

**Select Committees
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Senate Committee Office
1 July 2024–31 December 2024**

Adopting Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Adopting Artificial Intelligence

1 July 2024 - 26 November 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
Select Committee	1	0	1 + (1**)	0

	Number of Meetings			
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Select Committee	4	0	2	0
				Total Meetings
				6

	Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT
Select Committee	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
							QLD
							0

	Witnesses			Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General	
Select Committee	0	0	68	0
				No of Submissions
				12

** Interim report

Select Committee on Adopting Artificial Intelligence (AI)

1 July 2024 to 26 November 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 26 March 2024	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 28.03.2024)</i>	27.03.2024
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 28.03.2024)</i>	27.03.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP)	04.07.2024
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP)	27.03.2024
Senator David Pocock (ACT, IND)	27.03.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	27.03.2024
Former member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	27.03.2024–04.07.2024

Inquiries
As at 01.07.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2024–26.11.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Opportunities and impacts for Australia arising out of the uptake of AI technologies	26.03.2024	16.07.2024—Canberra 17.07.2024—Canberra 16.08.2024—Canberra 11.09.2024—Canberra	Interim report tabled 10.10.2024 Report tabled 26.11.2024	No

New References
01.07.2024–26.11.2024

Nil

Government Responses
01.07.2024–31.12.2024

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

Australia's Disaster Resilience

Australia's Disaster Resilience

1 July 2024 - 8 August 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
Select Committee	1	0	1	0

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

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

	Witnesses			No of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Select Committee	0	0	0	7	0

Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience

1 July 2024 to 8 August 2024

Method of appointment

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

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Jacqui Lambie (TAS, JLN)
(elected Chair on 08.12.2022)

02.12.2022

Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)
(elected Deputy Chair on 08.12.2022)

01.12.2022

Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS)

01.12.2022

Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)

04.07.2024

Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)

01.12.2022

Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)

01.12.2022

Former member

Term of appointment

Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)

01.12.2022–26.02.2024

Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)

26.02.2024–04.07.2024

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry
Australia's resilience and response to natural disasters	30.11.2022	01.07.2024–08.08.2024 Nil	Boots on the ground: Raising resilience presented OOS 08.08.2024; tabled 12.08.2024	<i>As at 31.12.2024</i> No

New References

01.07.2024–08.08.2024

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2024–31.12.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Boots on the ground: Raising resilience	19.12.2024 OOS	08.08.2024 OOS

OOS (Out of session)

Cost of Living

Cost of Living

1 July 2024 - 15 November 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
Select Committee	1	0	1	0

	Number of Meetings				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Select Committee	4	0	4	0	8

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

	Witnesses			No of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Select Committee	0	0	49	43	0

Select Committee on the Cost of Living

1 July 2024 to 15 November 2024

Method of appointment

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

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Jane Hume (VIC, LP)

25.10.2022

(elected Chair on 26.10.2022)

Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG)

28.09.2022

(elected Deputy Chair on 26.10.2022)

Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)

25.10.2022

Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)

27.10.2022

Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)

25.10.2022

Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)

30.03.2023

Former member

Term of appointment

Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)

27.10.2022–30.03.2023

Former substitute member

Term of appointment

Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP)¹

10.07.2023–10.07.2023

Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP)²

07.08.2024–07.08.2024

Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP)³

07.12.2023–07.12.2023

Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP)⁴

05.02.2024–05.02.2024

Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)⁵

26.09.2023–26.09.2023

Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)⁶

28.08.2023–28.08.2023

Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)⁷

29.01.2024–29.01.2024

¹ Replaced Senator the Hon Canavan on 10 July 2023

² Replaced Senator Stewart for a public hearing on 7 August 2024

³ Replaced Senator Smith on 7 December 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator the Hon Canavan for a public hearing on 5 February 2024

⁵ Replaced Senator Stewart for a public hearing on 26 September 2023

⁶ Replaced Senator Stewart for a public hearing on 28 August 2023

⁷ Replaced Senator Stewart on 29 January 2024

Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)⁸

01.02.2023–03.02.2023

Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)⁹

23.08.2023–23.08.2023

⁸ Replaced Senator Sheldon for public hearings from 1 February 2023 until 3 February 2023

⁹ Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing on 23 August 2023

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2024–15.11.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Cost of living pressures facing Australians	28.09.2022	07.08.2024—Sydney 16.08.2024—Canberra 13.09.2024—Canberra 11.10.2024—Canberra	Paying the price: The cost of a crisis on Australians' standards of living—Final report presented OOS 15.11.2024, tabled 18.11.2024	No

New References

01.07.2024–15.11.2024

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2024–31.12.2024

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

Energy Planning and Regulation in Australia

Energy Planning and Regulation in Australia

16 September 2024 - 20 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
Select Committee	0	1	1	0

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

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses			No of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Select Committee	0	0	77	81	0

Select Committee on Energy Planning and Regulation in Australia

16 September 2024 to 20 December 2024

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 16 September 2024

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Van (VIC, IND) <i>(elected Chair on 16.09.2024)</i>	16.09.2024
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair 19.09.2024)</i>	18.09.2024
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	17.09.2024
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP)	17.09.2024
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP)	18.09.2024
Senator David Pocock (ACT, IND)	16.09.2024
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG)	18.09.2024

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2024

Nil

New References

16.09.2024–20.12.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>16.09.2024–20.12.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
The institutional structures, governance, regulation, functions, and operation of the Australian energy market	16.09.2024	23.10.2024—Canberra 29.10.2024—Canberra 30.10.2024—Canberra 31.10.2024—Canberra 05.12.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 20.12.2024	No

Government Responses

16.09.2024–31.12.2024

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

**Impact of Climate Risk on Insurance
Premiums and Availability**

Impact of Climate Risk on Insurance Premiums and Availability

1 July 2024 - 26 November 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
Select Committee	1	0	1	0

	Number of Meetings				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Select Committee	6	0	2	0	8

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

	Witnesses			Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General	
Select Committee	0	0	60	55
				0

Select Committee on the Impact of Climate Risk on Insurance Premiums and Availability

1 July 2024 to 26 November 2024

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 16 May 2024

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 20.05.2024)</i>	16.05.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 20.05.2024)</i>	16.05.2024
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	16.05.2024
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP)	16.05.2024
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	16.05.2024

Inquiries
As at 01.07.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2024–26.11.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Impacts of climate risk on insurance premiums and availability in Australia	16.05.2024	08.08.2024—Ballina, NSW 09.08.2024—Brisbane 20.09.2024—Sydney 30.09.2024—Melbourne 01.10.2024—Canberra 09.10.2024—Canberra	26.11.2024	No

New References
01.07.2024–26.11.2024

Nil

Government Responses
01.07.2024–31.12.2024

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

**Measuring Outcomes for First Nations
Communities**

Measuring Outcomes for First Nations Communities

28 November 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
Select Committee	0	1	0	1

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

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

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

Select Committee on Measuring Outcomes for First Nations Communities

28 November 2024 to 31 December 2024

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 28 November 2024

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG)

(elected Chair on 06.12.2024)

28.11.2024

Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)

(elected Deputy Chair 06.12.2024)

28.11.2024

Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)

28.11.2024

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2024

Nil

New References

28.11.2024–31.12.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 28.11.2024–31.12.2024	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2024
The current regression of the Closing the Gap targets on the rates of suicide, the number of children in out-of-home care, adult incarceration and the number of children commencing school who are developmentally on track	28.11.2024	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

28.11.2024–31.12.2024

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

**PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl
substances)**

PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances)

22 August 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
Select Committee	0	1	0	1

	Number of Meetings			
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Select Committee	1	0	4	0
				Total Meetings
				5

	Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Select Committee	5	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses			Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General	
Select Committee	0	0	16	91
				No of Submissions
				0

Select Committee on PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances)

22 August 2024 to 31 December 2024

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 22 August 2024

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lidia Thorpe (VIC, IND) <i>(elected Chair on 03.09.2024)</i>	22.08.2024
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.09.2024)</i>	22.08.2024
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	22.08.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NP)	22.08.2024
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	22.08.2024
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	22.08.2024

Inquiries*As at 01.07.2024*

Nil

New References*22.08.2024–31.12.2024*

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>22.08.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
The extent, regulation and management of PFAS	22.08.2024	13.11.2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses*22.08.2024–31.12.2024*

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme

Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme

20 August 2024 - 19 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
Select Committee	0	1	1	0

	Number of Meetings				Total Meetings
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	
Select Committee	3	0	8	0	11

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	8	0	0	3	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses			No of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Select Committee	0	0	56	31	0

Select Committee on the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme

20 August 2024 to 19 December 2024

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 22 August 2024

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Tammy Tyrrell (TAS, IND) <i>(elected Chair on 26.08.2024)</i>	20.08.2024
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 26.08.2024)</i>	22.08.2024
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP)	21.08.2024
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	21.08.2024
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	22.08.2024
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	22.08.2024

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2024

Nil

New References

20.08.2024–19.12.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>20.08.2024–19.12.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Merits, weaknesses and costs of the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme	20.08.2024	14.10.2024—King Island, TAS 13.11.2024—Hobart 14.11.2024—Longford, TAS	Presented OOS 19.12.2024	No

Government Responses

20.08.2024–31.12.2024

Nil