

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 2024 to 31 December 2024); and
- the calendar year (1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024).

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

CA	Community Affairs
CFS	Corporations and Financial Services
Disaster Resilience	Australia's Disaster Resilience
EC	Environment and Communications
ECO	Economics
EE	Education and Employment
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
FPA	Finance and Public Administration
LCA	Legal and Constitutional Affairs
LE	Law Enforcement
Leg	Legislation Committee
NACC	National Anti-Corruption Commission
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme
Ref	References Committee
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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A **public alert service** (RSS feed) is available. Members of the public can choose, at no charge, to be alerted automatically via the internet, to the tabling of committee reports, the commencement of new inquiries and schedules of hearing dates. Information on how to load the RSS reader is available on the Senate's committee web page.

Publications and resources relating to committees*:

Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970–2024)
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

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

Senate Committees: Upcoming Public Hearings (*list of all forthcoming committee 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
Adopting Artificial Intelligence (AI)	Select	S	6277 3042
Appropriations, Staffing and Security	Standing	S	6277 3398
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 4104
Education and Employment*	LGPS	S	6277 3521
Environment and Communications*	LGPS	S	6277 3526
Finance and Public Administration*	LGPS	S	6277 3846
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint	H	6277 4574
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade*	LGPS	S	6277 3535
House	Standing	S	6277 3398
Human Rights	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3823
Impact of Climate Risk on Insurance Premiums and Availability	Select	S	6277 5707
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 3419
Legal and Constitutional Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3560
Migration	Joint	H	6277 4776
National Anti-Corruption Commission	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3419
National Capital and External Territories	Joint	H	6277 4609
National Disability Insurance Scheme	Joint Standing	S	6277 3083
Northern Australia	Joint Select	S	6277 3547
Parliamentary Library	Joint	DPS	6277 7102
Parliamentary Standards	Joint Statutory	H	6277 8787
Privileges	Standing	S	6277 3360
Procedure	Standing	S	6277 3350
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 3020
Social Media and Australian Society	Joint Select	S	6277 5708
Trade and Investment Growth	Joint Standing	H	6277 2233
Treaties	Joint	H	6277 4002

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
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; and
- 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; and
- Social Media and Australian Society.

Senate Select Committees

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

- Adopting Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Australia's Disaster Resilience
- Cost of Living
- Energy Planning and Regulation in Australia
- Impact of Climate Risk on Insurance Premiums and Availability
- Measuring Outcomes for First Nations Communities
- PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances); and
- Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme.