie MP, Ms Peta Murphy MP, Mr Graham Perrett MP, Mr Sam Rae MP

Secretary

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Current inquiries

as at 31.12.2023

- Procurement at Services Australia and the National Disability Insurance Agency
- Defence Major Projects Report 2020–21 and 2021–22 and Procurement of Hunter Class Frigates
- Probity and Ethics in the Australian Public Sector
- Policy and Program Design and Implementation
- Procurement of the Permissions Capability

Reports presented

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

- Report 498: ‘Commitment Issues’—An inquiry into Commonwealth Procurement
- Report 499: Inquiry into the Annual Performance Statements 2021–22 2023
- Report 500: Inquiry into procurement at Services Australia and the NDIA—Interim Report
- Report 501: Annual Report 2022–23

Documents presented

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

- Nil

Government responses

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

- Report 494—Government response received from ANAO on 14 July 2023
- Report 492—Government response received from ANAO & APSC on 2 August 2023
- Report 494—Government response received from DFAT on 4 September 2023
- Report 497—Government response received from the Minister for Finance on 23 October 2023 (Response 1 of 2)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report 497—Government response received from the Minister for Finance on 23 October 2023 (Response 2 of 2) • Report 498—Government response received from Department of Home Affairs on 28 September 2023 								
Meetings <i>01.07.2023–31.12.2023</i>	<table> <tr> <td>Private:</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public:</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Briefings:</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td> <td>15</td> </tr> </table>	Private:	6	Public:	4	Briefings:	5	Total:	15
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Public Works (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Public Works Act 1969*

Current members

Mr Graham Perrett MP (Chair), the Hon Keith Pitt MP (Deputy Chair), the Hon Karen Andrews MP, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Senator Fatima Payman, Senator Gerard Rennick, Ms Tracey Roberts MP, Mr David Smith MP, Mr Tony Zappia MP

Former members

The Hon Darren Chester MP, Mr Gavin Pearce MP, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds, Senator David Van

Secretary

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Current inquiries

as at 31.12.2023

- Airservices Australia – PFAS Remediation of Former Fire Training Ground at Launceston Airport, TAS
- Australian Institute of Marine Science – Remediation of AIMS Cape Cleveland Wharf, QLD
- Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation – Nuclear Medicine Facility project
- Department of Defence – Canberra Defence Precinct Tranche 1 Australian Defence Force Academy Living-in Accommodation project
- Department of Defence – RAAF Base Darwin–Mid-term Refresh
- Department of Defence – RAAF Base Learmonth Redevelopment Enabling KC-30A Operations, Exmouth, WA

Reports presented

01.07.2023–31.12.2023

- 5/2023 Department of Defence – Facilities to Support JP9101 Phase 1 Enhanced Defence High Frequency Communications System – 'Project Phoenix'
- 6/2023 Department of Defence – Fishermans Bend Redevelopment
- 7/2023 National Capital Authority – Commonwealth Avenue Bridge, Canberra, ACT, Renewal project
- 8/2023 National Capital Authority – Scrivener Dam Dissipator Strengthening project and other works
- 9/2023 Department of Defence – Defence Fuel Transformation Program–Tranche 2 Facilities project

Meetings* 01.07.2023–31.12.2023	Private:	8
	Public:	7
	In-camera:	7
	Briefings:	6
	Inspections:	6
	Total:	17

** the sum of individual meetings does not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections), briefings and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee*

**Committee-related
activity in the chamber
1 July 2023–31 December 2023**

Matters referred to Committees

During the reporting period, 55 matters were referred to Senate Committees for inquiry and report. This included 37 individual/packages of bills referred through the Selection of Bills Committee, 2 legislation matters being reviewed by a Legislation Committee, 12 matters referred to References Committees, 2 Senate Select Committees established and 2 inquiries adopted by or referred to Joint Committees. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
EC (Leg)	Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equity) Bill 2023 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 1 February 2024)	03.08.2023 (4)
RRAT (Leg)	Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports Amendment (Animal Welfare) Bill 2023 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 August 2023)	
FADT (Leg)	International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Amendment Bill 2023 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 August 2023)	
CA (Leg)	National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry Bill 2023 [Provisions] and National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 August 2023)	
ECO (Leg)	Competition and Consumer (Gas Market Code) Regulations 2023 (for inquiry and report by 6 October 2023)	08.08.2023 (1)
EC (Ref)	Funding of the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) (for inquiry and report by 30 November 2023)	09.08.2023 (1)
EE (Leg)	Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 31 August 2023)	10.08.2023 (5)
LCA (Leg)	Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Pay for Radio Play) Bill 2023 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 20 June 2024)	
ECO (Leg)	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] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 24 October 2023)	
FPA (Leg)	Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Vaccine Indemnity) Bill 2023 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 18 March 2024)	

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
EE (Leg)	Higher Education Support Amendment (Response to the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 13 September 2023)	10.08.2023 <i>continued</i>
EC (Ref)	Middle Arm Industrial Precinct (for inquiry and report by 28 February 2024)	05.09.2023 (2)
Bilateral Air Agreements (Select)	All Federal Government decisions relating to any proposals received in the past 12 months for additional services to Australia's major airports (for inquiry and report by 9 October 2023) (<i>resolution of appointment varied 07.09.23</i>)	
FPA (Leg)	Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fairer Contracts and Grants) Bill 2023 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 4 March 2024)	07.09.2023 (4)
EE (Leg)	Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 1 February 2024)	
LCA (Leg)	Statutory Declarations Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 18 October 2023)	
EC (Leg)	Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 8 November 2023)	
CA (Leg)	Disability Services and Inclusion Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Disability Services and Inclusion (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2023)	14.09.2023 (5)
LCA (Leg)	Identity Verification Services Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Identity Verification Services (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2023)	
EC (Leg)	Interactive Gambling Amendment (Credit and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 12 October 2023)	
LCA (Leg)	Legalising Cannabis Bill 2023 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 31 May 2024)	
CA (Leg)	Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 22 November 2023)	

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
LE (Joint)	The capability of law enforcement to respond to cybercrime (for inquiry and report)	16.10.2023 (1)
NDIS (Joint)	NDIS participant experience in rural, regional and remote Australia (for inquiry and report)	18.10.2023 (4)
RRAT (Ref)	Red imported fire ants (for inquiry and report by 18 April 2024)	
FADT (Ref)	Efficacy of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade due diligence framework (for inquiry and report by 7 December 2023)	
CA (Ref)	Review of legislative instruments on income management (in accordance with Section 243B of the <i>Social Security (Administration) Act 1999</i> for inquiry and report by 8 February 2024)	
CA (Leg)	Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 23 November 2023)	19.10.2023 (5)
EC (Leg)	Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 28 June 2024)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Support for Small Business and Charities and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 23 November 2023)	
CA (Leg)	Paid Parental Leave Amendment (More Support for Working Families) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 9 February 2024)	
LCA (Ref)	Appropriate terms of reference for a COVID-19 Royal Commission that would allow all affected stakeholders to be heard (for inquiry and report by 31 March 2024)	
CA (Ref)	Issues related to menopause and perimenopause (for inquiry and report by 10 September 2024)	06.11.2023 (1)
FADT (Leg)	Migration Amendment (Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure and Other Measures) Bill 2023 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 March 2024)	09.11.2023 (2)
EC (Ref)	Impact of the Optus network outage on 8 November 2023 (for inquiry and report by 9 December 2023)	

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
FADT (Leg)	Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 26 April 2024)	16.11.2023 (2)
RRAT (Leg)	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] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 5 February 2024)	
ECO (Ref)	Improving consumer experiences, choice and outcomes in Australia's retirement system (for inquiry and report by 30 June 2024)	27.11.2023 (1)
LCA (Leg)	Attorney-General's Portfolio Miscellaneous Measures Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 1 February 2024)	30.11.2023 (8)
LCA (Leg)	Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Costs Protection) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 9 February 2024)	
EC (Leg)	Communications Legislation Amendment (Prominence and Anti-siphoning) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2024)	
FADT (Leg)	Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 April 2024)	
ECO (Leg)	Digital ID Bill 2023 and Digital ID (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2023 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 28 February 2024)	
ECO (Leg)	Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 28 March 2024)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Accountability and Fairness) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 18 April 2024)	

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
ECO (Leg)	Help to Buy Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Help to Buy (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 16 April 2024)	30.11.2023 <i>continued</i>
ECO (Leg)	Government amendments to the Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Multinationals Pay Their Fair Share-Integrity and Transparency) Bill 2023 (for inquiry and report by 5 February 2024)	05.12.2023 (1)
FPA (Ref)	Supporting the development of sovereign capability in the Australian tech sector (for inquiry and report by 30 June 2024)	06.12.2023 (3)
FPA (Ref)	Access to Australian Parliament House by lobbyists and the adequacy of current transparency arrangements relating to the lobbyist register (for inquiry and report by 30 April 2024)	
Supermarket Prices (Select)	Price setting practices and market power of major supermarkets (for inquiry and report by 7 May 2024)	
LCA (Leg)	Modern Slavery Amendment (Australian Anti-Slavery Commissioner) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 21 February 2024)	07.12.2023 (5)
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Reserve Bank Reforms) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 21 March 2024)	
EE (Leg)	Australian Research Council Amendment (Review Response) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 5 February 2024)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Superannuation (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions) Imposition Bill 2023 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 19 April 2024)	
LCA (Ref)	Right wing extremist movements in Australia (for inquiry and report by 6 December 2024)	

Reports tabled by Senate Committees

During the reporting period, committees supported by the Senate Committee Office tabled/presented 79 reports. This included 46 Legislation Committee reports, 22 References Committee reports, 5 Select Committee reports, 5 Joint Committee reports and 1 Joint Select Committee report. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
ECO (Leg)	*Digital Assets (Market Regulation) Bill 2023–Progress report (presented OOS 27.06.2023)	Presented OOS
ECO (Leg)	*Treasury Laws Amendment (2023 Law Improvement Package No. 1) Bill 2023 [Provisions]–Progress report (presented OOS 27.06.2023)	
EC (Leg)	*Environment and Other Legislation Amendment (Removing Nuclear Energy Prohibitions) Bill 2022–Second progress report (presented OOS 06.07.2023)	31.07.2023 (14)
CFS (Joint)	Statutory inquiry into ASIC, the Takeovers Panel, and the corporations legislation: ASIC licence transfers (presented OOS 10.07.2023)	
CFS (Joint)	2021-22 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act (presented OOS 11.07.2023)	
CFS (Joint)	Corporate insolvency in Australia (presented OOS 12.07.2023)	
ECO (Ref)	*Inquiry into ASIC investigation and enforcement—Compliance with orders for the production of documents (presented OOS 19.07.2023)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Safety Net) Bill 2023 (presented OOS 24.07.2023)	
CA (Leg)	Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Amendment (Disclosure of Information) Bill 2023 (presented OOS 26.07.2023)	
LCA (Leg)	Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Foreign Bribery) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 26.07.2023)	
EC (Leg)	Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Amendment (Using New Technologies to Fight Climate Change) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 27.07.2023)	
EC (Leg)	*Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Amendment (Administrative Changes) Bill 2023–Progress report (presented OOS 27.07.2023)	
RRAT (Leg)	Biosecurity Amendment (Advanced Compliance Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 27.07.2023)	

Committee	Inquiry	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (2023 Law Improvement Package No. 1) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 28.07.2023)	31.07.2023 <i>continued</i>
ECO (Ref)	*Inquiry into ASIC investigation and enforcement— Further report on compliance with orders for the production of documents (presented OOS 28.07.2023)	
FPA (Leg)	Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2023	
Foreign Interference (Select)	Senate Select Committee on Foreign Interference through Social Media	01.08.2023 (1)
EC (Leg)	Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Amendment (Administrative Changes) Bill 2023	03.08.2023 (1)
EE (Ref)	The national trend of school refusal and related matters	10.08.2023 (2)
RRAT (Ref)	Project known as the Iron Boomerang	
EC (Leg)	Environment and Other Legislation Amendment (Removing Nuclear Energy Prohibitions) Bill 2022 (presented OOS 11.08.2023)	04.09.2023 (17)
ECO (Leg)	*Digital Assets (Market Regulation) Bill 2023—Second progress report (presented OOS 16.08.2023)	
CA (Leg)	Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review Scheme) Bill 2023 (presented OOS 23.08.2023)	
LCA (Leg)	Family Law Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 24.08.2023)	
ECO (Leg)	*Digital Assets (Market Regulation) Bill 2023—Third progress report (presented OOS 25.08.2023)	
EE (Leg)	COVID-19 Vaccination Status (Prevention of Discrimination) Bill 2022 and the Fair Work Amendment (Prohibiting COVID-19 Vaccine Discrimination) Bill 2023 (presented OOS 25.08.2023)	
CA (Leg)	National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry Bill 2023 [Provisions] and National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 30.08.2023)	
FPA (Leg)	Public Service Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 30.08.2023)	
FADT (Leg)	International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Amendment Bill 2023 (presented OOS 30.08.2023)	
RRAT (Leg)	Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports Amendment (Animal Welfare) Bill 2023 (presented OOS 30.08.2023)	

Committee	Inquiry	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
CA (Leg)	Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2022 (presented OOS 31.08.2023)	04.09.2023 <i>continued</i>
ECO (Leg)	*Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Multinationals Pay Their Fair Share-Integrity and Transparency) Bill 2023 [Provisions]–Progress report (presented OOS 31.08.2023)	
EE (Leg)	Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 31.08.2023)	
LCA (Leg)	Migration Amendment (Strengthening Employer Compliance) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 31.08.2023)	
EE (Ref)	Potential impacts of the Commonwealth Paid Parental Leave Scheme on small businesses and their employees (presented OOS 31.08.2023)	
CA (Leg)	Improving Access to Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2023 (presented OOS 01.09.2023)	
ECO (Leg)	Digital Assets (Market Regulation) Bill 2023	
CA (Ref)	Concussions and repeated head trauma in contact sports	05.09.2023 (1)
LCA (Leg)	Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment Bill 2023	06.09.2023 (1)
ECO (Ref)	*Inquiry into ASIC investigation and enforcement—report on compliance with orders for the production of documents–OPD 298	11.09.2023 (1)
LCA (Ref)	Current and proposed sexual consent laws in Australia	14.09.2023 (3)
Disaster Resilience (Select)	*Interim report	
RRAT (Ref)	*Australia’s preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games–Interim report	
CA (Ref)	*The worsening rental crisis in Australia–Interim report (presented OOS 21.09.2023)	16.10.2023 (10)
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Multinationals Pay Their Fair Share-Integrity and Transparency) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 22.09.2023)	
EE (Leg)	*Higher Education Support Amendment (Response to the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report) Bill 2023 [Provisions]–Progress report (presented OOS 27.09.2023)	
EC (Ref)	*Impacts and management of feral horses in the Australian Alps–Second progress report (presented OOS 28.09.2023)	

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EC (Ref)	*Impacts and management of feral horses in the Australian Alps–Third progress report (presented OOS 04.10.2023)	16.10.2023 <i>continued</i>
ECO (Leg)	Competition and Consumer (Gas Market Code) Regulations 2023 (presented OOS 06.10.2023)	
Bilateral Air Agreements (Select)	First report (presented OOS 09.10.2023)	
EE (Leg)	Higher Education Support Amendment (Response to the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 11.10.2023)	
EC (Leg)	Interactive Gambling Amendment (Credit and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 12.10.2023)	
EC (Ref)	Impacts and management of feral horses in the Australian Alps (presented OOS 13.10.2023)	
LCA (Leg)	Statutory Declarations Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]	19.10.2023 (3)
RRAT (Leg)	Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021	
FADT (Leg)	*Performance of the Department of Defence in supporting the capability and capacity of Australia’s defence industry –Interim Report	
EC (Leg)	*Nature Repair Market Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Nature Repair Market (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023 [Provisions]–Progress report (presented OOS 23.10.2023)	06.11.2023 (5)
ECO (Leg)	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]–Final report (presented OOS 24.10.2023)	
EC (Ref)	*Climate-related marine invasive species–second progress report (presented OOS 31.10.2023)	
EC (Ref)	Win-win under our oceans: Climate-related marine invasive species (presented OOS 03.11.2023)	
CA (Ref)	Assessment and support services for people with ADHD	
CA (Leg)	Disability Services and Inclusion Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Disability Services and Inclusion (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	09.11.2023 (2)
LCA (Leg)	Identity Verification Services Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Identity Verification Services (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	

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EC (Leg)	Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	10.11.2023 (1)
NDIS (Joint)	Capability and Culture of the NDIA–Final report	16.11.2023 (1)
CA (Leg)	Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 22.11.2023)	27.11.2023 (4)
CA (Leg)	Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 23.11.2023)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Support for Small Business and Charities and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 24.11.2023)	
FADT (Leg)	Defence Capability Assurance and Oversight Bill 2023 (presented OOS 24.11.2023)	
LE (Joint)	Law enforcement capabilities in relation to child exploitation	29.11.2023 (1)
ECO (Ref)	Influence of international digital platforms	30.11.2023 (3)
Northern Australia (Joint Select)	*Northern Australia workforce development: First report (tabled HoR 29.11.2023)	
Dental Services (Select)	A system in decay: A review into dental services in Australia–Final report	
EE (Ref)	*The issue of increasing disruption in Australian school classrooms–Interim report (presented OOS 01.12.2023)	04.12.2023 (2)
EC (Leg)	Nature Repair Market Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Nature Repair Market (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	
EC (Leg)	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Save the Koala) Bill 2021	07.12.2023 (5)
FADT (Ref)	The efficacy of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade due diligence framework	
CA (Ref)	The worsening rental crisis in Australia–Final report	
LCA (Ref)	The operation of Commonwealth Freedom of Information (FOI) laws	
RRAT (Ref)	*Australia’s preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games–Second interim report	

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Perth Mint (Select)	*Select Committee on the Perth Mint and Commonwealth regulatory compliance–Interim report (presented OOS 20.12.2023)	Presented OOS (1)

* *Reports that did not discharge a reference*

Estimates reports:

There were 4 reports tabled or presented out of session during the reporting period.

Reports on Annual Reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 8 reports.

Government Responses to Committee reports

During the reporting period, 10 Government responses to Senate Committee reports were tabled/presented. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
CA (Leg)	National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Participant Service Guarantee and Other Measures) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 13.07.2023; report tabled 25.11.2021)	31.07.2023 (2)
CA (Leg)	Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Repeal of Cashless Debit Card and Other Measures) Bill 2022 (presented OOS 20.07.2023; report tabled 31.08.2022)	
RRAT (Ref)	Adequacy of Australia's biosecurity measures and response preparedness, in particular with respect to foot-and-mouth disease and varroa mite (report presented OOS 08.12.2022)	12.09.2023 (1)
FADT (Ref)	Human rights implications of recent violence in Iran (report presented OOS 01.02.2023)	13.09.2023 (1)
FPA (Ref)	Administration of the referendum into an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice (report presented OOS 09.06.2023)	14.09.2023 (1)
EE (Leg)	National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Data Streamlining) Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions] (presented OOS 11.10.2023; report presented OOS 14.04.2023)	16.10.2023 (1)
LE (Joint)	Public communications campaigns targeting drugs and substance abuse (report tabled 12.05.2021)	14.11.2023 (1)
EC (Ref)	Shark mitigation and deterrent measures (report presented OOS 12.12.2017)	07.12.2023 (2)
LCA (Ref)	Practice of dowry and the incidence of dowry abuse in Australia (report tabled 14.02.2019)	
Northern Australia agenda (Select)	Interim report and Final report (presented OOS 14.12.2023; Interim report tabled 03.12.2020; Final report tabled 28.04.2021)	Presented OOS (1)

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

<i>Legislation</i>	LP/NAT	ALP	AG	Minor Parties/IND	Multi-Party
Additional Comments	17	0	11	5	0
Dissenting Reports	11	0	8	1	2
Minority Reports	0	0	1	0	0
<i>References</i>	LP/NAT	ALP	AG	Minor Parties/IND	Multi-Party
Additional Comments	5	7	4	3	1
Dissenting Reports	1	3	2	0	0
<i>Select/Joint</i>	LP/NAT	ALP	AG	Minor Parties/IND	Multi-Party
Additional Comments	2	2	4	0	0
Dissenting Reports	1	1	1	0	0
Minority Reports	0	0	0	0	0

* *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 51 extensions of time – 10 of one week or less; 12 of over a week; 29 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 90 occasions.

Appointment of Committees

The Select Committee on Commonwealth Bilateral Air Service Agreements was appointed on 5 September 2023.

The Select Committee on Supermarket Prices was appointed on 6 December 2023.

Change of Committee Name

Nil

