

# **PART SIX**

**1 July 2024–31 December 2024**



**Legislative and General Purpose  
Standing Committees administered  
by the Senate Committee Office  
1 July 2024–31 December 2024**



## **Community Affairs**

Community Affairs

1 July 2024 - 31 December 2024

|             | Matters current as at 1 July 2024 | Matters re-referred and/or referred during period * | Reports tabled that discharge a reference | Current inquiries as at 31 December 2024 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Legislation | 2                                 | 3                                                   | 4 + (2**)                                 | 1                                        |
| References  | 3                                 | 1                                                   | 2                                         | 2                                        |
| Total       | 5                                 | 4                                                   | 6                                         | 3                                        |

|             | Number of Meetings |                  |                  |             | Total Meetings |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
|             | Public hearings    | Public Estimates | Private meetings | Site visits |                |
| Legislation | 12                 | 4                | 24               | 0           | 40             |
| References  | 5                  | 0                | 10               | 0           | 15             |
| Total       | 17                 | 4                | 34               | 0           | 55             |

| Meetings By State         |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |     |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|
|                           | ACT | NSW | VIC | TAS | SA | WA | NT | QLD |
| Legislation<br>References | 32  | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1  | 1  | 2  | 1   |
|                           | 12  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1  | 1  | 0  | 1   |
| Total                     | 44  | 1   | 1   | 1   | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2   |

|  | Witnesses |       |         |                      |
|--|-----------|-------|---------|----------------------|
|  | Estimates | Bills | General | Government Responses |
|  | 124       | 189   | 0       | 0                    |
|  | 0         | 0     | 108     | 10                   |
|  | 124       | 189   | 108     | 10                   |

|             | Number of Submissions |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| Legislation | 299                   |
| References  | 36                    |
| Total       | 335                   |

\* Includes referral of Annual reports x 1  
\*\* Progress report

# Community Affairs (Legislation)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

| Method of appointment                                                                |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25                                                 |                       |
| Current members                                                                      | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP)<br><i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>             | 28.07.2022            |
| Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG)<br><i>(elected Deputy Chair on 27.03.2024)</i>  | 27.03.2024            |
| Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)                                                      | 18.03.2024            |
| Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP)                                                      | 13.06.2023            |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)                                                       | 28.07.2022            |
| Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)<br><i>(acting Chair from 08.07.2024–22.07.2024)</i> | 28.07.2022            |
| Former members                                                                       | Term of appointment   |
| 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 |
| Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)<br><i>(Deputy Chair from 02.08.2022–27.03.2024)</i>     | 26.07.2022–27.03.2024 |
| Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)                                                        | 04.12.2023–18.03.2024 |
| Former substitute members                                                            | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) <sup>1</sup>                                           | 22.08.2022–22.08.2022 |
| Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) <sup>2</sup>                                           | 30.05.2023–02.06.2023 |
| Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) <sup>3</sup>                                           | 05.06.2024–06.06.2024 |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>4</sup>                                        | 22.11.2023–22.11.2023 |
| Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS) <sup>5</sup>                                         | 02.11.2023–02.11.2023 |

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman on 22 August 2022

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Nampijinpa Price for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates from 30 May to 2 June 2023

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates from 5-6 June 2024

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart on 22 November 2023

<sup>5</sup> 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 Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS) <sup>6</sup>           | 27.03.2024–08.05.2024 |
| Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>7</sup>          | 16.07.2024–22.07.2024 |
| Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>8</sup>          | 25.07.2024–25.07.2024 |
| Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>9</sup>          | 10.11.2024–27.11.2024 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>10</sup>          | 10.11.2022–10.11.2022 |
| Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>11</sup>            | 08.07.2024–22.07.2024 |
| Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>12</sup>            | 30.10.2024–30.10.2024 |
| Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <sup>13</sup>            | 23.07.2024–24.07.2024 |
| Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <sup>14</sup>            | 26.07.2024–26.07.2024 |
| Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <sup>15</sup>           | 12.07.2024–23.07.2024 |
| Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP) <sup>16</sup>          | 06.08.2024–06.08.2024 |
| Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP) <sup>17</sup> | 01.11.2023–01.11.2023 |
| Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP) <sup>18</sup> | 13.11.2023–13.11.2023 |
| Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>19</sup>       | 10.11.2022–10.11.2022 |
| Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP) <sup>20</sup>         | 18.08.2022–18.08.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>21</sup>  | 09.11.2022–09.11.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>22</sup>  | 31.05.2023–31.05.2023 |

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt from 16 to 22 July 2024

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt on 25 July 2024

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt from 10 to 27 November 2024

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Nampijinpa Price for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022 from 7.30pm

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator Marielle Smith from 8 to 22 July 2024

<sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart on 30 October 2024

<sup>13</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt from 23 to 24 July 2024

<sup>14</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt on 26 July 2024

<sup>15</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt on 26 July 2024

<sup>16</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Reynolds on 6 August 2024

<sup>17</sup> 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

<sup>18</sup> Replaced Senator Liddle on 13 November 2023

<sup>19</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022 from 8.15pm

<sup>20</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman on 18 August 2022

<sup>21</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 9 November 2022 from 5pm

<sup>22</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from 6pm

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>23</sup> | 03.06.2024–04.06.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>24</sup> | 04.07.2024–09.08.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>25</sup> | 06.11.2024–06.11.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>26</sup> | 12.12.2024–12.12.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>27</sup>    | 17.08.2022–18.08.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>28</sup>    | 25.08.2022–25.08.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>29</sup>    | 10.11.2022–10.11.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>30</sup>    | 01.06.2023–01.06.2023 |
| Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>31</sup>    | 30.10.2024–30.10.2024 |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>32</sup>         | 29.09.2022–29.09.2022 |
| Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) <sup>33</sup>     | 24.03.2023–01.09.2023 |
| Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) <sup>34</sup>     | 14.09.2023–09.11.2023 |
| Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) <sup>35</sup>     | 14.09.2023–22.11.2023 |
| Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) <sup>36</sup>     | 27.03.2024–08.05.2024 |
| Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) <sup>37</sup>     | 27.03.2024–20.06.2024 |
| Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>38</sup>        | 30.11.2023–05.02.2024 |

<sup>23</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 3-4 June 2024

<sup>24</sup> Replaced Senator Kovacic for the committee's inquiry into the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024

<sup>25</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for a private meeting on 6 November 2024

<sup>26</sup> Replaced Senator Kovacic for the committee's consideration of supplementary Budget estimates 2024-25 on 12 December 2024

<sup>27</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman on 17 and 18 August 2022

<sup>28</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman on 25 August 2022

<sup>29</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022

<sup>30</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 12pm to 2.30pm

<sup>31</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes on 30 October 2024

<sup>32</sup> Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 29 September 2022

<sup>33</sup> Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Improving Access to Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2023

<sup>34</sup> Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Disability Services and Inclusion Bill 2023 and related bill

<sup>35</sup> Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023 and related bill

<sup>36</sup> Replaced Senator Allman-Payne for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024

<sup>37</sup> Replaced Senator Allman-Payne for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No.1) Bill 2024

<sup>38</sup> Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Paid Parental Leave Amendment (More Support for Working Families) Bill 2023

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<sup>39</sup> 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 01.07.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                           | <b>Date Referred</b>                                                          | <b>Public Hearings<br/><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i></b>                                                                  | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                                                                                             | <b>Current Inquiry<br/><i>As at 31.12.2024</i></b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Annual Reports                                                                                  | Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)                                               | Nil                                                                                                                      | No. 2 of 2024 tabled 20.08.2024                                                                                   | Ongoing                                            |
| Budget estimates 2024–25                                                                        | 14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325) | 6–7 November 2024—Canberra (Supplementary)<br>27.11.2024—Canberra (Supplementary)<br>12.12.2024—Canberra (Supplementary) | 02.07.2024                                                                                                        | No                                                 |
| National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024 | 27.06.2024                                                                    | 24.07.2024—Canberra<br>25.07.2024—Canberra<br>06.08.2024—Canberra                                                        | Progress report presented OOS 05.08.2024; tabled 12.08.2024<br>Report presented OOS 09.08.2024; tabled 12.08.2024 | No                                                 |

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                                       | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings</b><br><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                                                                                                         | <b>Current Inquiry</b><br><i>As at 31.12.2024</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Aged Care Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                                                            | 16.09.2024           | 03.10.2024—Canberra<br>04.10.2024—Devonport,<br>TAS<br>11.10.2024—Brisbane<br>14.10.2024—Port Lincoln,<br>SA<br>16.10.2024—Newcastle,<br>NSW<br>17.10.2024—Melbourne<br>18.10.2024—Perth<br>21.10.2024—Canberra<br>24.10.2024—Darwin | Progress report presented<br>OOS 31.10.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024<br>Report presented OOS<br>04.11.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024 | No                                                |
| Health Legislation Amendment<br>(Modernising My Health Record—Sharing<br>by Default) Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 28.11.2024 (SB)      | Nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Nil                                                                                                                           | Yes                                               |

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Nil

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

# Community Affairs (References)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

| Method of appointment                                                           |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25                                            |                       |
| Current members                                                                 | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG)<br><i>(elected Chair on 27.03.2024)</i>    | 27.03.2024            |
| Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP)<br><i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i> | 28.07.2022            |
| Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP)                                                   | 01.08.2022            |
| Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)                                                 | 18.03.2024            |
| Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP)                                                 | 13.06.2023            |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)                                                  | 28.07.2022            |
| Former members                                                                  | Term of appointment   |
| 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 |
| Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)                                                   | 04.12.2023–18.03.2024 |
| Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)<br><i>(Chair 02.08.2022–27.03.2024)</i>            | 26.07.2022–27.03.2024 |
| Former substitute members                                                       | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>1</sup>                                   | 11.07.2023–11.07.2023 |
| Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>2</sup>                                      | 08.07.2024–22.07.2024 |
| Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>3</sup>                                    | 30.01.2023–31.01.2023 |
| Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>4</sup>                               | 20.10.2022–20.10.2022 |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>5</sup>                                    | 29.09.2022–29.09.2022 |

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 11 July 2023

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Marielle Smith from 8 to 22 July 2024

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt on 30 and 31 January 2023

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman on 20 October 2022

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 29 September 2022

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                  | <b>Date Referred</b>                                                                                    | <b>Public Hearings<br/>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>                                                             | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                             | <b>Current Inquiry<br/>As at 31.12.2024</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Review of legislative instruments on income management | 18.10.2023<br><i>(in accordance with Section 243B of the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999)</i> | Nil                                                                                                          | Nil                                               | Ongoing                                     |
| Issues related to menopause and perimenopause          | 06.11.2023                                                                                              | 29.07.2024—Brisbane<br>30.07.2024—Canberra<br>05.08.2024—Adelaide<br>06.08.2024—Perth<br>13.08.2024—Canberra | 18.09.2024                                        | No                                          |
| Excess Mortality                                       | 26.03.2024                                                                                              | Nil                                                                                                          | Presented OOS<br>30.08.2024; tabled<br>09.09.2024 | No                                          |

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                              | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings<br/>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b> | <b>Reports Tabled</b> | <b>Current Inquiry<br/>As at 31.12.2024</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Access to diagnosis and treatment for people in Australia with tick-borne diseases | 20.11.2024           | Nil                                              | Nil                   | Yes                                         |

## Government Responses

01.07.2024–31.12.2024

| Inquiry Name                                                                                                                                                                        | Response Tabled | Report Tabled  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Adequacy of Newstart and related payments and alternative mechanisms to determine the level of income support payments in Australia                                                 | 03.10.2024 OOS  | 30.04.2020 OOS |
| Administration of registration and notifications by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and related entities under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law | 03.10.2024 OOS  | 01.04.2022 OOS |
| Australia’s domestic response to the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Commission on Social Determinants of Health report “Closing the gap within a generation”                     | 03.10.2024 OOS  | 20.03.2013     |
| Out-of-pocket costs in Australian healthcare                                                                                                                                        | 03.10.2024 OOS  | 22.08.2014 OOS |
| Purpose, intent and adequacy of the Disability Support Pension                                                                                                                      | 03.10.2024 OOS  | 18.02.2022 OOS |
| The factors affecting the supply of health services and medical professionals in rural areas                                                                                        | 03.10.2024 OOS  | 22.08.2012     |
| Concussions and repeated head trauma in contact sports                                                                                                                              | 14.11.2024 OOS  | 05.09.2023     |
| Provision of general practitioner and related primary health services to outer metropolitan, rural and regional Australians                                                         | 14.11.2024 OOS  | 20.06.2022 OOS |
| Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder                                                                                       | 05.12.2024 OOS  | 17.03.2021     |
| Assessment and support services for people with ADHD                                                                                                                                | 12.12.2024 OOS  | 06.11.2023     |

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)





**Economics**

Economics

1 July 2024 - 31 December 2024

|             | Matters current as<br>at 1 July 2024 | Matters re-<br>referred and/or<br>referred during<br>period * | Reports tabled<br>that discharge<br>a reference | Current inquiries as<br>at 31 December 2024 |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Legislation | 4                                    | 11                                                            | 9 + 1# + (1**)                                  | 4                                           |
| References  | 3                                    | 6                                                             | 5 + (3**)                                       | 4                                           |
| Total       | 7                                    | 17                                                            | 15                                              | 8                                           |

| Number of Meetings |                 |                  |                  |             |                |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
|                    | Public hearings | Public Estimates | Private meetings | Site visits | Total Meetings |
| Legislation        | 8               | 5                | 24               | 0           | 37             |
| References         | 8               | 0                | 23               | 0           | 31             |
| Total              | 16              | 5                | 47               | 0           | 68             |

| 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 |       |         |                       | Government Responses |
|------------------------|-----------|-------|---------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                        | Estimates | Bills | General | Number of Submissions |                      |
|                        | 136       | 160   | 0       | 264                   |                      |
|                        | 0         | 0     | 102     | 152                   |                      |
|                        | 136       | 160   | 102     | 416                   |                      |
| Legislation References |           |       |         |                       | 19                   |
| Total                  |           |       |         |                       | 7                    |
|                        |           |       |         |                       | 26                   |

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1  
# Inquiries into Capital Works (Build to Rent Misuse Tax) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and Treasury Laws Amendment (Build to Rent) Bill 2024 reported together  
\*\*Progress and interim reports

# Economics (Legislation)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

| Current members                                                               | Date of appointment |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)<br><i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>         | 28.07.2022          |
| Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)<br><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          |

| Former substitute members                         | Term of appointment   |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>1</sup> | 28.09.2022–24.03.2023 |
| Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>2</sup> | 01.12.2022–10.03.2023 |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>3</sup>     | 09.11.2022–09.11.2022 |
| Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG) <sup>4</sup>         | 26.09.2022–04.11.2022 |
| Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) <sup>5</sup>     | 09.02.2023–22.03.2023 |
| Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) <sup>6</sup>     | 26.02.2024–18.04.2024 |
| Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <sup>7</sup>        | 30.05.2023–30.05.2023 |
| Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <sup>8</sup>        | 31.05.2023–31.05.2023 |
| Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <sup>9</sup>       | 30.05.2023–30.05.2023 |

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the National Energy Transition Authority Bill 2022

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the National Reconstruction Fund Corporation Bill 2022

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 9 November 2022

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Atomic Energy Amendment (Mine Rehabilitation and Closure) Bill 2022

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023 and related bills

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Help to Buy Bill 2023 and a related bill

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

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

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

|                                                   |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <sup>10</sup>      | 31.05.2023–31.05.2023 |
| Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <sup>11</sup>      | 01.06.2023–01.06.2023 |
| Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <sup>12</sup> | 27.03.2024–21.06.2024 |
| Senator Steph Hodgins-May (VIC, AG) <sup>13</sup> | 01.07.2024–01.07.2024 |
| Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) <sup>14</sup>   | 01.12.2022–01.12.2022 |
| Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) <sup>15</sup>   | 01.06.2023–01.06.2023 |
| Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) <sup>16</sup>   | 26.10.2023–26.10.2023 |
| Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>17</sup>     | 01.06.2023–01.06.2023 |
| Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) <sup>18</sup>     | 28.11.2022–28.11.2022 |
| Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) <sup>19</sup>     | 01.06.2023–01.06.2023 |
| Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) <sup>20</sup>     | 25.10.2023–26.10.2023 |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>21</sup>      | 08.11.2022–08.11.2022 |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>22</sup>      | 10.11.2022–10.11.2022 |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>23</sup>     | 28.11.2022–28.11.2022 |
| Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) <sup>24</sup>  | 30.11.2023–28.02.2024 |
| Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <sup>25</sup>      | 08.11.2022–08.11.2022 |
| Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <sup>26</sup>      | 01.12.2022–01.12.2022 |

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

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

<sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Delivering Better Financial Outcomes and Other Measures) Bill 2024

<sup>13</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 1 July 2024

<sup>14</sup> Replaced Senator Bragg for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 1 December 2022

<sup>15</sup> Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023

<sup>16</sup> Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 26 October 2023 from 4pm

<sup>17</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 6.30pm

<sup>18</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022

<sup>19</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 11.45am to 1.45pm

<sup>20</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 and 26 October 2023

<sup>21</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022 from 6pm

<sup>22</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022

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

<sup>24</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the Digital ID Bill 2023 and related bill

<sup>25</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022 from 2pm until 6pm

<sup>26</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 1 December 2022

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<sup>27</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the Tax Laws Amendment (Incentivising Food Donations to Charitable Organisations) Bill 2024

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                             | <b>Date Referred</b>                                                          | <b>Public Hearings</b><br><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>                                                                                       | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Current Inquiry</b><br><i>As at 31.12.2024</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Annual Reports                                                                                    | Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)                                               | Nil                                                                                                                                          | No. 2 of 2024 tabled 20.08.2024                                                                                                                                         | Ongoing                                           |
| Budget estimates 2024–25                                                                          | 14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325) | 01.07.2024—Canberra 6–7 November 2024—Canberra (Supplementary)<br>21.11.2024—Canberra (Supplementary)<br>25.11.2024—Canberra (Supplementary) | 02.07.2024                                                                                                                                                              | No                                                |
| Treasury Laws Amendment (Responsible Buy Now Pay Later and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 05.06.2024 ( <i>Pursuant to order of the Senate of 16 May 2024</i> )          | 09.07.2024—Canberra                                                                                                                          | Presented OOS<br>02.08.2024; tabled<br>12.08.2024                                                                                                                       | No                                                |
| Capital Works (Build to Rent Misuse Tax) Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                   | 05.06.2024 ( <i>Pursuant to order of the Senate of 16 May 2024</i> )          | 07.08.2024—Canberra                                                                                                                          | Treasury Laws Amendment (Build to Rent) Bill 2024 and Capital Works (Build to Rent Misuse Tax) Bill 2024 [Provisions] presented OOS<br>04.09.2024; tabled<br>09.09.2024 | No                                                |
| Treasury Laws Amendment (Build to Rent) Bill 2024                                                 | 27.06.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> No. 115—27 June 2024, p. 3533)  | 07.08.2024—Canberra                                                                                                                          | Treasury Laws Amendment (Build to Rent) Bill 2024 and Capital Works (Build to Rent Misuse Tax) Bill 2024 [Provisions] presented OOS<br>04.09.2024; tabled<br>09.09.2024 | No                                                |

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings<br/><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i></b> | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                                                                                                         | <b>Current Inquiry<br/><i>As at 31.12.2024</i></b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Future Made in Australia Bill 2024 [Provisions] and Future Made in Australia (Omnibus Amendments No.1) Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                                                                                                                                                  | 04.07.2024 (SB)      | 28.08.2024—Canberra<br>29.08.2024—Canberra              | Presented OOS<br>06.09.2024; tabled<br>09.09.2024                                                                             | No                                                 |
| National Housing and Homelessness Plan Bill 2024 (No.2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 04.07.2024 (SB)      | 29.10.2024—Canberra                                     | Presented OOS<br>15.11.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024                                                                             | No                                                 |
| Taxation (Multinational—Global and Domestic Minimum Tax) Bill 2024 [Provisions], Taxation (Multinational—Global and Domestic Minimum Tax) Imposition Bill 2024 [Provisions] and Treasury Laws Amendment (Multinational—Global and Domestic Minimum Tax) (Consequential) Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 04.07.2024 (SB)      | 06.08.2024—Canberra                                     | Taxation (Multinational—Global and Domestic Minimum Tax) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and related bills<br>tabled 14.08.2024        | No                                                 |
| Tax Laws Amendment (Incentivising Food Donations to Charitable Organisations) Bill 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 04.07.2024 (SB)      | 23.10.2024—Canberra                                     | Presented OOS<br>15.11.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024                                                                             | No                                                 |
| Treasury Laws Amendment (2024 Tax and Other Measures No. 1) Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 19.09.2024 (SB)      | Nil                                                     | Presented OOS<br>24.10.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024                                                                             | No                                                 |
| Treasury Laws Amendment (Mergers and Acquisitions Reform) Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10.10.2024 (SB)      | 30.10.2024—Canberra                                     | Progress report presented<br>OOS 13.11.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024<br>Report presented OOS<br>15.11.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024 | No                                                 |

| Inquiry Detail                                                                                      | Date Referred   | Public Hearings<br><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i> | Reports Tabled | Current Inquiry<br><i>As at 31.12.2024</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Scams Prevention Framework Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                                   | 21.11.2024 (SB) | Nil                                             | Nil            | Yes                                        |
| Future Made in Australia (Production Tax Credits and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]         | 28.11.2024 (SB) | Nil                                             | Nil            | Yes                                        |
| Treasury Laws Amendment (Fairer for Families and Farmers and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 28.11.2024 (SB) | Nil                                             | Nil            | Yes                                        |
| Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Incentives and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions]                       | 28.11.2024 (SB) | Nil                                             | Nil            | Yes                                        |

### Government Responses

*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| Inquiry Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Response Tabled | Report Tabled  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Digital ID Bill 2023 and Digital ID (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 08.08.2024 OOS  | 28.02.2024     |
| Australian Business Growth Fund Bill 2019 [Provisions]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 13.08.2024      | 21.02.2020 OOS |
| COAG Reform Fund Amendment (No Electric Vehicle Taxes) Bill 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 13.08.2024      | 07.05.2021 OOS |
| Corporations Amendment (Improving Outcomes for Litigation Funding Participants) Bill 2021 [Provisions]                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 13.08.2024      | 03.02.2022 OOS |
| Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019 [Provisions]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 13.08.2024      | 28.02.2020 OOS |
| Financial Accountability Regime Bill 2021 [Provisions], Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response No. 3) Bill 2021 [Provisions], Financial Services Compensation Scheme of Last Resort Levy Bill 2021 [Provisions] and Financial Services Compensation Scheme of Last Resort Levy (Collection) Bill 2021 [Provisions] | 13.08.2024      | 15.02.2022 OOS |

| <b>Inquiry Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Response Tabled</b> | <b>Report Tabled</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Foreign Investment Reform (Protecting Australia's National Security) Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions]                                              | 13.08.2024             | 26.11.2020 OOS       |
| National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Mandatory Comprehensive Credit Reporting) Bill 2018 [Provisions]                                                                                                                  | 13.08.2024             | 05.06.2018 OOS       |
| National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Small Amount Credit Contract and Consumer Lease Reforms) Bill 2019 (No. 2)                                                                                                        | 13.08.2024             | 21.09.2020 OOS       |
| Offshore Petroleum (Laminaria and Corallina Decommissioning Cost Recovery Levy) Bill 2021 [Provisions] and Treasury Laws Amendment (Laminaria and Corallina Decommissioning Cost Recovery Levy) Bill 2021 [Provisions]           | 13.08.2024             | 18.11.2021 OOS       |
| Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016 [Provisions]                                                                                                                                                                                | 13.08.2024             | 14.02.2017           |
| Treasury Laws Amendment (Cyclone and Flood Damage Reinsurance Pool) Bill 2022 [Provisions]                                                                                                                                       | 13.08.2024             | 24.03.2022 OOS       |
| Treasury Laws Amendment (News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code) Bill 2020 [Provisions]                                                                                                                      | 13.08.2024             | 21.02.2021 OOS       |
| Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 2) Bill 2018 [Provisions] and Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2018 [Provisions] | 13.08.2024             | 23.03.2018 OOS       |
| Treasury Laws Amendment (Research and Development Tax Incentive) Bill 2019 [Provisions]                                                                                                                                          | 13.08.2024             | 12.10.2020 OOS       |
| Treasury Laws Amendment (Self-Managed Superannuation Funds) Bill 2020                                                                                                                                                            | 13.08.2024             | 04.11.2020 OOS       |
| Performance of the Inspector-General of Taxation                                                                                                                                                                                 | 13.08.2024             | 17.06.2020           |
| Treasury Laws Amendment (Delivering Better Financial Outcomes and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                                                                                                         | 14.11.2024 OOS         | 21.06.2024 OOS       |
| Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill 2022 [Provisions]                                                                                                                                                             | 19.12.2024 OOS         | 03.05.2023 OOS       |

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)*

*OOS (Out of session)*

# Economics (References)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

| Method of appointment                                                        |                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25                                         |                       |
| Current members                                                              | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)<br><i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>       | 01.08.2022            |
| Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)<br><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 members                                                    | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>1</sup>                              | 29.11.2024–29.11.2024 |
| Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) <sup>2</sup>                                 | 10.10.2024–28.11.2024 |
| Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) <sup>3</sup>                              | 28.09.2022–30.11.2023 |

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into improving consumer experiences, choice and outcomes in Australia's retirement system on 29 November 2024

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into financial regulatory framework and home ownership

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the influence of international digital platforms

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings</b><br><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>                                   | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>Current Inquiry</b><br><i>As at 31.12.2024</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 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           | Nil                                                                                      | Australian Securities and Investments Commission investigation and enforcement tabled 03.07.2024                                                                 | No                                                |
| Australia’s residential electrification efforts                                                                                                                                            | 14.06.2023           | Nil                                                                                      | Nil                                                                                                                                                              | Yes                                               |
| Improving consumer experiences, choice and outcomes in Australia’s retirement system                                                                                                       | 27.11.2023           | 20.08.2024—Canberra<br>14.11.2024—Canberra<br>29.11.2024—Canberra<br>13.12.2024—Canberra | Improving consumer experiences, choice and outcomes in Australia’s retirement system: superannuation for mortgage offset—Second interim report tabled 19.09.2024 | Yes                                               |

**New References**  
**01.07.2024–31.12.2024**

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Date Referred</b>                                                                                                        | <b>Public Hearings<br/>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>                                                                  | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                                                       | <b>Current Inquiry<br/>As at 31.12.2024</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Financial regulatory framework and home ownership                                                                                                                                                     | 14.08.2024                                                                                                                  | 16.10.2024—Canberra<br>24.10.2024—Canberra                                                                        | 28.11.2024                                                                  | No                                          |
| ‘Big box’ retailer price setting                                                                                                                                                                      | 14.08.2024<br>( <i>Recommendation 14 in Senate Select Committee on Supermarket Prices report presented OOS 07.05.2024</i> ) | Nil                                                                                                               | Nil                                                                         | Yes                                         |
| Australian Bureau of Statistics production of inflation rate statistics                                                                                                                               | 19.08.2024                                                                                                                  | 09.09.2024—Canberra<br>(by order of the Senate see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No.124—19 August 2024, p.3767) | 19.09.2024                                                                  | No                                          |
| Australia’s taxation system                                                                                                                                                                           | 11.09.2024                                                                                                                  | Nil                                                                                                               | Progress report presented OOS 10.12.2024<br>Report presented OOS 11.12.2024 | No                                          |
| The reasons for the collapse of wealth management companies, and the implications for the establishment of the Compensation Scheme of Last Resort (CSLR) and challenges to its ongoing sustainability | 17.09.2024                                                                                                                  | Nil                                                                                                               | Nil                                                                         | Yes                                         |

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings<br/><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i></b> | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>Current Inquiry<br/><i>As at 31.12.2024</i></b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| The implementation by the Australian Taxation Office of the requirement that certain non-charitable not-for-profit entities that self-assess as income tax exempt must lodge an annual not-for-profit self-review return to confirm their eligibility to self-assess as income tax exempt from 1 July 2023 | 18.09.2024           | 22.10.2024—Canberra                                     | Not-for-profit entities—<br>Progress report presented<br>OOS 31.10.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024<br>Report presented OOS<br>01.11.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024 | No                                                 |

## Government Responses *01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Name</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>Response Tabled</b> | <b>Report Tabled</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Corporate tax avoidance – Part 1: You cannot tax what you cannot see                                                                     | 13.08.2024             | 18.08.2015           |
| Corporate tax avoidance – Part 2: Gaming the system                                                                                      | 13.08.2024             | 22.04.2016 OOS       |
| Corporate tax avoidance – Part 3: Much heat, little light so far                                                                         | 13.08.2024             | 30.05.2018 OOS       |
| Credit and hardship: Report of the Senate inquiry into credit and financial products targeting Australians at risk of financial hardship | 13.08.2024             | 22.02.2019 OOS       |
| Regulatory framework for the protection of consumers in the banking, insurance and financial services sector                             | 13.08.2024             | 15.11.2018           |
| Sterling Income Trust                                                                                                                    | 13.08.2024             | 04.02.2022 OOS       |
| Superbad – Wage theft and non-compliance of the Superannuation Guarantee                                                                 | 13.08.2024             | 02.05.2017 OOS       |
| Financial and tax practices of for-profit aged care providers                                                                            | 03.10.2024 OOS         | 27.11.2018           |

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



## **Education and Employment**

Education and Employment

1 July 2024 - 31 December 2024

|             | Matters current as<br>at 1 July 2024 | Matters referred<br>during period * | Reports tabled<br>that discharge<br>a reference | Current inquiries<br>as at 31 December<br>2024 |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Legislation | 2                                    | 6                                   | 7 + (1**)                                       | 1                                              |
| References  | 0                                    | 0                                   | 0                                               | 0                                              |
| Total       | 2                                    | 6                                   | 7                                               | 1                                              |

| Number of Meetings |                  |                  |             |                |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Public hearings    | Public Estimates | Private meetings | Site visits | Total Meetings |
| Legislation        | 2                | 15               | 0           | 24             |
| References         | 0                | 0                | 0           | 0              |
| Total              | 2                | 15               | 0           | 24             |

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

| Witnesses   |       |         |                         |
|-------------|-------|---------|-------------------------|
| Estimates   | Bills | General | Government<br>Responses |
| Legislation | 212   | 0       | 3                       |
| References  | 0     | 0       | 2                       |
| Total       | 212   | 0       | 5                       |

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

\*\*Progress report

# Education and Employment (Legislation)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

| Method of appointment                                                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25                                                  |                       |
| Current members                                                                       | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)<br><i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>               | 28.07.2022            |
| Senator Matt O’Sullivan (WA, LP)<br><i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>       | 01.08.2022            |
| Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)                                               | 13.06.2023            |
| Senator the Hon Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)                                                | 20.08.2024            |
| Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)                                                      | 26.07.2022            |
| Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)                                                        | 28.07.2022            |
| Former members                                                                        | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)                                                       | 01.08.2022–13.06.2023 |
| Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)                                                       | 28.07.2022–04.07.2024 |
| Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)                                                         | 04.07.2024–20.08.2024 |
| Former substitute members                                                             | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>1</sup>                                     | 10.10.2024–18.11.2024 |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>2</sup>                                         | 12.09.2024–12.09.2024 |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>3</sup>                                         | 02.10.2024–02.10.2024 |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>4</sup><br><i>(elected Chair on 11.10.2024)</i> | 11.10.2024–03.11.2024 |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>5</sup>                                         | 13.11.2024–13.11.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <sup>6</sup>                                  | 02.08.2022–02.08.2022 |

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Better and Fairer Schools (Funding and Reform) Bill 2024

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan for a private meeting on 12 September 2024

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Brown for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 2 October 2024

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Sheldon between 11 October 2024 and 3 November 2024

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Better and Fairer Schools (Funding and Reform) Bill 2024 on 13 November 2024

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 August 2022

|                                                          |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <sup>7</sup> | 02.05.2023–03.05.2023 |
| Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash (WA, LP) <sup>8</sup>     | 06.10.2023–06.10.2023 |
| Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash (WA, LP) <sup>9</sup>     | 22.01.2024–22.01.2024 |
| Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>10</sup>           | 06.08.2024–06.08.2024 |
| Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>11</sup>           | 23.10.2024–23.10.2024 |
| Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>12</sup>           | 18.11.2024–18.11.2024 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>13</sup>            | 05.04.2023–05.04.2023 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>14</sup>            | 26.10.2023–26.10.2023 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>15</sup>            | 03.06.2024–03.06.2024 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>16</sup>            | 04.06.2024–05.06.2024 |
| Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) <sup>17</sup>     | 04.11.2022–04.11.2022 |
| Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) <sup>18</sup>     | 17.04.2023–17.04.2023 |
| Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) <sup>19</sup>     | 03.10.2023–03.10.2023 |
| Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>20</sup>              | 19.09.2024–19.09.2024 |
| Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>21</sup>              | 02.10.2024–02.10.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>22</sup>  | 01.09.2023–01.09.2023 |

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator O’Sullivan on 2 and 3 May 2023

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman on 6 October 2023

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023 on 22 January 2024

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Walsh for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 6 August 2024 from 1.30pm until 2.30pm

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers (Special Account) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 23 October 2024

<sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator Brown for a private meeting on 18 November 2024

<sup>13</sup> Replaced Senator O’Sullivan for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Data Streaming) Amendment Bill 2023 on 5 April 2023

<sup>14</sup> 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

<sup>15</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 3 June 2024

<sup>16</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 4-5 June 2024

<sup>17</sup> Replaced Senator Liddle on 4 November 2022 from 11am until 12.30pm and 2pm until 2.45pm

<sup>18</sup> Replaced Senator Liddle on 17 April 2023

<sup>19</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023 on 3 October 2023

<sup>20</sup> Replaced Senator Brown for a private meeting on 19 September 2024

<sup>21</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 2 October 2024

<sup>22</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman on 1 September 2023

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|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>23</sup> | 26.10.2023–26.10.2023 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>24</sup> | 06.06.2024–06.06.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>25</sup> | 06.08.2024–06.08.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>26</sup> | 06.09.2024–06.09.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>27</sup> | 24.09.2024–24.09.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>28</sup> | 27.09.2024–27.09.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>29</sup> | 23.10.2024–23.10.2024 |
| Senator Steph Hodgins-May (VIC, AG) <sup>30</sup>       | 19.09.2024–30.10.2024 |
| Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) <sup>31</sup>         | 31.10.2023–31.10.2023 |
| Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) <sup>32</sup>         | 02.11.2022–02.11.2022 |
| Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) <sup>33</sup>         | 04.11.2022–04.11.2022 |
| Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) <sup>34</sup>           | 11.09.2023–01.02.2024 |
| Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) <sup>35</sup>           | 13.03.2024–13.03.2024 |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>36</sup>            | 17.03.2023–17.03.2023 |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>37</sup>            | 24.09.2024–24.09.2024 |
| Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) <sup>38</sup>           | 26.08.2024–26.08.2024 |

<sup>23</sup> 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

<sup>24</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 06 June 2024

<sup>25</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 06 August 2024

<sup>26</sup> Replaced Senator O’Sullivan for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 6 September 2024

<sup>27</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Universities Accord (Student Support and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 24 September 2024

<sup>28</sup> Replaced Senator O’Sullivan for a private meeting on 27 September 2024

<sup>29</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers (Special Account) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 23 October 2024

<sup>30</sup> Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers (Special Account) Bill 2024

<sup>31</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023 on 31 October 2023

<sup>32</sup> Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 November 2022

<sup>33</sup> Replaced Senator Liddle on 4 November 2022 from 8am until 11am

<sup>34</sup> Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023

<sup>35</sup> Replaced Senator Faruqi for a private meeting on 13 March 2024

<sup>36</sup> Replaced Senator Payman on 17 March 2023

<sup>37</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Universities Accord (Student Support and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 24 September 2024

<sup>38</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 26 August 2024

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| Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <sup>39</sup> | 28.04.2023–28.04.2023 |
| Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <sup>40</sup> | 06.08.2024–06.08.2024 |
| Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <sup>41</sup>    | 20.06.2023–20.06.2023 |
| Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <sup>42</sup>    | 29.10.2024–29.10.2024 |
| Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) <sup>43</sup>   | 11.11.2022–11.11.2022 |
| Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) <sup>44</sup>   | 03.10.2023–03.10.2023 |
| Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) <sup>45</sup>   | 06.10.2023–06.10.2023 |
| Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) <sup>46</sup>   | 31.10.2023–31.10.2023 |

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<sup>39</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan on 28 April 2023

<sup>40</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 6 August 2024

<sup>41</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan on 20 June 2023

<sup>42</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan for a private meeting on 29 October 2024

<sup>43</sup> 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

<sup>44</sup> Replaced Senator Payman on 3 October 2023

<sup>45</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan on 6 October 2023

<sup>46</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan on 31 October 2023

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                             | <b>Date Referred</b>                                                          | <b>Public Hearings</b><br><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>                               | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                                                                   | <b>Current Inquiry</b><br><i>As at 31.12.2024</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Annual Reports                                                                                    | Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)                                               | Nil                                                                                  | No. 2 of 2024 tabled 20.08.2024                                                         | Ongoing                                           |
| Budget estimates 2024–25                                                                          | 14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325) | 6–7 November 2024—Canberra (Supplementary)                                           | 02.07.2024                                                                              | No                                                |
| Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 16.05.2024 (SB)                                                               | 06.08.2024—Canberra<br>26.08.2024—Sydney<br>06.09.2024—Sydney<br>02.10.2024—Canberra | Progress report presented OOS 06.09.2024; tabled 09.09.2024<br>Report tabled 09.10.2024 | No                                                |

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                                | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings</b><br><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i> | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                       | <b>Current Inquiry</b><br><i>As at 31.12.2024</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Universities Accord (Student Support and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]                      | 15.08.2024 (SB)      | 24.09.2024—Sydney                                      | Presented OOS 03.10.2024; tabled 08.10.2024 | No                                                |
| Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers (Special Account) Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 19.09.2024 (SB)      | 23.10.2024—Melbourne                                   | Presented OOS 30.10.2024; tabled 18.11.2024 | No                                                |
| Universities Accord (National Student Ombudsman) Bill 2024 [Provisions]                              | 19.09.2024 (SB)      | Nil                                                    | 10.10.2024                                  | No                                                |

| Inquiry Detail                                                        | Date Referred   | Public Hearings<br><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i> | Reports Tabled | Current Inquiry<br><i>As at 31.12.2024</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Better and Fairer Schools (Funding and Reform) Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 10.10.2024 (SB) | 13.11.2024—Sydney                               | 18.11.2024     | No                                         |
| Free TAFE Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                      | 21.11.2024 (SB) | Nil                                             | Nil            | Yes                                        |

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| Inquiry Name                                                                     | Response Tabled | Report Tabled  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Fair Work Amendment Bill 2024                                                    | 11.07.2024 OOS  | 14.03.2024 OOS |
| Australian Research Council Amendment (Review Response) Bill 2023 [Provisions]   | 19.09.2024      | 05.02.2024 OOS |
| Australian Research Council Amendment (Ensuring Research Independence) Bill 2018 | 20.11.2024      | 21.03.2022 OOS |

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

# Education and Employment (References)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

| Method of appointment                                                                        |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25                                                         |                       |
| Current members                                                                              | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Matt O’Sullivan (WA, LP)<br><i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>                     | 01.08.2022            |
| Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)<br><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 Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)                                                               | 20.08.2024            |
| Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP)                                                              | 13.06.2023            |
| Former members                                                                               | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)                                                              | 01.08.2022–13.06.2023 |
| Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, CLP)                                                   | 01.08.2022–13.06.2023 |
| Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)                                                              | 28.07.2022–04.07.2024 |
| Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)                                                                | 04.07.2024–20.08.2024 |
| Former substitute members                                                                    | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>1</sup>                                            | 27.10.2022–10.08.2023 |
| Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>2</sup>                                            | 29.11.2022–07.02.2024 |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>3</sup><br><i>(elected Deputy Chair on 11.10.2024)</i> | 11.10.2024–03.11.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <sup>4</sup>                                         | 02.08.2022–02.08.2022 |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>5</sup>                                                  | 08.05.2023–08.05.2023 |

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the national trend of school refusal

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into increasing disruption in Australian school classrooms

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Sheldon from 11 October 2024 until 11 November 2024

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 August 2022

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Payman on 8 May 2023

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<sup>6</sup> 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 01.07.2024*

Nil

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| Inquiry Name                                                                                                                                              | Response Tabled | Report Tabled |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Corporate Avoidance of the <i>Fair Work Act 2009</i>                                                                                                      | 18.07.2024 OOS  | 06.09.2017    |
| “Wage theft? What wage theft?!”: The exploitation of general and specialist cleaners working in retail chains for contracting or subcontracting companies | 18.07.2024 OOS  | 13.11.2018    |

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



## **Environment and Communications**

# Environment and Communications

1 July 2024 - 31 December 2024

|             | Matters current as at 1 July 2024 | Matters referred during period * | Reports tabled that discharge a reference | Current inquiries as at 31 December 2024 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Legislation | 4                                 | 7                                | 9 + (3**)                                 | 2                                        |
| References  | 7                                 | 1                                | 3 + (1**)                                 | 5                                        |
| Total       | 11                                | 8                                | 12                                        | 7                                        |

| Number of Meetings |                  |                  |             |                |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Public hearings    | Public Estimates | Private meetings | Site visits | Total Meetings |
| Legislation        | 5                | 16               | 0           | 27             |
| References         | 0                | 8                | 0           | 10             |
| Total              | 5                | 24               | 0           | 37             |

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

| Witnesses   |       |         |                      |
|-------------|-------|---------|----------------------|
| Estimates   | Bills | General | Government Responses |
| Legislation | 151   | 0       | 2                    |
| References  | 0     | 35      | 4                    |
| Total       | 151   | 35      | 6                    |

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

\*\*Progress reports

# Environment and Communications (Legislation)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

## Current members

*Date of appointment*

Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)  
(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)

28.07.2022

Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)  
(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)

26.07.2022

Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)

16.10.2023

Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)

01.08.2022

Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP)

04.07.2024

Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)

18.03.2024

## Substitute member

*Date of appointment*

Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, NP)<sup>1</sup>

14.05.2024

## Former members

*Term of appointment*

Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)

28.07.2022–30.03.2023

Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)

01.08.2022–18.03.2024

Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)

28.07.2022–04.07.2024

Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)

30.03.2023–16.10.2023

## Former substitute members

*Term of appointment*

Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)<sup>2</sup>

11.10.2023–11.10.2023

Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)<sup>3</sup>

15.05.2023–15.05.2023

<sup>1</sup> Replaces Senator Cadell for the committee's inquiry into the Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Payman for a private meeting on 11 October 2023

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell on 15 May 2023

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|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>4</sup>            | 11.11.2022–11.11.2022 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>5</sup>            | 26.05.2023–26.05.2023 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>6</sup>            | 11.09.2023–10.11.2023 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>7</sup>            | 24.10.2023–24.10.2023 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>8</sup>            | 27.10.2023–27.10.2023 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>9</sup>            | 16.02.2024–16.02.2024 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>10</sup>           | 31.05.2024–31.05.2024 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>11</sup>           | 07.06.2024–07.06.2024 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>12</sup>           | 05.11.2024–05.11.2024 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>13</sup>           | 08.11.2024–08.11.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>14</sup> | 28.11.2022–28.11.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>15</sup> | 28.02.2023–28.02.2023 |
| Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>16</sup> | 16.06.2023–04.12.2023 |
| Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>17</sup> | 26.07.2023–26.07.2023 |
| Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>18</sup> | 23.10.2023–23.10.2023 |
| Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>19</sup> | 01.12.2023–01.12.2023 |
| Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>20</sup> | 27.02.2024–27.02.2024 |

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022 from 9am until 5pm

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 26 May 2023

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Bill 2023

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 27 October 2023

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 16 February 2024

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 31 May 2024 from 2.15pm to adjournment

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 7 June 2024

<sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 5 November 2024

<sup>13</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 8 November 2024

<sup>14</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022 from 6.30pm until 9pm

<sup>15</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell on 28 February 2023

<sup>16</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Nature Repair Market Bill 2023 and a related bill

<sup>17</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for a private meeting on 26 July 2023

<sup>18</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2023 from 5.30pm until 6.15pm

<sup>19</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for a private meeting on 1 December 2023

<sup>20</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 27 February 2024

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|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>21</sup>    | 29.05.2024–29.05.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>22</sup>    | 26.07.2024–26.07.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>23</sup>    | 06.09.2024–06.09.2024 |
| Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>24</sup>                | 12.02.2024–13.02.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>25</sup>    | 07.11.2022–08.11.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>26</sup>    | 21.11.2022–21.11.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>27</sup>    | 23.11.2022–23.11.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>28</sup>    | 29.11.2022–29.11.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>29</sup>    | 01.12.2022–01.12.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>30</sup>    | 14.12.2022–14.12.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>31</sup>    | 15.12.2022–15.12.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <sup>32</sup> | 18.08.2022–18.08.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <sup>33</sup> | 16.02.2024–16.02.2024 |
| Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) <sup>34</sup>            | 26.05.2023–26.05.2023 |
| Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) <sup>35</sup>            | 16.02.2024–16.02.2024 |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>36</sup>               | 26.07.2023–26.07.2023 |

<sup>21</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 29 May 2024 from 3.15pm to adjournment

<sup>22</sup> Replaced Senator Sharma for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Nature Positive (Environment Protection Australia) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and related bills on 26 July 2024

<sup>23</sup> Replaced Senator Sharma for a private meeting on 6 September 2024

<sup>24</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 12-13 February 2024

<sup>25</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates from 2pm on 7 November until 1pm on 8 November 2022

<sup>26</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes on 21 November 2022 from 10.30am until 11am

<sup>27</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 23 November 2022 from 6.30pm until 11pm

<sup>28</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 29 November 2022 from 9.45am until 11am

<sup>29</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes on 1 December 2022 from 1.15pm

<sup>30</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes on 14 December 2022 from 3.30pm until 4pm

<sup>31</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes on 15 December 2022 from 11.30am until 12pm

<sup>32</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes on 18 August 2022 for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Climate Change Bill 2022 and a related bill

<sup>33</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 16 February 2024 until 12pm

<sup>34</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 26 May 2023 from 2pm until adjournment

<sup>35</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 16 February 2024 from 12pm until adjournment

<sup>36</sup> Replaced Senator Sheldon for a private meeting on 26 July 2023

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>37</sup>          | 02.02.2024–02.02.2024 |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>38</sup>          | 22.02.2024–22.02.2024 |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>39</sup>          | 23.02.2024–23.02.2024 |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>40</sup>          | 06.09.2024–06.09.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>41</sup> | 10.04.2024–11.04.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>42</sup>    | 08.11.2024–08.11.2024 |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>43</sup>         | 23.10.2023–23.10.2023 |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>44</sup>         | 24.10.2023–24.10.2023 |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>45</sup>         | 09.11.2023–09.11.2023 |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>46</sup>         | 30.11.2023–30.11.2023 |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>47</sup>         | 01.12.2023–01.12.2023 |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>48</sup>         | 08.02.2024–08.02.2024 |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>49</sup>         | 28.05.2024–29.05.2024 |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>50</sup>         | 31.05.2024–31.05.2024 |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>51</sup>         | 04.11.2024–05.11.2024 |
| Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) <sup>52</sup>         | 16.02.2024–16.02.2024 |

<sup>37</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 2 February 2024

<sup>38</sup> Replaced Senator Payman on 22 February 2024 for the committee's inquiry into the Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equality) Bill 2023

<sup>39</sup> Replaced Senator Payman for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Communications Legislation Amendment (Prominence and Anti-siphoning) Bill 2023 on 23 February 2024

<sup>40</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 6 September 2024

<sup>41</sup> Replaced Senator Sharma on 10 and 11 April 2024

<sup>42</sup> Replaced Senator Sharma for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 8 November 2024

<sup>43</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2023 from 8pm

<sup>44</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023 from 8pm

<sup>45</sup> Replaced Senator Payman for a private meeting on 9 November 2023

<sup>46</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 30 November 2023

<sup>47</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 1 December 2023

<sup>48</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 8 February 2024

<sup>49</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 28-29 May 2024 from 7pm

<sup>50</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 31 May 2024 from 7pm

<sup>51</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 4-5 November 2024 from 7pm

<sup>52</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 16 February 2024

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|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) <sup>53</sup> | 26.02.2024–26.02.2024 |
| Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <sup>54</sup>   | 31.10.2023–31.10.2023 |
| Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <sup>55</sup>   | 01.11.2023–01.11.2023 |
| Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <sup>56</sup>   | 26.03.2024–26.03.2024 |
| Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <sup>57</sup>   | 26.07.2024–26.07.2024 |
| Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) <sup>58</sup>  | 16.11.2022–16.11.2022 |
| Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) <sup>59</sup>  | 09.03.2023–09.03.2023 |

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<sup>53</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 26 February 2024

<sup>54</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk on 31 October 2023

<sup>55</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk on 1 November 2023

<sup>56</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 26 March 2024

<sup>57</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Nature Positive (Environment Protection Australia) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and related bills on 26 July 2024

<sup>58</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk on 16 November 2022

<sup>59</sup> Replaced Senator Payman for the consideration of the 2022-23 supplementary Budget estimates on 9 March 2023

**Inquiries**  
as at 01.07.2024

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Date Referred</b>                                                          | <b>Public Hearings</b><br><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>                                                                   | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Current Inquiry</b><br><i>As at 31.12.2024</i> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Annual Reports                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)                                               | Nil                                                                                                                      | No. 2 of 2024 tabled 20.08.2024                                                                                                                                                          | Ongoing                                           |
| Murdoch Media Inquiry Bill 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 11.05.2023 (SB)<br><i>(contingent upon introduction)</i>                      | Nil                                                                                                                      | 10.10.2024                                                                                                                                                                               | No                                                |
| Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 19.10.2023 (SB)                                                               | 26.08.2024—Perth                                                                                                         | Progress report presented OOS 30.09.2024; tabled 08.10.2024                                                                                                                              | Yes                                               |
| Budget estimates 2024–25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325) | 4–5 November 2024—Canberra (Supplementary)<br>08.11.2024—Canberra (Supplementary)<br>21.11.2024—Canberra (Supplementary) | 02.07.2024                                                                                                                                                                               | No                                                |
| Nature Positive (Environment Information Australia) Bill 2024 [Provisions], and Nature Positive (Environment Protection Australia) Bill 2024 [Provisions], and Nature Positive (Environment Law Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 27.06.2024 (SB)                                                               | 26.07.2024—Canberra                                                                                                      | Nature Positive (Environment Information Australia) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and related bills—<br>Progress report presented OOS 05.08.2024; tabled 12.08.2024<br>Report tabled 09.09.2024 | No                                                |

## New References

01.07.2024–31.12.2024

| Inquiry Detail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Date Referred                                                                          | Public Hearings<br>01.07.2024–31.12.2024                          | Reports Tabled                                                                                                                            | Current Inquiry<br>As at 31.12.2024 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Communication Legislation Amendment (Regional Broadcasting Continuity) Bill 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 04.07.2024 (SB)                                                                        | No                                                                | Presented OOS<br>08.08.2024; tabled<br>12.08.2024                                                                                         | No                                  |
| Future Made in Australia (Guarantee of Origin) Bill 2024 [Provisions], Future Made in Australia (Guarantee of Origin Charges) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and Future Made in Australia (Guarantee of Origin Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 12.09.2024 (SB)<br><i>Contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives</i> | 15.10.2024—Canberra                                               | Future Made in Australia (Guarantee of Origin) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and related bills presented OOS<br>31.10.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024 | No                                  |
| Communications Legislation Amendment (Combating Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                                                                                                                                                           | 19.09.2024 (SB)                                                                        | 11.10.2024—Canberra<br>17.10.2024—Canberra<br>11.11.2024—Canberra | 25.11.2024                                                                                                                                | No                                  |
| Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Reconsideration of Decisions) Bill 2024                                                                                                                                                                             | 10.10.2024 (SB)                                                                        | Nil                                                               | Progress report presented<br>OOS 14.11.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024<br>Report presented OOS<br>11.12.2024                                   | No                                  |
| National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Commitment to Public Ownership) Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                                                                                                                                                              | 21.11.2024 (SB)                                                                        | Nil                                                               | Nil                                                                                                                                       | Yes                                 |
| Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 21.11.2024 (SB)                                                                        | 25.11.2024—Canberra                                               | 26.11.2024                                                                                                                                | No                                  |

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Name</b>                                                                                          | <b>Response Tabled</b> | <b>Report Tabled</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019 | 13.08.2024             | 16.04.2020 OOS       |
| Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equity) Bill 2023                       | 12.12.2024 OOS         | 26.06.2024           |

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

# Environment and Communications (References)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

| Method of appointment                                                         |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25                                          |                       |
| Current members                                                               | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)<br><i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>   | 26.07.2022            |
| Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)<br><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 Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)                                                 | 18.03.2024            |
| Substitute member                                                             | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>1</sup>                             | 27.03.2024            |
| Former members                                                                | Term of appointment   |
| Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)                                       | 01.08.2022–13.06.2023 |
| Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)                                               | 01.08.2022–18.03.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)                                       | 13.06.2023–20.06.2023 |
| Former substitute members                                                     | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>2</sup>                                 | 04.07.2024–04.07.2024 |
| Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>3</sup>                                 | 05.08.2024–05.08.2024 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>4</sup>                                  | 16.04.2024–16.04.2024 |
| Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS) <sup>5</sup>                               | 14.05.2024–21.08.2024 |

<sup>1</sup> Replaces Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into waste reduction and recycling policies

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 4 July 2024

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into waste reduction and recycling policies on 5 August 2024

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell on 16 April 2024

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell for the committee's inquiry into the Middle Arm Industrial Precinct

|                                                    |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator Fatima Payman (NSW, ALP) <sup>6</sup>      | 31.10.2023–31.10.2023 |
| Senator Fatima Payman (NSW, ALP) <sup>7</sup>      | 21.05.2024–21.05.2024 |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (WA, ALP) <sup>8</sup>        | 02.11.2023–02.11.2023 |
| Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>9</sup>  | 08.09.2022–03.11.2023 |
| Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>10</sup> | 10.08.2023–09.05.2024 |

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<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 31 October 2023

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk on 21 May 2024

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 2 November 2023

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into climate-related marine invasive species

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into Australian Antarctic Division funding

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings<br/>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b> | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                                                                                                         | <b>Current Inquiry<br/>As at 31.12.2024</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Australia’s extinction crisis<br><i>(terms of reference and title updated;<br/>previously known as Australia’s faunal<br/>extinction crisis)</i> | 04.08.2022           | Nil                                              | Nil                                                                                                                           | Yes                                         |
| National Cultural Policy released on 30<br>January 2023                                                                                          | 08.02.2023           | Nil                                              | Nil                                                                                                                           | Yes                                         |
| Greenwashing                                                                                                                                     | 29.03.2023           | Nil                                              | Nil                                                                                                                           | Yes                                         |
| Middle Arm Industrial Precinct                                                                                                                   | 05.09.2023           | Nil                                              | 21.08.2024                                                                                                                    | No                                          |
| Optus network outage                                                                                                                             | 09.11.2023           | Nil                                              | Progress report presented<br>OOS 25.09.2024; tabled<br>08.10.2024<br>Report presented OOS<br>27.09.2024; tabled<br>08.10.2024 | No                                          |
| Effectiveness of the Albanese Labor<br>Government’s waste reduction and<br>recycling policies in delivering a circular<br>economy                | 28.02.2024           | 05.08.2024—Melbourne<br>20.09.2024—Sydney        | Nil                                                                                                                           | Yes                                         |
| Glencore’s proposed carbon capture and<br>storage project in the Great Artesian Basin                                                            | 25.03.2024           | Nil                                              | Presented OOS<br>11.07.2024; tabled<br>12.08.2024                                                                             | No                                          |

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>  | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings<br/><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i></b> | <b>Reports Tabled</b> | <b>Current Inquiry<br/><i>As at 31.12.2024</i></b> |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Offshore wind industry | 03.07.2024           | Nil                                                     | Nil                   | Yes                                                |

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Name</b>                                    | <b>Response Tabled</b> | <b>Report Tabled</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Media Diversity in Australia                           | 09.08.2024 OOS         | 09.12.2021 OOS       |
| Australia’s extinction crisis—Interim report           | 03.10.2024 OOS         | 23.05.2024 OOS       |
| Glencore’s proposed carbon capture and storage project | 07.11.2024 OOS         | 11.07.2024 OOS       |
| Australian Antarctic Division funding                  | 14.11.2024 OOS         | 09.05.2024 OOS       |

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

# **Finance and Public Administration**

# Finance and Public Administration

1 July 2024 - 31 December 2024

|             | Matters current as at 1 July 2024 | Matters referred during period * | Reports tabled that discharge a reference | Current inquiries as at 31 December 2024 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Legislation | 1                                 | 2                                | 2                                         | 1                                        |
| References  | 0                                 | 0                                | 0                                         | 0                                        |
| Total       | 1                                 | 2                                | 2                                         | 1                                        |

| Number of Meetings |                  |                  |             |                |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Public hearings    | Public Estimates | Private meetings | Site visits | Total Meetings |
| Legislation        | 3                | 8                | 0           | 11             |
| References         | 0                | 1                | 0           | 1              |
| Total              | 3                | 9                | 0           | 12             |

| 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   |       |         |                      |
|-------------|-------|---------|----------------------|
| Estimates   | Bills | General | Government Responses |
| Legislation | 0     | 0       | 1                    |
| References  | 0     | 0       | 1                    |
| Total       | 0     | 0       | 2                    |

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

# Finance and Public Administration (Legislation)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

| Current members                                                                          | Date of appointment   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)<br><i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>                   | 28.07.2022            |
| Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)<br><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                                                                        | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>1</sup>                                            | 28.11.2024            |
| Former substitute members                                                                | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>2</sup>                                        | 27.03.2024–13.05.2024 |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>3</sup>                                            | 28.10.2022–28.10.2022 |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>4</sup>                                            | 08.11.2022–08.11.2022 |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>5</sup>                                            | 11.11.2022–11.11.2022 |
| Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <sup>6</sup>                                             | 24.05.2023–24.05.2023 |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>7</sup>                                             | 11.11.2022–11.11.2022 |
| Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>8</sup>                                               | 07.06.2024–07.06.2024 |

<sup>1</sup> Replaces Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into the Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill 2024

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Net Zero Economy Authority Bill 2024 and related bill

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 October 2022

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 24 May 2023, from 7pm

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Colbeck on 11 November 2022, for any private meeting

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Sheldon for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 7 June 2024

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <sup>9</sup>       | 12.12.2022–12.12.2022 |
| Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP) <sup>10</sup>    | 11.11.2022–11.11.2022 |
| Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP) <sup>11</sup>    | 27.10.2023–27.10.2023 |
| Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP) <sup>12</sup>    | 16.02.2024–16.02.2024 |
| Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP) <sup>13</sup>    | 07.06.2024–07.06.2024 |
| Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>14</sup> | 23.05.2023–23.05.2023 |
| Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>15</sup>    | 22.05.2023–22.05.2023 |
| Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>16</sup>    | 25.05.2023–25.05.2023 |
| Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) <sup>17</sup>    | 07.11.2022–08.11.2022 |
| Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) <sup>18</sup> | 09.03.2023–31.07.2023 |
| Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>19</sup>   | 11.09.2023–04.03.2024 |

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Sheldon for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget Estimates on 12 December 2022

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Colbeck for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator McGrath for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 27 October 2023

<sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator McGrath for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 16 February 2024

<sup>13</sup> Replaced Senator McGrath for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 7 June 2024

<sup>14</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 23 May 2023, from 7pm

<sup>15</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 22 May 2023, from 7pm

<sup>16</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 25 May 2023, from 7pm

<sup>17</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November and 8 November 2022

<sup>18</sup> Replaced Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into the Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2023

<sup>19</sup> Replaced Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fairer Contracts and Grants) Bill 2023

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2024*

| Inquiry Detail           | Date Referred                                                                 | Public Hearings<br><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>  | Reports Tabled                  | Current Inquiry<br><i>As at 31.12.2024</i> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Annual Reports           | Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)                                               | Nil                                              | No. 2 of 2024 tabled 20.08.2024 | Ongoing                                    |
| Budget estimates 2024–25 | 14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325) | 4–5 and 8 November 2024—Canberra (Supplementary) | 02.07.2024                      | No                                         |

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| Inquiry Detail                                                                               | Date Referred   | Public Hearings<br><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i> | Reports Tabled | Current Inquiry<br><i>As at 31.12.2024</i> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 21.11.2024 (SB) | Nil                                             | Nil            | Yes                                        |

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| Inquiry Name                                                                                                                      | Response Tabled | Report Tabled  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Net Zero Economy Authority Bill 2024 [Provisions] and Net Zero Economy Authority (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 19.11.2024      | 13.05.2024 OOS |

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

# Finance and Public Administration (References)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

| Method of appointment                                                             |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25                                              |                       |
| Current members                                                                   | Date of appointment   |
| Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)<br><i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i> | 01.08.2022            |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)<br><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 Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)                                                     | 18.03.2024            |
| Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)                                                   | 28.07.2022            |
| Former member                                                                     | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)                                                       | 01.08.2022–18.03.2024 |
| Former substitute members                                                         | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>1</sup>                                   | 07.06.2023–07.06.2023 |
| Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>2</sup>                                   | 13.06.2023–12.06.2024 |
| Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) <sup>3</sup>                                      | 08.04.2024–08.04.2024 |
| Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) <sup>4</sup>                                   | 07.12.2023–28.06.2024 |
| Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>5</sup>                                     | 07.12.2023–07.05.2024 |

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt for the committee's inquiry into consulting services provided for the Australian Government, on 7 June 2023

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the committee's inquiry into management and assurance of integrity by consulting services

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Larissa Waters for the committee's public hearing into access to Australian Parliament House by lobbyists

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into sovereign capability in the Australian tech sector

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into access to Australian Parliament House by lobbyists

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2024*

Nil

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| Inquiry Name                                           | Response Tabled | Report Tabled  |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Implementation of the National Health Reform Agreement | 03.10.2024 OOS  | 07.03.2013 OOS |

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

**Foreign Affairs, Defence  
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

|             | Matters current as at 1 July 2024 | Matters referred during period * | Reports tabled that discharge a reference | Current inquiries as at 31 December 2024 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Legislation | 2                                 | 2                                | 4                                         | 0                                        |
| References  | 2                                 | 3                                | 2                                         | 3                                        |
| Total       | 4                                 | 5                                | 6                                         | 3                                        |

| Number of Meetings |                  |                  |                |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Public hearings    | Public Estimates | Private meetings | Site visits    |
| Legislation        | 3                | 10               | 0              |
| References         | 0                | 11               | 0              |
| Total              | 3                | 21               | 0              |
|                    |                  |                  | Total Meetings |
|                    |                  |                  | 15             |
|                    |                  |                  | 18             |
|                    |                  |                  | 33             |

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

| Witnesses   |       |         |                       |
|-------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|
| Estimates   | Bills | General | Government Responses  |
| Legislation | 11    | 0       | 3                     |
| References  | 0     | 98      | 3                     |
| Total       | 11    | 98      | 6                     |
|             |       |         | Number of Submissions |
|             |       |         | 37                    |
|             |       |         | 220                   |
|             |       |         | 257                   |

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Legislation)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

| Method of appointment                                                            |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25                                             |                       |
| Current members                                                                  | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)<br><i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>          | 28.07.2022            |
| Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP)<br><i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i> | 01.08.2022            |
| Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP)                                                 | 24.06.2024            |
| 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            |
| Former members                                                                   | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)                                                  | 18.03.2024–24.06.2024 |
| Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)                                                   | 28.07.2022–29.02.2024 |
| Former substitute members                                                        | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NP) <sup>1</sup>                                       | 02.07.2024–02.07.2024 |
| Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>2</sup>                                       | 04.04.2024–04.04.2024 |
| Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <sup>3</sup>                                      | 02.06.2023–02.06.2023 |
| Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <sup>4</sup>                                      | 28.05.2024–24.06.2024 |
| Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>5</sup>                                     | 15.11.2023–15.11.2023 |
| Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>6</sup>                                     | 14.02.2024–15.02.2024 |
| Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>7</sup>                                     | 08.03.2024–18.03.2024 |

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Fawcett for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 2 July 2024 from 7pm to 10pm

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Green on 4 April 2024

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Green for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 2 June 2023 from 4pm to 6pm

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Payman for any meetings during the period 28 May 2024 to 24 June 2024

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator White for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 15 November 2023 from 7pm to 9pm

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator White for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 14-15 February 2024

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator White from 8–18 March 2024

|                                                      |                       |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>8</sup> | 04.04.2024–04.04.2024 |
| Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) <sup>9</sup>      | 08.08.2023–24.11.2023 |
| Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) <sup>10</sup>     | 30.11.2023–13.05.2024 |
| Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) <sup>11</sup>     | 30.11.2023–14.05.2024 |
| Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) <sup>12</sup>     | 30.11.2023–15.03.2024 |
| Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) <sup>13</sup>     | 22.06.2023–28.11.2024 |
| Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) <sup>14</sup>     | 04.07.2024–03.10.2024 |
| Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) <sup>15</sup>            | 22.03.2024–22.03.2024 |
| Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <sup>16</sup>       | 14.02.2024–14.02.2024 |

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<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Chandler on 4 April 2024

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the Defence Capability Assurance and Oversight Bill 2023

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023 and related bill

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure and Other Measures) Bill 2023

<sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2023

<sup>13</sup> Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the performance of the Department of Defence

<sup>14</sup> Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Bill 2024

<sup>15</sup> Replaced Senator Chandler on 22 March 2024

<sup>16</sup> Replaced Senator Green for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 14 February 2024 from 9am to 10.30am

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                                              | <b>Date Referred</b>                                                          | <b>Public Hearings</b><br><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>         | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                       | <b>Current Inquiry</b><br><i>As at 31.12.2024</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Annual Reports                                                                                                     | Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)                                               | Nil                                                            | No. 2 of 2024 tabled 20.08.2024             | Ongoing                                           |
| Performance of the Department of Defence in supporting the capability and capacity of Australia’s defence industry | 21.06.2023<br>(adopted by committee under Standing Order 25(2)(a)(v))         | Nil                                                            | 28.11.2024                                  | No                                                |
| Budget estimates 2024–25                                                                                           | 14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325) | 02.07.2024—Canberra 6–7 November 2024—Canberra (Supplementary) | Presented OOS 12.07.2024; tabled 12.08.2024 | No                                                |

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                                   | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings<br/><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i></b> | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                             | <b>Current Inquiry<br/><i>As at 31.12.2024</i></b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Veterans’ Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 04.07.2024 (SB)      | 16.08.2024—Canberra<br>13.09.2024—Canberra              | Presented OOS<br>03.10.2024; tabled<br>08.10.2024 | No                                                 |

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Name</b>                                                                                     | <b>Response Tabled</b> | <b>Report Tabled</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023 and related bill [Provisions]                           | 11.09.2024             | 13.05.2024 OOS       |
| Veterans’ Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 07.11.2024 OOS         | 03.10.2024 OOS       |
| Migration Amendment (Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure and Other Measures) Bill 2023                 | 19.12.2024 OOS         | 14.05.2024           |

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

# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (References)

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

| Method of appointment                                                          |                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25                                           |                            |
| Current members                                                                | <i>Date of appointment</i> |
| Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP)<br><i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>      | 01.08.2022                 |
| Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)<br><i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i> | 28.07.2022                 |
| Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)                                                | 01.08.2022                 |
| Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP)                                               | 19.09.2024                 |
| Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP)                                         | 01.08.2022                 |
| Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG)                                            | 26.07.2022                 |
| Former member                                                                  | <i>Term of appointment</i> |
| Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)                                                  | 28.07.2022–19.09.2024      |

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2024*

| Inquiry Detail                                     | Date Referred | Public Hearings<br><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>                    | Reports Tabled | Current Inquiry<br><i>As at 31.12.2024</i> |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Australian support for Ukraine                     | 27.03.2024    | 05.07.2024—Canberra<br>08.07.2024—Melbourne<br>05.08.2024—Canberra | 16.09.2024     | No                                         |
| Wrongful detention of Australian citizens overseas | 25.06.2024    | 26.09.2024—Canberra<br>18.10.2024—Canberra<br>28.10.2024—Canberra  | 28.11.2024     | No                                         |

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| Inquiry Detail                                                                                                                                | Date Referred | Public Hearings<br><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i> | Reports Tabled | Current Inquiry<br><i>As at 31.12.2024</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Australia’s sanctions regime                                                                                                                  | 03.07.2024    | 15.11.2024—Canberra                             | Nil            | Yes                                        |
| Defence Honours and Awards Systems                                                                                                            | 03.07.2024    | Nil                                             | Nil            | Yes                                        |
| The formation of a national volunteer incentive scheme (Climate Army) to respond to the immediate aftermath of natural disasters in Australia | 18.09.2024    | Nil                                             | Nil            | Yes                                        |

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Name</b>                                                                                | <b>Response Tabled</b> | <b>Report Tabled</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Efficacy of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade due diligence framework                    | 10.09.2024             | 07.12.2023           |
| Opportunities for advancing Australia’s strategic interests through existing regional architecture | 03.10.2024 OOS         | 07.10.2021 OOS       |
| Funding for public research into foreign policy issues                                             | 05.12.2024 OOS         | 17.08.2021 OOS       |

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

## **Legal and Constitutional Affairs**

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

1 July 2024 - 31 December 2024

|             | Matters current as at 1 July 2024 | Matters referred during period * | Reports tabled that discharge a reference | Current inquiries as at 31 December 2024 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Legislation | 4                                 | 10                               | 13                                        | 1                                        |
| References  | 2                                 | 1                                | 2                                         | 1                                        |
| Total       | 6                                 | 11                               | 15                                        | 2                                        |

|             | Number of Meetings |                  |                  |             |                |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
|             | Public hearings    | Public Estimates | Private meetings | Site visits | Total Meetings |
| Legislation | 10                 | 5                | 19               | 0           | 34             |
| References  | 1                  | 0                | 7                | 0           | 8              |
| Total       | 11                 | 5                | 26               | 0           | 42             |

|             | Meetings By State |     |     |     |    |    |    |     |
|-------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|
|             | ACT               | NSW | VIC | TAS | SA | WA | NT | QLD |
| Legislation | 34                | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| References  | 8                 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Total       | 42                | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   |

|             | Witnesses |       |         |                      |
|-------------|-----------|-------|---------|----------------------|
|             | Estimates | Bills | General | Government Responses |
| Legislation | 101       | 199   | 0       | 4                    |
| References  | 0         | 0     | 27      | 4                    |
| Total       | 101       | 199   | 27      | 8                    |

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

# Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Legislation)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

| Method of appointment                                                       |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25                                        |                       |
| Current members                                                             | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)<br><i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>       | 28.07.2022            |
| Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP)<br><i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i> | 01.08.2022            |
| Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)                                                 | 01.08.2022            |
| Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP)                                               | 29.02.2024            |
| Senator Helen Polley (TAS,ALP)                                              | 28.07.2022            |
| Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)                                          | 26.07.2022            |
| Former member                                                               | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)                                             | 28.07.2022–29.02.2024 |
| Former substitute members                                                   | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>1</sup>                               | 18.10.2024–18.10.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Carol Brown (TAS, ALP) <sup>2</sup>                         | 12.11.2024–12.11.2024 |
| Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) <sup>3</sup>                               | 30.03.2023–18.05.2023 |
| Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) <sup>4</sup>                               | 14.08.2024–01.10.2024 |
| Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>5</sup>                                  | 12.02.2024–13.02.2024 |
| Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <sup>6</sup>                            | 16.11.2023–20.06.2024 |

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Polley for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Family Law Amendment Bill 2024 on 18 October 2024

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Polley for a private meeting on 12 November 2024

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

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the Commission of Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian Universities Bill 2024 (No. 2)

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Ciccone for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 12-13 February 2024

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Pay for Radio Play) Bill 2023

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>7</sup> | 20.09.2024–20.09.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>8</sup> | 30.09.2024–30.09.2024 |
| Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) <sup>9</sup>              | 09.02.2023–07.03.2023 |
| Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) <sup>10</sup>             | 09.03.2023–13.06.2023 |
| Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) <sup>11</sup>             | 22.06.2023–31.08.2023 |
| Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>12</sup>       | 02.11.2022–02.11.2022 |
| Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>13</sup>       | 30.09.2024–30.09.2024 |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>14</sup>           | 02.11.2022–02.11.2022 |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>15</sup>           | 16.11.2022–16.11.2022 |
| Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) <sup>16</sup>          | 31.05.2024–31.05.2024 |
| Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) <sup>17</sup>          | 14.08.2024–14.08.2024 |
| Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <sup>18</sup>            | 23.07.2024–23.07.2024 |
| Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>19</sup>         | 02.11.2022–02.11.2022 |
| Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>20</sup>         | 12.05.2023–14.06.2023 |
| Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>21</sup>         | 12.05.2023–24.08.2023 |

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Antic for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Commission of Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian Universities Bill 2024 (No. 2) on 20 September 2024

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Antic for a private meeting on 30 September 2024

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Evacuation to Safety) Bill 2023

<sup>10</sup> 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

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Strengthening Employer Compliance) Bill 2023

<sup>12</sup> 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

<sup>13</sup> Replaced Senator Polley for a private meeting on 30 September 2024

<sup>14</sup> 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

<sup>15</sup> Replaced Senator Polley for the committee's inquiry into the Parliamentary Privileges Amendment (Royal Commission Response) Bill 2022 on 16 November 2022

<sup>16</sup> Replaced Senator Polley for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 31 May 2024

<sup>17</sup> Replaced Senator Polley for a private meeting on 14 August 2024

<sup>18</sup> Replaced Senator Polley for a private meeting on 23 July 2024

<sup>19</sup> 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

<sup>20</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023

<sup>21</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment Bill 2023

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|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>22</sup> | 30.11.2023–09.02.2024 |
| Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>23</sup> | 29.02.2024–24.04.2024 |
| Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>24</sup> | 04.07.2024–08.08.2024 |
| Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>25</sup> | 18.09.2024–31.10.2024 |

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<sup>22</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Costs Protection) Bill 2023

<sup>23</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the Crimes Amendment (Strengthening the Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Violence) Bill 2024

<sup>24</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the Criminal Code Amendment (Deepfake Sexual Material) Bill 2024

<sup>25</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the Family Law Bill 2024

**Inquiries**  
as at 01.07.2024

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                | <b>Date Referred</b>                                                          | <b>Public Hearings</b><br><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>                                                                                                    | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                       | <b>Current Inquiry</b><br><i>As at 31.12.2024</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Annual Reports                                                                       | Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)                                               | Nil                                                                                                                                                       | No. 2 of 2024 tabled 20.08.2024             | Ongoing                                           |
| Criminal Code Amendment (Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes) Bill 2024 | 08.02.2024 (SB)                                                               | 20.07.2024—Canberra                                                                                                                                       | Presented OOS 13.11.2024; tabled 18.11.2024 | No                                                |
| Customs Amendment (Preventing Child Labour) Bill 2023                                | 27.03.2024 (SB)                                                               | Nil                                                                                                                                                       | 01.07.2024                                  | No                                                |
| Budget estimates 2024–25                                                             | 14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325) | 04.07.2024—Canberra<br>4–5 November 2024—<br>Canberra (Supplementary)<br>27.11.2024—Canberra<br>(Supplementary)<br>28.11.2024—Canberra<br>(Supplementary) | Presented OOS 05.07.2024; tabled 12.08.2024 | No                                                |
| Criminal Code Amendment (Deepfake Sexual Material) Bill 2024 [Provisions]            | 27.06.2024 (SB)                                                               | 23.07.2024—Canberra                                                                                                                                       | Presented OOS 08.08.2024; tabled 12.08.2024 | No                                                |

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                                          | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings<br/><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i></b> | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                             | <b>Current Inquiry<br/><i>As at 31.12.2024</i></b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Commission of Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian Universities Bill 2024 (No.2)                            | 04.07.2024 (SB)      | 17.09.2024—Canberra<br>20.09.2024—Canberra              | Presented OOS<br>01.10.2024; tabled<br>08.10.2024 | No                                                 |
| Migration Amendment (Strengthening Sponsorship and Nomination Processes) Bill 2024 [Provisions]                | 04.07.2024 (SB)      | Nil                                                     | Presented OOS<br>02.09.2024; tabled<br>09.09.2024 | No                                                 |
| Administrative Review Tribunal (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2024                                              | 12.09.2024 (SB)      | 02.10.2024—Canberra                                     | Presented OOS<br>31.10.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024 | No                                                 |
| Family Law Amendment Bill 2024                                                                                 | 12.09.2024 (SB)      | 18.10.2024—Canberra                                     | Presented OOS<br>31.10.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024 | No                                                 |
| Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions]                         | 19.09.2024 (SB)      | 30.10.2024—Canberra                                     | Presented OOS<br>13.11.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024 | No                                                 |
| Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                                   | 19.09.2024 (SB)      | 02.12.2024—Canberra                                     | Presented OOS<br>12.12.2024                       | No                                                 |
| Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                                 | 19.09.2024 (SB)      | 22.10.2024—Canberra                                     | Presented OOS<br>14.11.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024 | No                                                 |
| Migration Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                                                     | 19.11.2024           | 21.11.2024—Canberra                                     | 26.11.2024                                        | No                                                 |
| Oversight Legislation Amendment (Robodebt Royal Commission Response and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 21.11.2024 (SB)      | Nil                                                     | Nil                                               | Yes                                                |

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Name</b>                                                                                                                                    | <b>Response Tabled</b> | <b>Report Tabled</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Attorney-General’s Portfolio Miscellaneous Measures Bill 2023 [Provisions]                                                                             | 10.09.2024             | 01.02.2024 OOS       |
| Criminal Code Amendment (Deepfake Sexual Material) Bill 2024 [Provisions]                                                                              | 26.09.2024 OOS         | 08.08.2024 OOS       |
| National Emergency (2022 New South Wales Floods) Declaration 2022                                                                                      | 19.11.2024             | 08.02.2023           |
| Migration Amendment (Australia’s Engagement in the Pacific and Other Measures) Bill 2023 and Migration (Visa Pre-application Process) Charge Bill 2023 | 19.12.2024 OOS         | 13.06.2023           |

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

# Legal and Constitutional Affairs (References)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

| Method of appointment                                                        |                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25                                         |                       |
| Current members                                                              | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP)<br><i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>         | 01.08.2022            |
| Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)<br><i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i> | 28.07.2022            |
| Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)                                                  | 01.08.2022            |
| Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP)                                                | 29.02.2024            |
| Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP)                                            | 01.08.2022            |
| Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)                                           | 26.07.2022            |
| Substitute member                                                            | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP) <sup>1</sup>                                 | 16.09.2024            |
| Former member                                                                | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)                                              | 28.07.2022–29.02.2024 |
| Former substitute members                                                    | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG) <sup>2</sup>                                    | 05.09.2022–15.08.2024 |
| Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) <sup>3</sup>                                | 07.12.2023–06.12.2024 |
| Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>4</sup>                                | 30.11.2022–14.09.2023 |

<sup>1</sup> Replaces Senator Antic for the committee's inquiry into Australia's youth justice and incarceration system

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into missing and murdered First Nations women and children

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into right wing extremist movements in Australia

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into current and proposed sexual consent laws

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                 | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings<br/><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i></b> | <b>Reports Tabled</b>    | <b>Current Inquiry<br/><i>As at 31.12.2024</i></b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Missing and murdered First Nations women and children | 04.08.2022           | Nil                                                     | 15.08.2024               | No                                                 |
| Right wing extremist movements in Australia           | 07.12.2023           | 24.07.2024—Canberra                                     | Presented OOS 06.12.2024 | No                                                 |

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                              | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings<br/><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i></b> | <b>Reports Tabled</b> | <b>Current Inquiry<br/><i>As at 31.12.2024</i></b> |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Australia’s youth justice and incarceration system | 11.09.2024           | Nil                                                     | Nil                   | Yes                                                |

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Name</b>                                                                                   | <b>Response Tabled</b> | <b>Report Tabled</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Resolution of disputes with financial service providers within the justice system                     | 13.08.2024             | 08.04.2019 OOS       |
| COVID-19 Royal Commission                                                                             | 05.09.2024 OOS         | 19.04.2024 OOS       |
| Impact of changes to service delivery models on the administration and running of government programs | 11.10.2024 OOS         | 27.02.2020           |
| Missing and murdered First Nations women and children                                                 | 25.11.2024             | 15.08.2024           |

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



**Rural & Regional Affairs  
and Transport**

# Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

1 July 2024 - 31 December 2024

|             | Matters current as at 1 July 2024 | Matters referred during period * | Reports tabled that discharge a reference | Current inquiries as at 31 December 2024 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Legislation | 2                                 | 3                                | 3 + (1 **)                                | 2                                        |
| References  | 3                                 | 1                                | 1 + (2 **)                                | 3                                        |
| Total       | 5                                 | 4                                | 4                                         | 5                                        |

| Number of Meetings |                  |                  |             |                |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Public hearings    | Public Estimates | Private meetings | Site visits | Total Meetings |
| Legislation        | 2                | 11               | 0           | 14             |
| References         | 0                | 16               | 2           | 24             |
| Total              | 2                | 27               | 2           | 38             |

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

|             | Witnesses |       |         |                      |
|-------------|-----------|-------|---------|----------------------|
|             | Estimates | Bills | General | Government Responses |
| Legislation | 79        | 25    | 0       | 48                   |
| References  | 0         | 0     | 171     | 51                   |
| Total       | 79        | 25    | 171     | 99                   |
|             |           |       |         | 0                    |
|             |           |       |         | 3                    |
|             |           |       |         | 3                    |

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

\*\*Progress and interim reports

# Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

| Method of appointment                                                                                                         |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25                                                                                          |                       |
| Current members                                                                                                               | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)<br><i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>                                                        | 28.07.2022            |
| Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)<br><i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>                                    | 01.08.2022            |
| Senator the Hon Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)                                                                                        | 20.08.2024            |
| Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)<br><i>(Acting Chair 23.04.2024–23.04.2024)</i><br><i>(Acting Chair 29.05.2024–31.05.2024)</i> | 01.08.2022            |
| Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)                                                                                     | 09.09.2024            |
| Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)                                                                                          | 26.07.2022            |
| Substitute member                                                                                                             | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Steph Hodgins-May, (VIC, AG) <sup>1</sup>                                                                             | 16.05.2024            |
| Former members                                                                                                                | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP)                                                                                              | 24.06.2024–20.08.2024 |
| Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)                                                                                               | 28.07.2022–01.08.2022 |
| Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LNP)                                                                                             | 01.08.2022–09.09.2024 |
| Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)                                                                                                 | 18.03.2024–24.06.2024 |
| Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)                                                                                                | 28.07.2022–29.02.2024 |
| Former substitute members                                                                                                     | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>2</sup>                                                                             | 30.03.2023–04.05.2023 |

<sup>1</sup> Replaces Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay) Bill 2024

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2023

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|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <sup>3</sup>     | 05.11.2024–05.11.2024 |
| Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) <sup>4</sup>            | 11.05.2023–19.10.2023 |
| Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) <sup>5</sup>            | 03.08.2023–30.08.2023 |
| Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>6</sup>               | 30.05.2024–31.05.2024 |
| Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) <sup>7</sup>           | 07.11.2022–07.11.2022 |
| Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) <sup>8</sup>           | 07.11.2022–07.11.2022 |
| Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) <sup>9</sup>           | 24.10.2023–24.10.2023 |
| Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NP) <sup>10</sup> | 25.06.2024–25.06.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NP) <sup>11</sup> | 04.11.2024–04.11.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NP) <sup>12</sup> | 05.11.2024–05.11.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NP) <sup>13</sup> | 12.11.2024–12.11.2024 |
| Senator McKim (TAS, AG) <sup>14</sup>                    | 16.05.2024–20.06.2024 |
| Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>15</sup>            | 07.02.2023–07.02.2023 |
| Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>16</sup>            | 24.10.2023–24.10.2023 |
| Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>17</sup>            | 12.02.2024–13.02.2024 |

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Colbeck for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 5 November 2024 from 9am until 11am and 5.30pm until 11pm

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports Amendment (Animal Welfare) Bill 2023

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Sterle for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 30-31 May 2024

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

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 7pm until 11pm

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023 from 3.30pm

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 25 June 2024

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator Colbeck for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 4 November 2024

<sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator Colbeck for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 5 November 2024 from 4.30pm until 5.30pm

<sup>13</sup> Replaced Senator Canavan for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 12 November 2024

<sup>14</sup> Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade) Bill 2024

<sup>15</sup> Replaced Senator White for a private meeting on 7 February 2023

<sup>16</sup> Replaced Senator White for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023 from 7.30pm

<sup>17</sup> Replaced Senator White for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional Budget estimates on 12 and 13 February 2024

|                                                       |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>18</sup> | 07.11.2022–07.11.2022 |
| Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>19</sup> | 05.11.2024–05.11.2024 |
| Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>20</sup>         | 29.05.2024–29.05.2024 |
| Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <sup>21</sup>        | 30.05.2024–30.05.2024 |
| Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <sup>22</sup>        | 31.05.2024–31.05.2024 |
| Senator David Van (VIC, LP) <sup>23</sup>             | 07.11.2022–07.11.2022 |

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<sup>18</sup> Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 3pm until 6pm

<sup>19</sup> Replaced Senator Colbeck for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 5 November 2024 from 11am until 4.30pm

<sup>20</sup> Replaced Senator Sterle for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 29 May 2024

<sup>21</sup> Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 30 May 2024 from 3pm to 5pm

<sup>22</sup> Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 31 May 2024

<sup>23</sup> Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 6pm until 7pm

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                  | <b>Date Referred</b>                                                          | <b>Public Hearings<br/><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i></b> | <b>Reports Tabled</b>           | <b>Current Inquiry<br/><i>As at 31.12.2024</i></b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Annual Reports                                         | Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)                                               | Nil                                                     | No. 2 of 2024 tabled 20.08.2024 | Ongoing                                            |
| Budget estimates 2024–25                               | 14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325) | 4–5 November 2024—Canberra (Supplementary)              | 02.07.2024                      | No                                                 |
| Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay) Bill 2024 | 16.05.2024 (SB)                                                               | Nil                                                     | Nil                             | Yes                                                |

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                             | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings<br/><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i></b> | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                                       | <b>Current Inquiry<br/><i>As at 31.12.2024</i></b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions] | 10.10.2024 (SB)      | 12.11.2024—Canberra                                     | Progress report presented OOS 13.11.2024; tabled 18.11.2024 | No                                                 |
| National Organics Standard Bill 2024                              | 28.11.2024 (SB)      | Nil                                                     | Report tabled 19.11.2024<br>Nil                             | Yes                                                |

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

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

# Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (References)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

| Method of appointment                                                                              |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25                                                               |                       |
| Current members                                                                                    | Date of appointment   |
| Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)<br><i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>                | 01.08.2022            |
| Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)<br><i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>                      | 28.07.2022            |
| Senator the Hon Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)                                                             | 20.08.2024            |
| Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)                                                          | 01.08.2022            |
| Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)                                                            | 09.09.2024            |
| Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)                                                               | 26.07.2022            |
| Substitute members                                                                                 | Date of appointment   |
| Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>1</sup>                                                  | 30.03.2023            |
| Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <sup>2</sup>                                          | 10.09.2024            |
| Former members                                                                                     | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP)                                                                   | 24.06.2024–20.08.2024 |
| Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LNP)                                                                  | 01.08.2022–09.09.2024 |
| Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)                                                                      | 18.03.2024–24.06.2024 |
| Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)                                                                     | 28.07.2022–29.02.2024 |
| Former substitute members                                                                          | Term of appointment   |
| Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <sup>3</sup><br><i>(Acting Deputy Chair 15.04.2024–17.04.2024)</i> | 15.04.2024–15.04.2024 |

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

<sup>2</sup> Replaces Senator the Hon Reynolds for the committee's inquiry into Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Sterle for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into the impact and mitigation of aircraft noise on 15 April 2024

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <sup>4</sup><br>(Acting Deputy Chair 15.04.2024–17.04.2024) | 16.04.2024–16.04.2024 |
| Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <sup>5</sup><br>(Acting Deputy Chair 15.04.2024–17.04.2024) | 17.04.2024–17.04.2024 |
| Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <sup>6</sup>                                                | 29.05.2024–29.05.2024 |
| Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>7</sup>                                               | 28.08.2024–28.08.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>8</sup>                                      | 31.07.2024–31.07.2024 |
| Senator Steph Hodgins-May (VIC, AG) <sup>9</sup>                                            | 14.05.2024–25.10.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <sup>10</sup>                                  | 01.08.2023–09.09.2024 |
| Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <sup>11</sup>                                  | 09.08.2023–09.08.2024 |
| Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>12</sup>                                               | 07.02.2023–07.02.2023 |
| Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>13</sup>                                          | 11.12.2024–12.12.2024 |

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Sterle for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into bank closures in Regional Australia on 16 April 2024

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Sterle for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Australia’s preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games on 17 April 2024

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Sterle for a private meeting on 29 May 2024

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Brown on 28 August 2024

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Colbeck for a private meeting on 31 July 2024

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Wish-Wilson for the committee’s inquiry into the impact and mitigation of aircraft noise

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Rennick for the committee’s inquiry into Australia’s preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Colbeck on 9 August 2024

<sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator White for a private meeting on 7 February 2023

<sup>13</sup> Replaced Senator Canavan for the committee’s inquiry into the adequacy of the voluntary Code of Conduct for Australian Winegrapes Purchases from 11 December 2024 until 12 December 2024

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                                                  | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings<br/><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i></b>             | <b>Reports Tabled</b>                                                                         | <b>Current Inquiry<br/><i>As at 31.12.2024</i></b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Adequacy of Australia’s preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games                | 30.03.2023           | Nil                                                                 | Nil                                                                                           | Yes                                                |
| Impact and mitigation of aircraft noise on residents and business in capital cities and regional towns | 06.02.2024           | 09.08.2024—Penrith, NSW<br>28.08.2024—Hobart<br>20.09.2024—Canberra | Progress report presented<br>OOS 25.10.2024; tabled<br>18.11.2024<br>Report tabled 27.11.2024 | No                                                 |
| Shutdown of the 3G mobile network and telecommunications services accessibility                        | 26.03.2024           | 23.07.2024—Cooma, NSW<br>24.07.2024—Canberra                        | Interim report presented<br>OOS 01.08.2024; tabled<br>12.08.2024                              | Yes                                                |

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| <b>Inquiry Detail</b>                                                             | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Public Hearings<br/><i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i></b> | <b>Reports Tabled</b> | <b>Current Inquiry<br/><i>As at 31.12.2024</i></b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| The adequacy of the voluntary Code of Conduct for Australian Winegrapes Purchases | 19.09.2024           | 12.12.2024—Renmark, SA                                  | Nil                   | Yes                                                |

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

| Inquiry Name                                                | Response Tabled | Report Tabled  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Shutdown of the 3G mobile network: Interim report           | 19.08.2024      | 01.08.2024 OOS |
| Red imported fire ants: Don't let this come back to bite us | 28.10.2024 OOS  | 18.04.2024 OOS |
| Iron Boomerang project                                      | 26.11.2024      | 10.08.2023     |

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