

## **WORK OF COMMITTEES**

**Year Statistics: 1 January 2024–31 December 2024**

**Half-Year Statistics: 1 July 2024–31 December 2024**

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## **FORMAT OF THIS REPORT**

This report is divided into sections that provide statistics on committee work during the following periods:

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

Statistics on these periods are kept in order to record information based on parliamentary terms as well as half, financial and full year periods.

This report is available online at:

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/woc/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/woc/index).

## ABBREVIATIONS

### ***Committees***

CA	Community Affairs
CFS	Corporations and Financial Services
Disaster Resilience	Australia's Disaster Resilience
EC	Environment and Communications
ECO	Economics
EE	Education and Employment
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
FPA	Finance and Public Administration
LCA	Legal and Constitutional Affairs
LE	Law Enforcement
Leg	Legislation Committee
NACC	National Anti-Corruption Commission
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme
Ref	References Committee
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

### ***Political Affiliations***

AG	Australian Greens
ALP	Australian Labor Party
CLP	Country Liberal Party
IND	Independent
JLN	Jacqui Lambie Network
LNP	Liberal National Party of Queensland
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
NATS	The Nationals
PHON	Pauline Hanson's One Nation
UAP	United Australia Party

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<b>Senate Committees Page</b>	<a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate">http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate</a>

**A public alert service** (RSS feed) is available. Members of the public can choose, at no charge, to be alerted automatically via the internet, to the tabling of committee reports, the commencement of new inquiries and schedules of hearing dates. Information on how to load the RSS reader is available on the Senate's committee web page.

Publications and resources relating to committees\*:

Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970–2024)  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/register](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/register)

Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees: The First 20 Years 1970–1990  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Significant\\_Reports/first20years/contents](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Significant_Reports/first20years/contents)

Bills referred to Senate committees  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Bills\\_Legislation/Bills\\_and\\_Committees/Bills\\_referred\\_to\\_Senate\\_committees](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_and_Committees/Bills_referred_to_Senate_committees)

Today's public hearings (*daily list of committee public hearings held in Canberra or interstate*)  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Todays\\_Public\\_Hearings](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Todays_Public_Hearings)

Senate Committees: Upcoming Public Hearings (*list of all forthcoming committee public hearings*)  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Upcoming\\_Public\\_Hearings](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Upcoming_Public_Hearings)

Senate Committees: celebrating 50 years (*a website celebrating 50 years of the modern Senate committee system*)  
[Navigate Senate Committees](#)

\*A selection of reports presented prior to June 1997 and all reports tabled thereafter are available online.

## **Information on getting involved in Senate committee inquiries**

Making a submission

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Making\\_a\\_submission](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Making_a_submission)

Attending a public hearing

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Attending\\_a\\_public\\_hearing](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Attending_a_public_hearing)

Protection of witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (Senate Privilege Resolution No. 1 on procedures to be observed by Senate committees for the protection of witnesses)

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Procedures\\_to\\_be\\_observed](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Procedures_to_be_observed)

Government Guidelines for official witnesses before Parliamentary Committees and related matters

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/Guidelines\\_for\\_official\\_witness](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/Guidelines_for_official_witness)

## DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Administered</b>	<b>Phone (02)</b>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs	Joint Standing	H	6277 4559
Adopting Artificial Intelligence (AI)	Select	S	6277 3042
Appropriations, Staffing and Security	Standing	S	6277 3398
Australia's Disaster Resilience	Select	S	6277 3535
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4888
Chairs'	Standing	S	6277 3371
Community Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3515
Corporations and Financial Services	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3583
Cost of Living	Select	S	6277 3547
Economics*	LGPS	S	6277 3540
Electoral Matters	Joint	H	6277 4104
Education and Employment*	LGPS	S	6277 3521
Environment and Communications*	LGPS	S	6277 3526
Finance and Public Administration*	LGPS	S	6277 3846
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint	H	6277 4574
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade*	LGPS	S	6277 3535
House	Standing	S	6277 3398
Human Rights	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3823
Impact of Climate Risk on Insurance Premiums and Availability	Select	S	6277 5707
Implementation of the National Redress Scheme	Joint Standing	H	6277 4549
Intelligence and Security	Joint Statutory	H	6277 2360
Law Enforcement	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3419
Legal and Constitutional Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3560
Migration	Joint	H	6277 4776
National Anti-Corruption Commission	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3419
National Capital and External Territories	Joint	H	6277 4609
National Disability Insurance Scheme	Joint Standing	S	6277 3083
Northern Australia	Joint Select	S	6277 3547
Parliamentary Library	Joint	DPS	6277 7102
Parliamentary Standards	Joint Statutory	H	6277 8787
Privileges	Standing	S	6277 3360
Procedure	Standing	S	6277 3350
Public Accounts and Audit	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4615
Public Works	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4636
Publications	Standing	S	6277 3037
Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport*	LGPS	S	6277 3511
Scrutiny of Bills	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3051
	Standing		
Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3066
	Standing		
Selection of Bills	Standing	S	6277 3020
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3020
Social Media and Australian Society	Joint Select	S	6277 5708
Trade and Investment Growth	Joint Standing	H	6277 2233
Treaties	Joint	H	6277 4002

**H** Department of the House of Representatives

**DPS** Department of Parliamentary Services

**LGPS** Legislative and General Purpose Standing

**S** Department of the Senate

\* Legislation and References Committees

## COMMITTEES ADMINISTERED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE OFFICE

### Introduction

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office provided staffing and resources for the following committees:

- Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees;
- Certain Joint Statutory, Joint Standing and Joint Select Committees; and
- Senate Select Committees.

### Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees

The Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees and the relevant portfolio/subject areas allocated to them are as follows:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Portfolio/subject area</i>
Community Affairs Legislation References	Health and Aged Care Social Services
Economics Legislation References	Industry, Science and Resources Treasury
Education and Employment Legislation References	Education Employment and Workplace Relations
Environment and Communications Legislation References	Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Communications and the Arts ( <i>part of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</i> )
Finance and Public Administration Legislation References	Finance Parliament Prime Minister and Cabinet
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation References	Defence (including Veterans' Affairs) Foreign Affairs and Trade
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation References	Attorney-General's Home Affairs
Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation References	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts ( <i>excluding Communications and the Arts</i> )

## **Joint Statutory Committees**

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office administered the following Joint Statutory Committees comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators:

- Corporations and Financial Services
- Law Enforcement; and
- National Anti-Corruption Commission.

## **Joint Standing Committees**

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office administered the following Joint Standing Committee comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators:

- National Disability Insurance Scheme.

## **Joint Select Committees**

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office administered the following Joint Select Committee comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators:

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

## **Senate Select Committees**

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

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



# **PART ONE**

**Legislation and References**

**Committees at a glance**

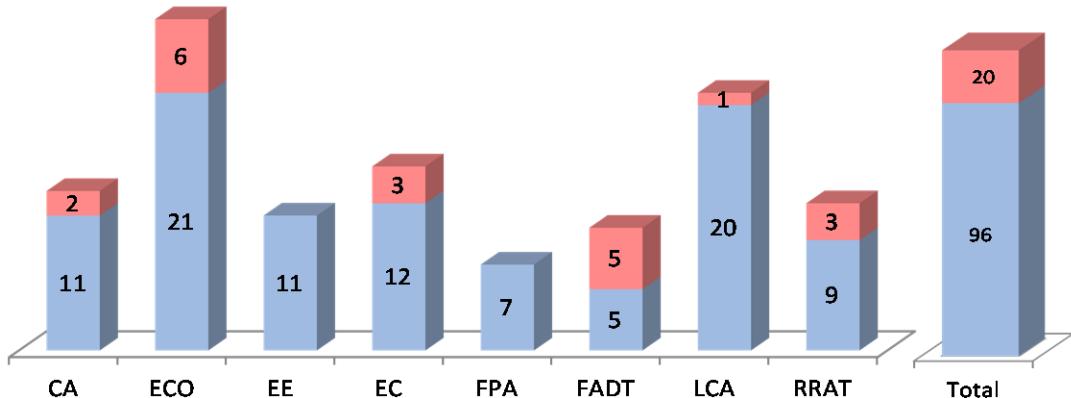
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## Senate Committees at a glance

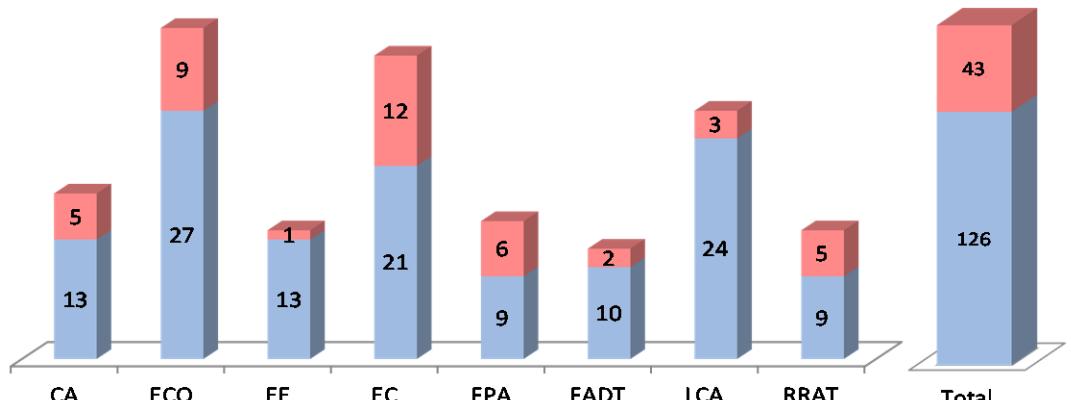
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■ Legislation Committees ■ References Committees



### Reports Tabled 1/01/2024 - 31/12/2024

■ Legislation Committees ■ References Committees



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



## **PART TWO**

**Consolidated Statistical Overview  
(Calendar Year)  
1 January 2024–31 December 2024**



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

1 January 2024–31 December 2024

Matters current as at 1 January 2024	Matters re-referred and/or referred (including estimates, annual reports and statutory oversight obligations)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2024
Legislation 27	96 (A)	109 + 1# + (16**) (B)	12
References 23	20 (A)	25 + (18**) (B)	18
Joint/Select 17	16	13 + 1^ + (12**)	19
<b>Total</b> <b>67</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>147 + 1# + 1^</b>	<b>49</b>

	Public Hearings	Public Estimates	Private Meetings	Site Visits	Total Meetings
Legislation 74	82	238	1	1	395
References 72	0	145	5	5	222
Joint/Select 71	0	102	4	4	177
<b>Total</b> <b>217</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>794</b>	

Meetings by State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation 359	5	2	1	1	1	4	3	3
References 174	8	7	5	4	4	5	5	11
Joint/Select 137	14	3	4	2	4	2	2	7
<b>Total</b> <b>670</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	

	Witnesses			No. of Submissions	No. of Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Legislation 2795	1525	1	3749	65	
References 0	0	1392	2767	74	
Joint>Select 0	0	892	1378	11	
<b>Total</b> <b>2795</b>	<b>1525</b>	<b>2285</b>	<b>7894</b>	<b>150</b>	

(A) 16 Annual Reports and 16 Estimates references; 64 Individual/packages of bills; 20 other references

(B) 16 Reports on Annual Reports; 16 estimates reports; 78 bills reports; 25 references reports

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

# Inquiries into Capital Works (Build to Rent Misuse Tax Bill 2024 IPprovisions) and Treasury Laws Amendment (Build to Rent Bill 2024 were reported together by Economics Legislation Committee

^ Inquiry into Competition and Consumer Amendment (Divestiture Powers) Bill 2024 was included in the Final report of the Select Committee on Supermarket Prices



## **PART THREE**

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**1 January 2015–31 December 2024**

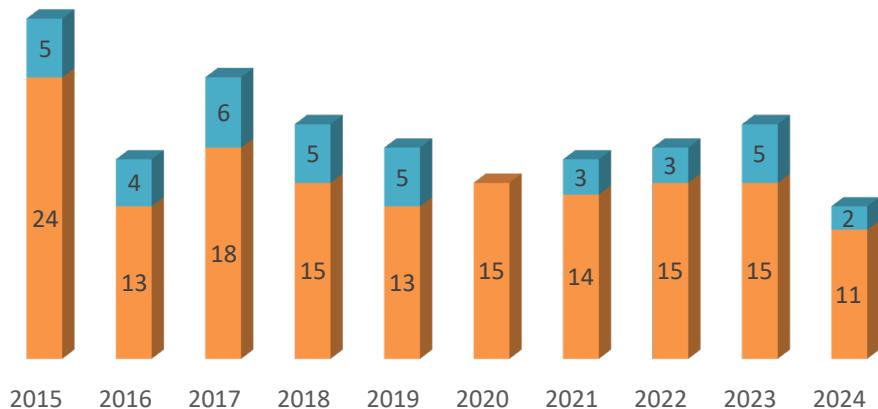


# Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees

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1 January 2015–31 December 2024

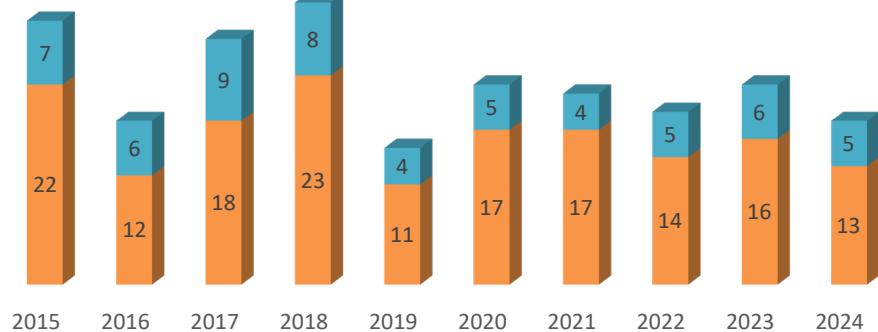
## Matters Referred

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## Reports Tabled

■ Legislation Committee ■ References Committee



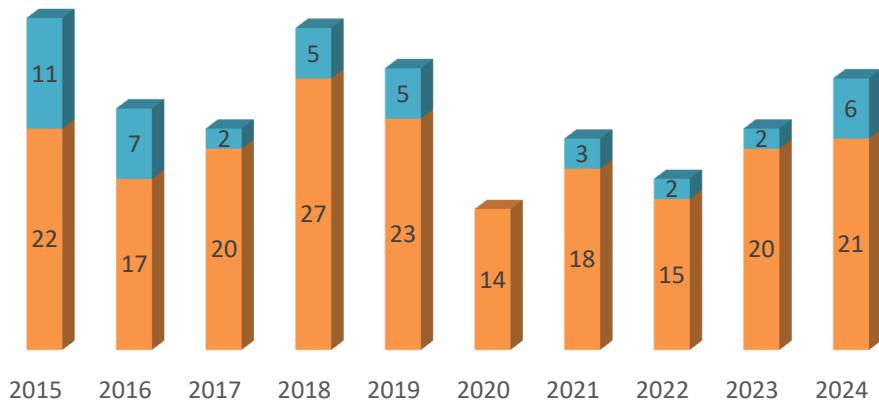
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## Legislation and References Committees

Matters referred and Reports tabled annually  
1 January 2015–31 December 2024

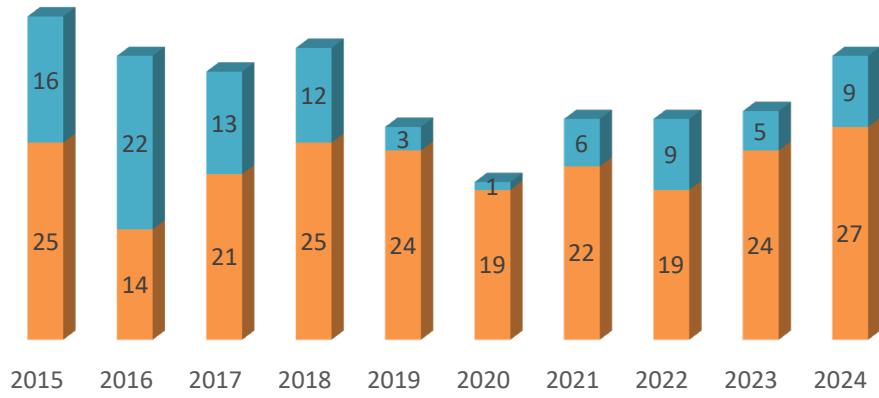
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### Reports Tabled

■ Legislation Committee ■ References Committee

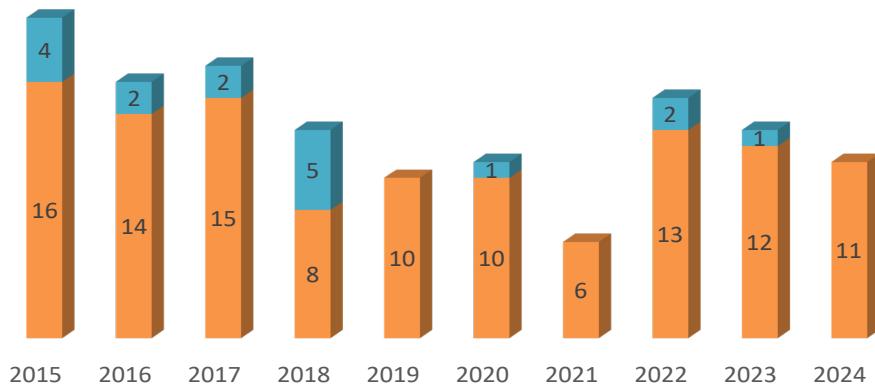


# **Education and Employment Legislation and References Committees**

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1 January 2015–31 December 2024**

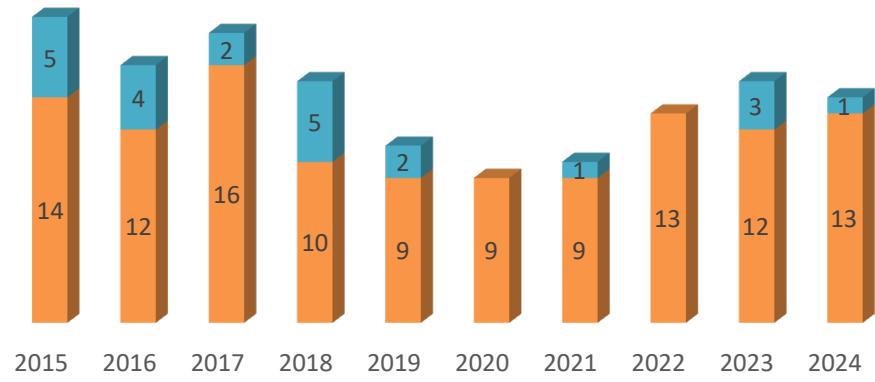
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## **Reports Tabled**

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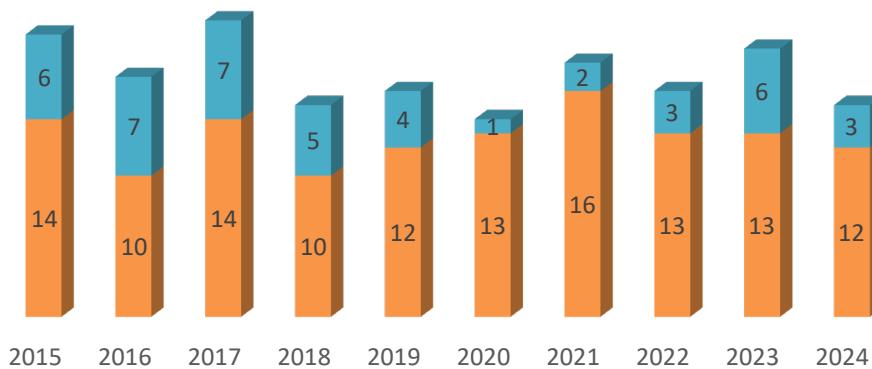


# Environment and Communications Legislation and References Committees

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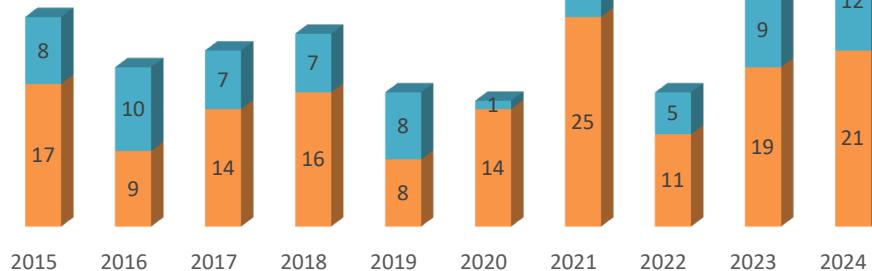
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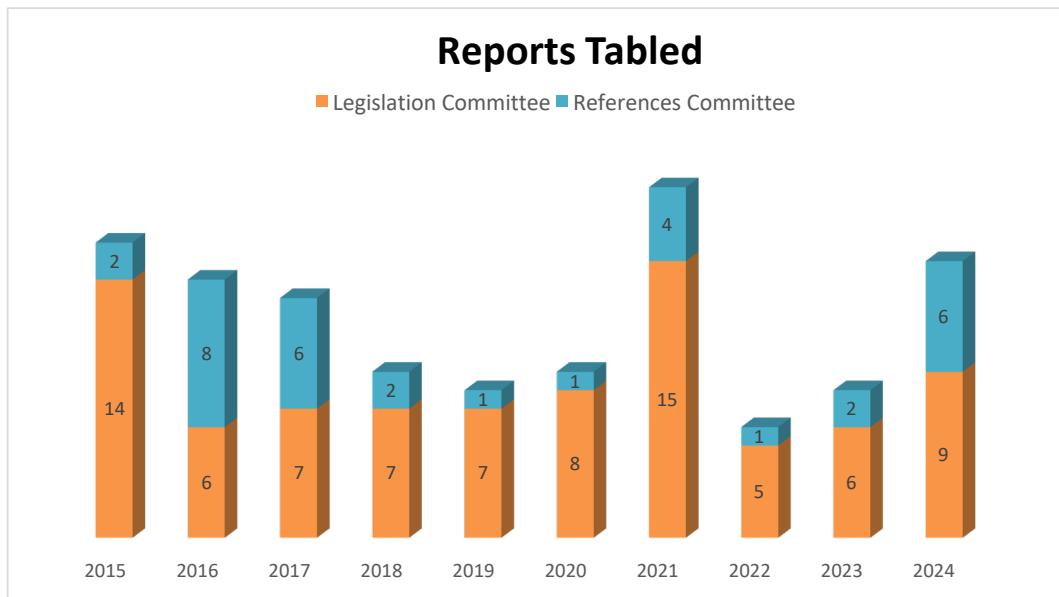
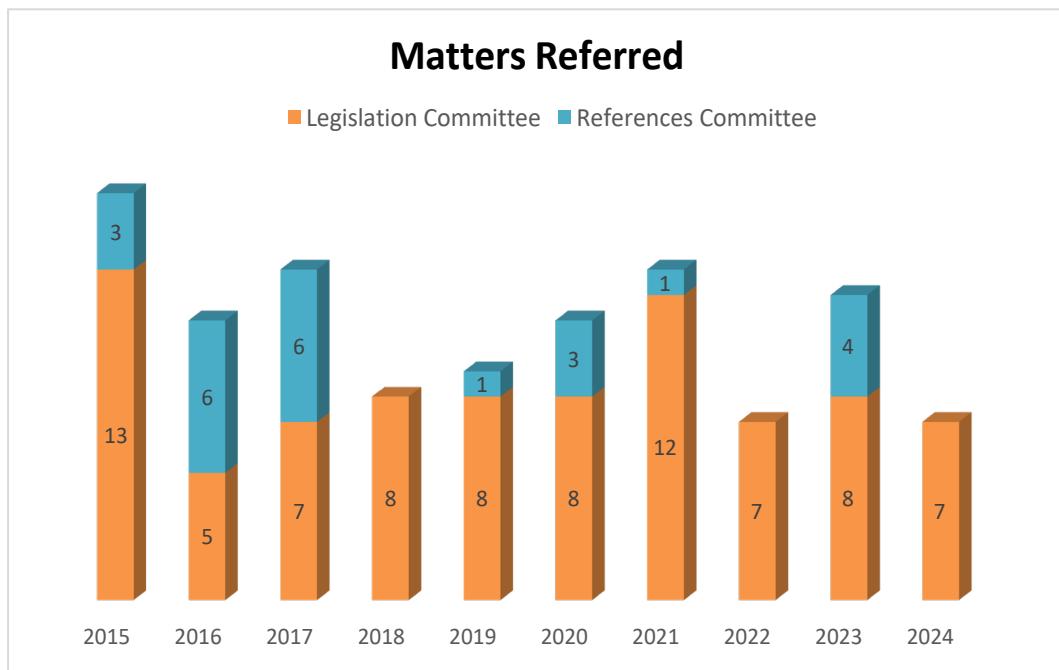
## Reports Tabled

■ Legislation Committee ■ References Committee



# Finance and Public Administration Legislation and References Committees

Matters referred and Reports tabled annually  
1 January 2015–31 December 2024

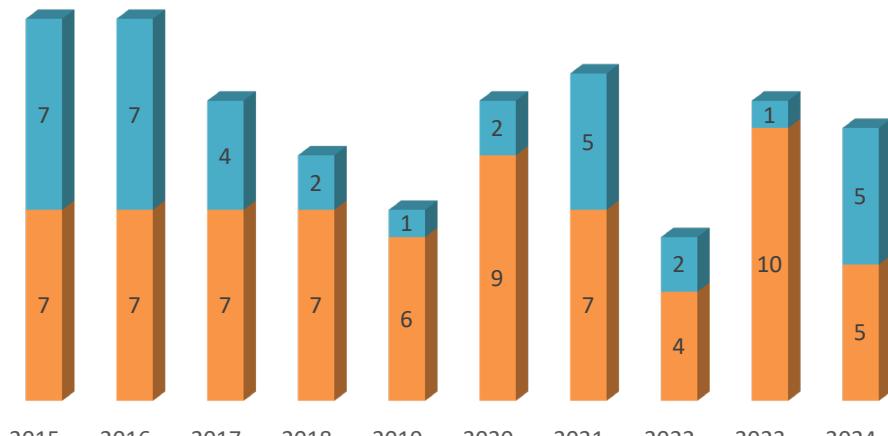


# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation and References Committees

Matters referred and Reports tabled annually  
1 January 2015–31 December 2024

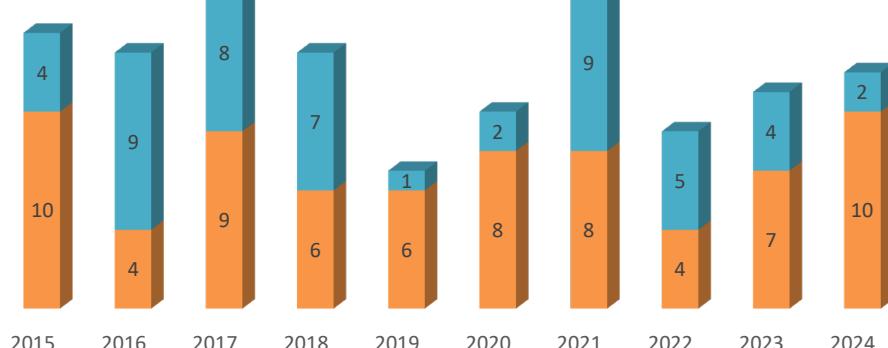
## Matters Referred

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## Reports Tabled

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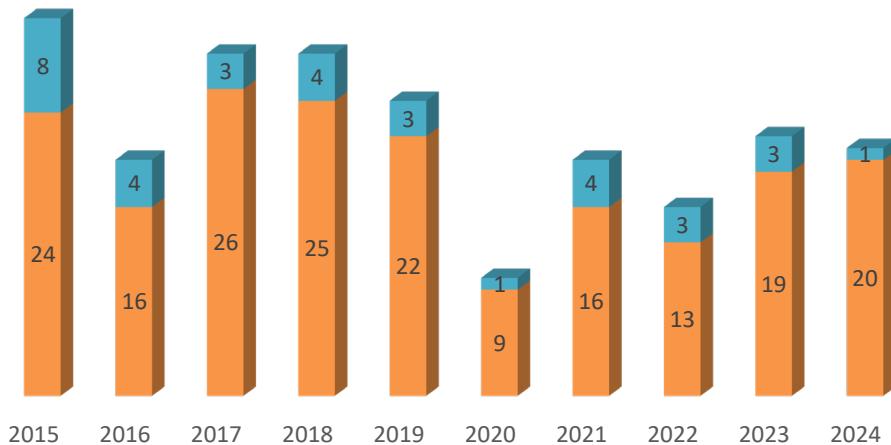


# Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation and References Committees

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1 January 2015–31 December 2024

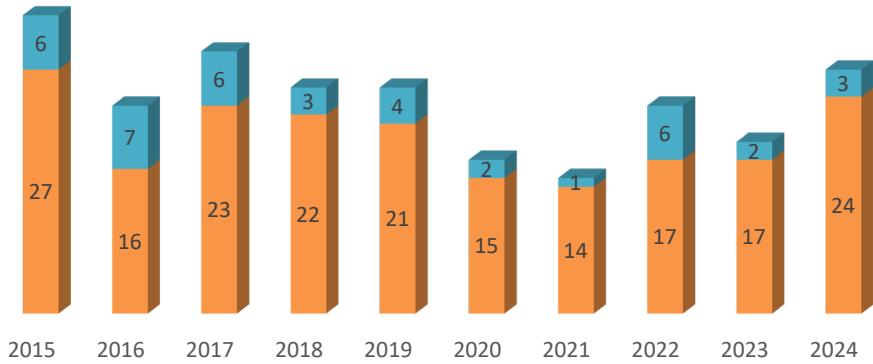
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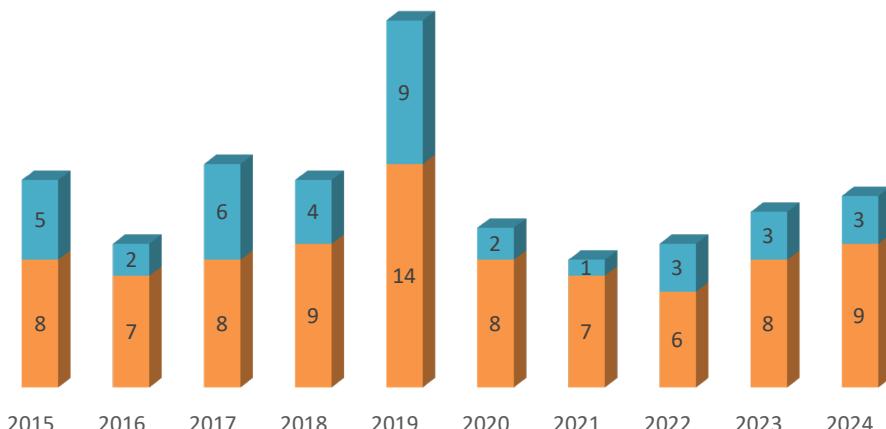


# Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation and References Committees

Matters referred and Reports tabled annually  
1 January 2015–31 December 2024

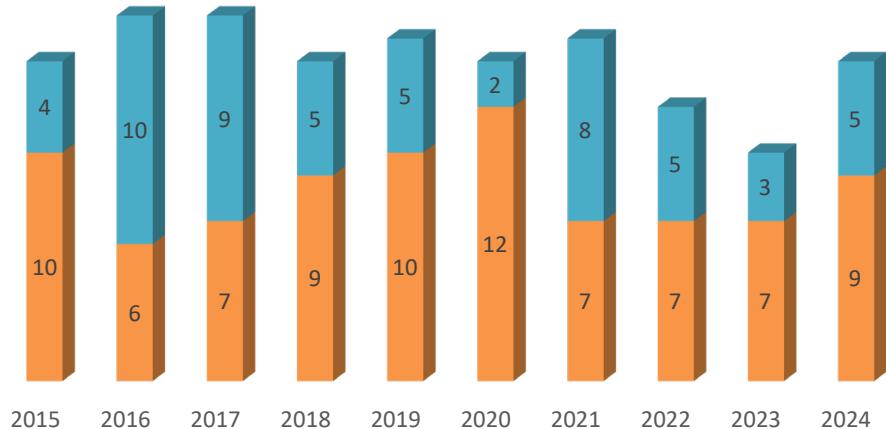
## Matters Referred

■ Legislation Committee ■ References Committee



## Reports Tabled

■ Legislation Committee ■ References Committee



## **PART FOUR**

**Consolidated Statistical Overview  
(Half Year)**

**1 July 2024–31 December 2024**



**Half-Year Statistical Overview of Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office**  
 1 July 2024–31 December 2024

	Current inquiries as at 1 July 2024	Matters referred (including estimates, annual reports and statutory reporting obligations)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2024
Legislation	21	44 (A)	51 + 1# + (8**) (B)	12
References	20	13 (A)	15 + (6**) (B)	18
Joint/Select	20	9	10 + (5**) #	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>76 + 1#</b>	<b>49</b>

	Public Hearings	Public Estimates	Private Meeting	Site Visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	35	21	115	0	171
References	28	0	71	1	100
Joint/Select	32	0	37	1	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>341</b>

Meetings by State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	140	5	2	1	1	2	2	1
References	86	3	2	2	1	1	0	1
Joint/Select	50	7	2	3	2	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

	Witnesses	No. of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General
Legislation	730	714	1942
References	0	0	491
Joint>Select	0	0	412
<b>Total</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>2876</b>
			<b>56</b>

(A) 8 Annual Reports; 36 Individual/packages of bills; 13 other references

(B) 8 Reports on Annual Reports; 8 estimates reports; 36 bills reports; 15 references reports

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

# Inquiries into Capital Works (Build to Rent Misuse Tax) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and Treasury Laws Amendment (Build to Rent) Bill 2024 were reported together by the Economics Legislation Committee



# **PART FIVE**

**Statistics on  
2024–25 Budget Estimates  
(July 2024) and  
Supplementary Budget Estimates  
(November 2024)**



**Statistics on 2024–25 Budget Estimates (July 2024) and  
Supplementary Budget Estimates (November 2024)**

<b>Community Affairs</b>	<b>2024–25 Budget Estimates (July 2024)</b>	<b>2024–25 Supplementary Budget Estimates (November 2024)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>0</b>	4 (4–5, and 27 November 2024, 12 December 2024)	<b>4</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
- Health and Aged Care	–	11:51	11:51
- Social Services	–	13:43	13:43
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	–	<b>25:34</b>	<b>25:34</b>
<b>Economics</b>	<b>2024–25 Budget Estimates (July 2024)</b>	<b>2024–25 Supplementary Budget Estimates (November 2024)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>1</b> (1 July 2024)	4 (6–7, 21 and 25 November 2024)	<b>5</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
- Industry, Science and Resources	01:00	08:37	09:37
- Treasury	–	17:17	17:17
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	<b>01:00</b>	<b>25:54</b>	<b>26:54</b>
<b>Education and Employment</b>	<b>2024–25 Budget Estimates (July 2024)</b>	<b>2024–25 Supplementary Budget Estimates (November 2024)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>0</b>	2 (6–7 November 2024)	<b>2</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
- Education	–	10:44	10:44
- Employment and Workplace Relations	–	10:05	10:05
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	–	<b>20:49</b>	<b>20:49</b>
<b>Environment and Communications</b>	<b>2024–25 Budget Estimates (July 2024)</b>	<b>2024–25 Supplementary Budget Estimates (November 2024)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>0</b>	5 (4–5, 8 and 21 November 2024)	<b>5</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
- Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	–	15:03	15:03
- Communications and the Arts ( <i>part of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications &amp; the Arts</i> )	–	11:24	11:24
- Cross portfolio Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters	–	03:53	03:53
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	–	<b>30:20</b>	<b>30:20</b>
<b>Finance and Public Administration</b>	<b>2024–25 Budget Estimates (July 2024)</b>	<b>2024–25 Supplementary Budget Estimates (November 2024)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>0</b>	3 (4–5 and 8 November 2024)	<b>3</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
- Finance	–	11:05	11:05
- Parliament	–	03:29	03:29
- Prime Minister and Cabinet	–	09:18	09:18
- Cross portfolio Indigenous matters	–	07:54	07:54
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	–	<b>31:46</b>	<b>31:46</b>

**Statistics on 2024–25 Budget Estimates (July 2024) and  
Supplementary Budget Estimates (November 2024)**

<b>Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade</b>	<b>2024–25 Budget Estimates (July 2024)</b>	<b>2024–25 Supplementary Budget Estimates (November 2024)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>1</b> (2 July 2024)	<b>2</b> (6–7 November 2024)	<b>3</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
- Defence	—	07:44	07:44
- Foreign Affairs and Trade	—	10:56	10:56
- Veterans' Affairs	02:57	03:22	06:19
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	<b>02:57</b>	<b>22:02</b>	<b>24:59</b>

<b>Legal and Constitutional Affairs</b>	<b>2024–25 Budget Estimates (July 2024)</b>	<b>2024–25 Supplementary Budget Estimates (November 2024)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>1</b> (4 July 2024)	4 (4–5, 27 and 28 November 2024)	<b>5</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
- Attorney-General's	01:56	16:00	17:56
- Home Affairs	01:56	10:28	12:24
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	<b>03:52</b>	<b>26:28</b>	<b>30:20</b>

<b>Rural &amp; Regional Affairs and Transport</b>	<b>2024–25 Budget Estimates (July 2024)</b>	<b>2024–25 Supplementary Budget Estimates (November 2024)</b>	
No. of public meetings	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b> (4–5 November 2024)	<b>2</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	—	09:28	09:28
- Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts ( <i>excluding Communications and the Arts</i> )	—	10:59	10:59
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>20:27</b>	<b>20:27</b>

**The number of days the committees met to consider estimates:**

**2024–25 Budget Estimates**

**3 Days** (1–3 July 2024)

**2024–25 Supplementary Budget Estimates**

**10 Days** (4–8, 21, 25, 27, 28 November 2024 and 12 December 2024)

## **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 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				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Legislation	12	4	24	0
References	5	0	10	0
Total	17	4	34	0

Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
Legislation	32	1	1	1	1	1
References	12	0	0	0	1	0
Total	44	1	1	1	2	2

Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General
Legislation	124	189	0
References	0	0	108
Total	124	189	108
			299
			36
			335
			10

\* 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) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <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) <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 Kerrynne 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) <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

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

<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> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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) 27.11.2024—Canberra (Supplementary) 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 25.07.2024—Canberra 06.08.2024—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 05.08.2024; tabled 12.08.2024 Report presented OOS 09.08.2024; tabled 12.08.2024	No

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Aged Care Bill 2024 [Provisions]	16.09.2024	03.10.2024—Canberra 04.10.2024—Devonport, TAS 11.10.2024—Brisbane 14.10.2024—Port Lincoln, SA 16.10.2024—Newcastle, NSW 17.10.2024—Melbourne 18.10.2024—Perth 21.10.2024—Canberra 24.10.2024—Darwin	Progress report presented OOS 31.10.2024; tabled 18.11.2024 Report presented OOS 04.11.2024; tabled 18.11.2024	No
Health Legislation Amendment (Modernising My Health Record—Sharing 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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 27.03.2024)</i>	27.03.2024
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator 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 Kerrynne 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) <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> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Review of legislative instruments on income management	18.10.2023 <i>(in accordance with Section 243B of the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999)</i>	Nil	Nil	Ongoing
Issues related to menopause and perimenopause	06.11.2023	29.07.2024—Brisbane 30.07.2024—Canberra 05.08.2024—Adelaide 06.08.2024—Perth 13.08.2024—Canberra	18.09.2024	No
Excess Mortality	26.03.2024	Nil	Presented OOS 30.08.2024; tabled 09.09.2024	No

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
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" Out-of-pocket costs in Australian healthcare	03.10.2024 OOS	20.03.2013
Purpose, intent and adequacy of the Disability Support Pension	03.10.2024 OOS	22.08.2014 OOS
The factors affecting the supply of health services and medical professionals in rural areas	03.10.2024 OOS	18.02.2022 OOS
Concussions and repeated head trauma in contact sports	14.11.2024 OOS	22.08.2012
Provision of general practitioner and related primary health services to outer metropolitan, rural and regional Australians	14.11.2024 OOS	05.09.2023
Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	05.12.2024 OOS	20.06.2022 OOS
Assessment and support services for people with ADHD	12.12.2024 OOS	17.03.2021
		06.11.2023

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



**Economics**

## Economics

1 July 2024 - 31 December 2024

	Matters current as at 1 July 2024	Matters referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as 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	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses

	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	136	160	0	264	19
References	0	0	102	152	7
Total	136	160	102	416	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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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

<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> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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) 21.11.2024—Canberra (Supplementary) 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 02.08.2024; tabled 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 04.09.2024; tabled 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 04.09.2024; tabled 09.09.2024	No

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Public Hearings <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
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 29.08.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 06.09.2024; tabled 09.09.2024	No
National Housing and Homelessness Plan Bill 2024 (No.2)	04.07.2024 (SB)	29.10.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 15.11.2024; tabled 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 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 15.11.2024; tabled 18.11.2024	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (2024 Tax and Other Measures No. 1) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	19.09.2024 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 24.10.2024; tabled 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 OOS 13.11.2024; tabled 18.11.2024 Report presented OOS 15.11.2024; tabled 18.11.2024	No

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred <i>01.07.2024-31.12.2024</i>	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2024-31.12.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <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

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	01.08.2022
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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 14.11.2024—Canberra 29.11.2024—Canberra 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> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Financial regulatory framework and home ownership	14.08.2024	16.10.2024—Canberra 24.10.2024—Canberra	28.11.2024	No
‘Big box’ retailer price setting	14.08.2024 <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 (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 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

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
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— Progress report presented OOS 31.10.2024; tabled 18.11.2024 Report presented OOS 01.11.2024; tabled 18.11.2024	No

## Government Responses *01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
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 at 1 July 2024	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 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
Legislation	7	2	15	0
References	0	0	0	0
Total	7	2	15	0

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	19	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	19	4	1	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General
Legislation	75	212	0
References	0	0	0
Total	75	212	0

\* 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

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Matt O’Sullivan (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator 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

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kerrynne 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

<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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> <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

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

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

<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> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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 26.08.2024—Sydney 06.09.2024—Sydney 02.10.2024—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 06.09.2024; tabled 09.09.2024 Report tabled 09.10.2024	No

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2024</b>
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*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
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

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)	20.08.2024
Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP)	13.06.2023

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kerrynne 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

<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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> <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

<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	6	5	16	0	27
References	2	0	8	0	10
Total	8	5	24	0	37

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	26	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
References	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34	1	1	0	0	1	0	0

Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General
Legislation	109	151	0
References	0	0	35
Total	109	151	35
			Number of Submissions
			Government Responses
			280
			223
			4
			503
			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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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
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## 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

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

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

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

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

<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> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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) (contingent upon introduction)	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) 08.11.2024—Canberra (Supplementary) 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— Progress report presented OOS 05.08.2024; tabled 12.08.2024 Report tabled 09.09.2024	Nature Positive (Environment Information Australia) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and related bills— Progress report presented OOS 05.08.2024; tabled 12.08.2024 Report tabled 09.09.2024

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Communication Legislation Amendment (Regional Broadcasting Continuity) Bill 2024	04.07.2024 (SB)	No	Presented OOS 08.08.2024; tabled 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) <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 31.10.2024; tabled 18.11.2024	No
Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	19.09.2024 (SB)	11.10.2024—Canberra 17.10.2024—Canberra 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 OOS 14.11.2024; tabled 18.11.2024 Report presented OOS 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*

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
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

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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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) (elected Chair on 04.08.2022)	26.07.2022
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)	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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>1</sup>	27.03.2024

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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

<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> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Australia's extinction crisis ( <i>terms of reference and title updated; previously known as Australia's faunal extinction crisis</i> )	04.08.2022	Nil	Nil	Yes
National Cultural Policy released on 30 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 OOS 25.09.2024; tabled 08.10.2024 Report presented OOS 27.09.2024; tabled 08.10.2024	No
Effectiveness of the Albanese Labor Government's waste reduction and recycling policies in delivering a circular economy	28.02.2024	05.08.2024—Melbourne 20.09.2024—Sydney	Nil	Yes
Glencore's proposed carbon capture and storage project in the Great Artesian Basin	25.03.2024	Nil	Presented OOS 11.07.2024; tabled 12.08.2024	No

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
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

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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
Legislation	0	3	8	0
References	0	0	1	0
Total	0	3	9	0

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General
Legislation	46	0	0
References	0	0	0
Total	46	0	0

\* 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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>1</sup>	28.11.2024
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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

Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <sup>9</sup>	12.12.2022–12.12.2022
Senator Kerrynne Liddle (SA, LP) <sup>10</sup>	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Kerrynne Liddle (SA, LP) <sup>11</sup>	27.10.2023–27.10.2023
Senator Kerrynne Liddle (SA, LP) <sup>12</sup>	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Kerrynne 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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
Net Zero Economy Authority Bill 2024 [Provisions] and Net Zero Economy Authority (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	19.11.2024	13.05.2024 OOS

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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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	18.03.2024
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022

Former member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	01.08.2022–18.03.2024

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
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	2	3	10	0
References	7	0	11	0
Total	9	3	21	0
				33

Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
Legislation	15	0	0	0	0	0
References	17	0	1	0	0	0
Total	32	0	1	0	0	0
						0

Witnesses				
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions
Legislation	221	11	0	37
References	0	0	98	220
Total	221	11	98	257
				6

\* 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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) (elected Chair on 03.08.2022)	28.07.2022
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP) (elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)	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	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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

<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> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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 (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*

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

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
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) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <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*

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

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b> <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*

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
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

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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
Legislation	10	5	19	0
References	1	0	7	0
Total	11	5	26	0
Meetings By State				
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS

	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	Number of Submissions
Legislation	101	199	0	1135
References	0	0	27	224
Total	101	199	27	1359
				Government Responses

\* 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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator 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
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## 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

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

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

<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> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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 4–5 November 2024—Canberra (Supplementary) 27.11.2024—Canberra (Supplementary) 28.11.2024—Canberra (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*

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

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP) (elected Chair on 03.08.2022)	01.08.2022
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)	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 Kerrynne Liddle (SA, LP) <sup>1</sup>	16.09.2024
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## Former member

*Term of appointment*

Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022–29.02.2024
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## 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> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
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> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Australia's youth justice and incarceration system	11.09.2024	Nil	Nil	Yes

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
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
Legislation	1	2	11	0
References	6	0	16	2
Total	7	2	27	2

	Meetings By State					
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
Legislation	14	0	0	0	0	0
References	18	2	0	2	2	0
Total	32	2	0	2	2	0

Witnesses					
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	79	25	0	48	0
References	0	0	171	51	3
Total	79	25	171	99	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

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	20.08.2024
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <i>(Acting Chair 23.04.2024–23.04.2024)</i> <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
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## **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
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<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

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

<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> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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 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> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
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 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) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon 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> <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

Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <sup>4</sup> <i>(Acting Deputy Chair 15.04.2024–17.04.2024)</i>	16.04.2024–16.04.2024
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <sup>5</sup> <i>(Acting Deputy Chair 15.04.2024–17.04.2024)</i>	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 Whish-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 01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
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 28.08.2024—Hobart 20.09.2024—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 25.10.2024; tabled 18.11.2024 Report tabled 27.11.2024	No
Shutdown of the 3G mobile network and telecommunications services accessibility	26.03.2024	23.07.2024—Cooma, NSW 24.07.2024—Canberra	Interim report presented OOS 01.08.2024; tabled 12.08.2024	Yes

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
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)*

**Joint Committees  
administered by the  
Senate Committee Office  
1 July 2024–31 December 2024**



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

## Corporations & Financial Services

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	
Joint Statutory	6	0	2	4	
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Joint Statutory	14	0	7	1	22

	Number of Meetings							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	14	4	1	0	2	1	0	0

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	14	4	1	0	2	1	0	0

	Witnesses			Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions
Joint Statutory	0	0	163	98

# **Corporations and Financial Services**

## **(Joint Statutory)**

***1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024***

### **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
The Hon Alex Hawke MP (Mitchell, NSW, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)	02.08.2022
Mr Steve Georganas MP (Adelaide, SA, ALP)	28.07.2022
The Hon Luke Howarth MP (Petrie, QLD, LP)	20.03.2024
Ms Zaneta Mascarenhas MP (Swan, WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Dr Daniel Mulino MP (Fraser, VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG)	31.07.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP)	01.08.2022

<b>Former member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022–31.07.2023
The Hon Keith Pitt MP (Hinkler, QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022–20.03.2024

**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.07.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Oversight of ASIC, the Takeovers Panel and the corporations legislation	Ongoing	01.11.2024—Sydney	Nil	Ongoing
Examination of annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	Ongoing	Nil	Nil	Ongoing
ASIC's capacity and capability to respond to reports of alleged misconduct	27.10.2022 <i>(adopted by committee)</i>	Nil	Nil	Yes
Ethics and Professional Accountability: Structural Challenges in the Audit, Assurance and Consultancy Industry	22.06.2023 <i>(adopted by committee)</i>	02.08.2024—Canberra 20.09.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 07.11.2024; tabled 18.11.2024	No
Wholesale investor and wholesale client tests	05.03.2024 <i>(adopted by the committee)</i>	03.10.2024—Sydney 04.10.2024—Sydney 10.10.2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Financial Services Regulatory Framework in Relation to Financial Abuse	05.03.2024 <i>(adopted by the committee)</i>	08.07.2024—Melbourne 09.07.2024—Adelaide 10.07.2024—Perth 08.08.2024—Canberra 09.08.2024—Wagga Wagga, NSW 15.08.2024—Canberra 13.09.2024—Canberra 20.09.2024—Canberra	Financial abuse: an insidious form of domestic violence presented OOS 05.12.2024	No

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Corporations Amendment (Improving Outcomes for Litigation Funding Participants) Bill 2021	04.07.2024 HoR 13.08.2024 Senate	19.11.2021 OOS
Impairment of customer loans	04.07.2024 HoR 13.08.2024 Senate	04.05.2016
Life Insurance Industry	04.07.2024 HoR 13.08.2024 Senate	27.03.2018
Options for greater involvement by private sector life insurers in worker rehabilitation	04.07.2024 HoR 13.08.2024 Senate	24.10.2018 OOS
Regulation of auditing in Australia: Final report	04.07.2024 HoR 13.08.2024 Senate	11.11.2020
Regulation of auditing in Australia: Interim report	04.07.2024 HoR 13.08.2024 Senate	27.02.2020
Report on the 2017–18 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	04.07.2024 HoR 13.08.2024 Senate	16.07.2018 OOS
Statutory Oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Takeovers Panel and the Corporations Legislation: Report No. 1 of the 45 <sup>th</sup> Parliament	04.07.2024 HoR 13.08.2024 Senate	13.02.2019

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



## **Law Enforcement (Joint Statutory)**

## Law Enforcement

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
Joint Statutory	3	2	0	5

Number of Meetings				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Joint Statutory	2	0	6	0

Total Meetings 8

Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
Joint Statutory	8	0	0	0	0	0

NT 0 QLD 0

Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General
Joint Statutory	0	0	25

Number of Submissions 27 Government Responses 1

# Law Enforcement (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to the *Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Act 2010*

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) (elected Chair on 03.08.2022)	28.07.2022
Mr Llew O'Brien MP (Wide Bay, QLD, LNP) (elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)	01.08.2022
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Mr Sam Lim MP (Tangney, WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP (Boothby, SA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Mr Dan Repacholi MP (Hunter, NSW, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	04.12.2023
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
The Hon Jason Wood MP (La Trobe, VIC, LP)	01.08.2022

Former member	Term of appointment
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP)	01.08.2022–04.12.2023

**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.07.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Performance of statutory duties	Ongoing	Nil	Nil	Ongoing
Capability of law enforcement to respond to cybercrime	16.10.2023 <i>(adopted by the committee)</i>	16.10.2024—Canberra 22.10.2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Capability of law enforcement to respond to money laundering and financial crime	19.06.2024 <i>(adopted by the committee)</i>	Nil	Nil	Yes

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Examination of the Australian Federal Police Annual Report 2023–24	28.10.2024 (adopted by the committee)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Examination of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission Annual Report 2023–24	31.10.2024 (adopted by the committee)	Nil	Nil	Yes

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Vaccine related fraud and security risks—Interim and final reports	11.07.2024 OOS	Interim— 26.08.2021 Final—17.02.2022 OOS

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



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

## National Anti-Corruption Commission

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	
Joint Statutory	1	2	0	3	
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Joint Statutory	1	0	4	0	5

	Number of Meetings				
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA
Joint Statutory	5	0	0	0	0

	Meetings By State				
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA
Joint Statutory	5	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses		
	Estimates	Bills	General
Joint Statutory	0	0	7

	Government Responses	No of Submissions	General	Bills	Estimates
Joint Statutory	0	0	7	0	0

# National Anti-Corruption Commission

## (Joint Statutory)

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 8 February 2023 and agreed to by the Senate on 9 February 2023

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 15.02.2024)</i>	08.02.2024
Dr Helen Haines MP (Indi, VIC, IND) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 15.02.2023)</i>	13.02.2023
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	09.02.2023
Mr Josh Burns MP (Macnamara, VIC, ALP)	15.12.2023
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP)	27.03.2024
Mr Jerome Laxale MP (Bennelong, NSW, ALP)	12.08.2024
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP)	19.10.2023
Mr Llew O'Brien MP (Wide Bay, QLD, LNP)	13.02.2023
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)	09.02.2023
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	09.02.2023
Mr Keith Wolahan MP (Menzies, VIC, LP)	13.02.2023
Mr Tony Zappia MP (Makin, SA, ALP)	09.02.2023

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	09.02.2023–29.03.2023
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	30.03.2023–27.03.2024
Mr Josh Burns MP (Macnamara, VIC, ALP)	09.02.2023–07.12.2023
Mr Luke Gosling MP (Solomon, NT, ALP)	07.12.2023–15.12.2023
Mr Julian Hill MP (Bruce, VIC, ALP)	07.12.2023–07.02.2024
Ms Peta Murphy MP (Dunkley, VIC, ALP)	09.02.2023–04.12.2023
Senator the Hon Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	09.02.2023–30.09.2023
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	29.03.2023–30.03.2023

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Ms Kate Thwaites MP (Jagajaga, VIC, ALP)	07.02.2024–29.07.2024
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) <i>(Chair 15.02.2023–08.02.2024)</i>	09.02.2023–08.02.2024

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**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.07.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>	<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Performance of statutory duties	Ongoing	Nil	Nil	Ongoing

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>	<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Examination of the National Anti-Corruption Commission Annual Report 2023–24	05.11.2024 <i>(adopted by the committee)</i>	22.11.2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Examination of the Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission Annual Report 2023–24	14.11.2024 <i>(adopted by the committee)</i>	22.11.2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Nil

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



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

## National Disability Insurance Scheme

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
Joint Standing	2	0	0 + (1**)	2
Number of Meetings				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Joint Standing	2	0	3	0
Meetings By State				
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS
Joint Standing	3	1	1	0
Witnesses				
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions
Joint Standing	0	0	24	1
			Government Responses	
Joint Standing			0	0

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# National Disability Insurance Scheme

## (Joint Standing)

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

### Method of appointment

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

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Ms Libby Coker MP (Corangamite, VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 09.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Mr Pat Conaghan MP (Cowper, NSW, NP)	20.03.2024
Dr Mike Freeland MP (Macarthur, NSW, ALP)	28.07.2022
Ms Alicia Payne MP (Canberra, ACT, ALP)	28.07.2022
Dr Monique Ryan MP (Kooyong, VIC, IND)	01.08.2022
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	04.12.2023
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG)	28.07.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kerrynne Liddle (SA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	13.06.2023–04.12.2023
Ms Jenny Ware MP (Hughes, NSW, LP)	01.08.2022–20.03.2024

**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.07.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
General issues related to the administration and operation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme	27.07.2022	Nil	Annual report No.2 of the 47 <sup>th</sup> Parliament tabled 21.11.2024 (HoR) 26.11.2024 (Senate)	Ongoing
NDIS participant experience in rural, regional and remote Australia	18.10.2023 <i>(adopted by Committee)</i>	17.10.2024—Dubbo, NSW 01.11.2024—Bendigo, VIC	Nil	Yes

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Nil

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

**Northern Australia  
(Joint Select)**

## Northern Australia

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
Joint Select Committee	3	1	1 + (1**)	3
Number of Meetings				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Joint Select Committee	0	0	5	0
Meetings By State				
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS
Joint Select Committee	5	0	0	0
Witnesses				
	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions
Joint Select Committee	0	0	0	7
	Government Responses			
				0

	Number of Meetings		
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings
Joint Select Committee	0	0	5

	Meetings By State			
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS
Joint Select Committee	5	0	0	0

	Witnesses		
	Estimates	Bills	General
Joint Select Committee	0	0	0

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# Northern Australia (Joint Select)

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the Senate on 3 August 2022 and agreed to by the House of Representatives on 4 August 2022

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Ms Marion Scrymgour MP (Lingiari, NT, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 08.09.2022)</i>	05.09.2022
The Hon Warren Entsch MP (Leichhardt, QLD, LNP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 08.09.2022)</i>	05.09.2022
Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG)	25.03.2024
Mr Luke Gosling MP (Solomon, NT, ALP)	05.09.2022
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	06.09.2022
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP)	04.08.2022
The Hon Shayne Neumann MP (Blair, QLD, ALP)	05.09.2022
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	04.08.2022
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	13.06.2023
Mr Andrew Willcox MP (Dawson, QLD, LNP)	05.09.2022

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG)	04.08.2022–25.03.2024
Senator Patrick Dodson (WA, ALP)	06.09.2022–13.06.2023

**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.07.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Report on such matters relating to the development of Northern Australia as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister	04.08.2022	Nil	Nil	Yes
Operation and implementation of the Cyclone Reinsurance Pool	11.10.2022	Nil	Nil	Yes
Northern Australia workforce development	12.10.2022	Nil	Final report tabled 27.11.2024 (HoR) 28.11.2024 (Senate)	No

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Energy, food and water security	21.08.2024	Nil	Interim report tabled 27.11.2024 (HoR) 28.11.2024 (Senate)	Yes

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Nil

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

## **Social Media and Australian Society (Joint Select)**

## Social Media and Australian Society

1 July 2024 - 18 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
Joint Select Committee	1	0	1 + (2**)	0

Number of Meetings				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Joint Select Committee	7	0	7	0

Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
Joint Select Committee	14	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General
Joint Select Committee	0	0	94

\*\* Interim reports

# Social Media and Australian Society (Joint Select)

1 July 2024 to 18 November 2024

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the Senate on 15 May 2024 and agreed to by the House of Representatives on 16 May 2024

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Ms Sharon Claydon MP (Newcastle, NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.08.2024)</i>	16.05.2024
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 30.05.2024)</i>	16.05.2024
Ms Zoe Daniel MP (Goldstein, VIC, IND)	16.05.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP)	16.05.2024
Ms Zoe McKenzie MP (Flinders, VIC, LP)	16.05.2024
Dr Daniel Mulino MP (Fraser, VIC, ALP)	16.05.2024
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, CLP)	16.05.2024
Mr Sam Rae MP (Hawke, VIC, ALP)	16.05.2024
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP)	16.05.2024
Ms Susan Templeman MP (Macquarie, NSW, ALP)	12.08.2024
Mr Andrew Wallace MP (Fisher, QLD, LNP)	16.05.2024
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	16.05.2024

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Ms Kate Thwaites MP (Jagajaga, VIC, ALP) <i>(Chair 30.05.2024–29.07.2024)</i>	16.05.2024–29.07.2024

**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.07.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Influence and impacts of social media on Australian society	16.05.2024	02.07.2024—Canberra 10.07.2024—Canberra 04.09.2024—Canberra 30.09.2024—Canberra 01.10.2024—Canberra 02.10.2024—Canberra 30.10.2024—Canberra	Interim report tabled 15.08.2024 Second interim report: digital platforms and the traditional news media presented OOS 21.10.2024 (HoR); tabled 04.11.2024 (HoR) Social media: the good, the bad and the ugly— Final report tabled 18.11.2024	No

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–18.11.2024*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

Nil

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

**Select Committees  
administered by the  
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

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

NT QLD

Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General
Select Committee	0	0	68

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\*\* 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

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) (elected Chair on 28.03.2024)	27.03.2024
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) (elected Deputy Chair on 28.03.2024)	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

<b>Former member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	27.03.2024–04.07.2024

**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.07.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–26.11.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–26.11.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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			
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Select Committee	0	0	2	0

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

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

# 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

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Jacqui Lambie (TAS, JLN) <i>(elected Chair on 08.12.2022)</i>	02.12.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 08.12.2022)</i>	01.12.2022
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS)	01.12.2022
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)	04.07.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.12.2022
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)	01.12.2022

<b>Former member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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*

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

**New References**  
*01.07.2024–08.08.2024*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
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
Select Committee	4	0	4	0

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

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

# 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*

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Jane Hume (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 26.10.2022)</i>	25.10.2022
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 26.10.2022)</i>	28.09.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	25.10.2022
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)	27.10.2022
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	25.10.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	30.03.2023

<b>Former member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	27.10.2022–30.03.2023

<b>Former substitute member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP) <sup>1</sup>	10.07.2023–10.07.2023
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	07.08.2024–07.08.2024
Senator Matt O’Sullivan (WA, LP) <sup>3</sup>	07.12.2023–07.12.2023
Senator Matt O’Sullivan (WA, LP) <sup>4</sup>	05.02.2024–05.02.2024
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	26.09.2023–26.09.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>6</sup>	28.08.2023–28.08.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>7</sup>	29.01.2024–29.01.2024

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Canavan on 10 July 2023

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for a public hearing on 7 August 2024

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Smith on 7 December 2023

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Canavan for a public hearing on 5 February 2024

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for a public hearing on 26 September 2023

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for a public hearing on 28 August 2023

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart on 29 January 2024

Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) <sup>8</sup>	01.02.2023–03.02.2023
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) <sup>9</sup>	23.08.2023–23.08.2023

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Sheldon for public hearings from 1 February 2023 until 3 February 2023

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing on 23 August 2023

**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.07.2024*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b> <i>As at 01.07.2024</i>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–15.11.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–15.11.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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			
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Select Committee	5	0	3	0

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

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

	Government Responses
Select Committee	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

<b>Current members</b>	<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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>16.09.2024–20.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>16.09.2024–20.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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
Select Committee	6	0	2	0
				8

	Number of Meetings				
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA
Select Committee	4	2	1	0	0
					0

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

	Witnesses		
	Estimates	Bills	General
Select Committee	0	0	60
			55
			0

	Government Responses		
	No of Submissions	General	Government Responses
Select Committee	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

<b>Current members</b>	<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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–26.11.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–26.11.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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

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

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

	Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions
Select Committee	0	0	0	0

	Government Responses			
	No of Submissions	General	Bills	Estimates
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

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 06.12.2024)</i>	28.11.2024
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair 06.12.2024)</i>	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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>28.11.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>28.11.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
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
Select Committee	5	0	0	0	0
					0

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

	Government Responses
Select Committee	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

<b>Current members</b>	<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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>22.08.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>22.08.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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			
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Select Committee	3	0	8	0

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

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

# 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

<b>Current members</b>	<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*

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

**Government Responses**  
*20.08.2024–31.12.2024*

Nil

## **Other Committees**

**1 July 2024–31 December 2024**



# Scrutiny of Bills

## (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24

### Current members

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

### Former members

Nil

### Secretary

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### Principles of the committee

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

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

<b>Scrutiny digests tabled</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	8
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private: 8 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 8

# **Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)**

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23

## **Current members**

Senator Deborah O'Neill (Chair), Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (Deputy Chair), Senator Catryna Bilyk, Senator David Pocock, Senator Louise Pratt, Senator Paul Scarr

## **Former members**

Senator Linda White, Senator David Van

## **Secretary**

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## **Principles of the committee**

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

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

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

<b>Reports presented</b> 01.07.2024–31.12.2024	0
<b>Delegated legislation monitors tabled</b> 01.07.2024–31.12.2024	8
<b>Private meetings</b> 01.07.2024–31.12.2024	8
<b>No. of instruments scrutinised</b>	809
<b>Notices of motion to disallow</b>	6
<b>Notices withdrawn</b>	5
<b>Notices pending</b>	1

# Appropriations, Staffing and Security (Standing)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19

## Current members

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

## Former members

Nil

## Secretary

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## Role of the Committee

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

<b>Reports presented</b> 01.07.2024–31.12.2024	1	
<b>Meetings</b> 01.07.2024–31.12.2024	Private: Briefings: <b>Total:</b>	2 0 2

# **Chairs' (Standing)**

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25(10)

## **Current members**

The Deputy President (Senator Andrew McLachlan) (Chair), Senator Penny Allman-Payne, Senator Andrew Bragg, Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Senator Claire Chandler, Senator Raff Ciccone, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Senator Dorinda Cox, Senator Mehreen Faruqi, Senator Nita Green, Senator Karen Grogan, Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator the Hon Jane Hume, Senator Jacqui Lambie, Senator Matt O'Sullivan, Senator Louise Pratt, Senator Paul Scarr, Senator Tony Sheldon, Senator Marielle Smith, Senator Glenn Sterle, Senator Lidia Thorpe, Senator Tammy Tyrrell, Senator Davis Van, Senator Jess Walsh

## **Former members**

Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Senator Nick McKim, Senator James Paterson, Senator Barbara Pocock, Senator Janet Rice, Senator Dean Smith, Senator Jordon Steele-John

## **Secretary**

Ms Toni Matulick                                  Phone: (02) 6277 3371

Ms Rachel Callinan  
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<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private:	3
	Briefings:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>3</b>

# **House (Standing)**

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21

## **Current members**

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

## **Former members**

Nil

## **Secretary**

Mr John Begley                                  Phone: (02) 6277 3398

<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private:	0
	Briefings:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>

# Privileges (Standing)

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18

## Current members

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

## Former members

Senator the Hon James McGrath (discharged 10 October 2024)

## Secretary

Ms Jackie Morris                          Phone: (02) 6277 3360

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<b>New references</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Nil
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Nil
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private: 1 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 1

# **Procedure (Standing)**

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17

## **Current members**

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

## **Former members**

Nil

## **Secretary**

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<b>New references</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	4 – Referred by the President 2 – Referred by the Senate 21 November and 25 November 2024
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Nil
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private:        2 Briefings:       0 <b>Total:</b> 2

# Publications (Standing)

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22

## **Current members**

Senator Wendy Askew (Deputy Chair), Senator Alex Antic, Senator the Hon Slade Brockman, Senator the Hon Carol Brown, Senator Lisa Darmanin, Senator Helen Polley

## **Former members**

Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, Senator Fatima Payman, Senator Gerard Rennick

## **Secretary**

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<b>Public hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Nil	
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Nil	
<b>Presiding officers responses presented</b>	Nil	
<b>Government responses presented</b>	Nil	
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private:	0
	Briefings:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>

# **Selection of Bills (Standing)**

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24A

## **Current members**

Government Whip (Senator Anne Urquhart) (Chair), Opposition Whip (Senator Wendy Askew), The Nationals Whip (Senator Ross Cadell), Australian Greens Whip (Senator Nick McKim), Jacqui Lambie Network Whip (Senator Jacqui Lambie), Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip (Senator Pauline Hanson), United Australia Party Whip (Senator Ralph Babet), Independent (ACT) Whip (Senator David Pocock), Independent (QLD) Whip (Senator Gerard Rennick), Independent (TAS) Whip (Senator Tammy Tyrrell), Independent (VIC) Whip (Senator Lidia Thorpe), Independent (VIC) Whip (Senator David Van), Independent (WA) Whip (Senator Fatima Payman), Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, Senator Maria Kovacic, Senator Matt O'Sullivan

## **Former members**

Senator Paul Scarr

## **Secretary**

Mr Tim Bryant

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<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	8	
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private:	8
	Briefings:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>8</b>

# **Senators' Interests (Standing)**

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A

## **Current members**

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

## **Former members**

Senator Wendy Askew, Senator Kerrynne Liddle

## **Secretary**

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<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Nil	
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private:	0
	Briefings:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (Joint)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

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

## Current members

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

## Former members

Senator Patrick Dodson (Chair)

## Secretary

Mr Paul Zinkel                          Phone: (02) 6277 4559

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 31.12.2024</i>	Truth and Justice Commission Bill 2024	
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Inquiry into economic self-determination and opportunities for First Nations Australians (tabled on 26 November 2024)	
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Nil	
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private: Public: Briefings: <b>Total:</b>	11 9 0 <b>20</b>

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# **Electoral Matters (Joint)**

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

## **Method of appointment**

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

## **Current members**

Senator the Hon Carol Brown (Chair), Senator the Hon James McGrath (Deputy Chair), Senator Ross Cadell, Ms Kate Chaney MP, the Hon Darren Chester MP, Ms Tania Lawrence MP, Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP, the Hon Shayne Neumann MP, Mr Sam Rae MP, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds, Senator Marielle Smith, Ms Anne Stanley MP, Mr James Stevens MP, Senator Larissa Waters

## **Former members**

Senator Karen Grogan, Senator the Hon Marise Payne Ms Kate Thwaites MP

## **Secretary**

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 31.12.2024</i>	1
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Nil
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Nil
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private: 6 Public: 9 <b>Total:</b> 13

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

# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

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

## Current members

The Hon Shayne Neumann MP (Chair), Senator the Hon David Fawcett (Deputy Chair), Senator Ralph Babet, Mr Colin Boyce MP, the Hon Scott Buchholz MP, Mr Josh Burns MP, Senator Raff Ciccone, Ms Zoe Daniel MP, Senator Lisa Darmanin, Mr Steven Georganas MP, Senator Nita Green, Mr Peter Khalil MP, the Hon Michael McCormack MP, Senator Andrew McLachlan, Mr Rob Mitchell MP, the Hon Brendan O'Connor MP, Senator Deborah O'Neill, Mr Gavin Pearce MP, Mr Graham Perrett MP, Mrs Fiona Phillips MP, the Hon Melissa Price MP, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds, Senator Dave Sharma, Senator Tony Sheldon, Senator Dean Smith, Senator Jordon Steele-John, Ms Meryl Swanson MP, Ms Susan Templeman MP, Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP, Mr Andrew Wallace MP, Mr Terry Young MP, Mr Tony Zappia MP

## Former members

Senator Claire Chandler, the Hon David Colman MP, Senator Mehreen Faruqi, Mr Luke Gosling MP, Mr Julian Hill MP, Senator Jim Molan, Senator Fatima Payman, Ms Kate Thwaites MP, Senator David Van, Mr Josh Wilson MP

## Secretary

Ms Kate Portus

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 31.12.2024</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review of the operation of the amendments made by the Autonomous Sanctions Amendment (Magnitsky-style and Other Thematic Sanctions) Act 2021</li><li>Department of Defence Annual Report 2023-24</li></ul>
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>‘Are we there yet?’ From recovery to resilience – opportunities and challenges for Australia’s tourism sector</li><li>Department of Defence Annual Report 2022-23</li><li>Pursuing the Priorities of the Pacific: Inquiry into Australia's alignment with the priorities of Pacific Island countries</li><li>Australia's efforts to advocate for the worldwide abolition of the death penalty</li></ul>
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Australian Government response to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade report: Strengthening Australia’s Relationships in the Pacific</li><li>Australian Government response to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade report: One Region, One Family, One Future: Deepening relations with the Pacific nations through trade</li><li>Australian Government response to the Joint Standing</li></ul>

	Committee on Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade report: Expanding the membership of the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership	
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private:	25
	Public:	8
	Briefings:	19
	Inspections:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>38</b>

Secretaries of Sub-Committees	
Ms Kate Portus (Defence Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4574
Dr Ashley Clements (Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 2096
Ms Kimberlee Armstrong (Human Rights Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4590
Ms Antonia Shuttleworth (Trade Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4036

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# **Implementation of the National Redress Scheme (Joint)**

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

## **Method of appointment**

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

## **Current members**

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

## **Former members**

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

## **Secretary**

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 31.12.2024</i>	Nil	
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Redress: Journey to Justice	
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Nil	
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private:	6
	Public:	3
	In camera:	2
	Briefings:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>7</b>

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

# Migration (Joint)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

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

## Current members

Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP (Chair), Dr Anne Webster MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Andrew Bragg, Mr Cameron Caldwell MP, Senator Raff Ciccone, Ms Cassandra Fernando MP, Senator Louise Pratt, Senator David Shoebridge, Ms Allegra Spender MP, Ms Anne Stanley MP

## Former members

The Hon Jason Wood MP, Senator Nick McKim, Senator Fatima Payman, Mr Josh Wilson MP

## Secretary

Mr Jeff Norris    Phone: (02) 6277 4776

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<b>Current inquiries as at 31.12.2024</b>	Ending Indefinite and Arbitrary Immigration Detention Bill 2022	
<b>Reports presented 01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>	<i>Migration, Pathway to Nation Building</i> (Oct 2024)	
<b>Government responses 01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>	Nil	
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private:	6
	Public:	0
	Briefings:	0
	Inspections:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>6</b>

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

# National Capital and External Territories (Joint)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

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

## Current members

Ms Alicia Payne MP (Chair), the Hon Nola Marino MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Alex Antic, the Hon Linda Burney MP (*from 12 August 2024*), Ms Sharon Claydon MP, Mr Ian Goodenough MP, Mr Luke Gosling MP, Senator Karen Grogan (*from 14 August 2024*), Senator Andrew McLachlan, Senator David Pocock, Senator Helen Polley, Senator Matt O'Sullivan

## Former members

The Hon Julian Hill MP (*to 29 July 2024*), Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy (*to 14 August 2024*), Senator David Van

## Secretary

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<b>Current inquiries as at 31.12.2024</b>	The importance of Antarctica to Australia's national interests	
<b>Reports presented 01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>	Nil	
<b>Government responses 01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>	Nil	
<b>Meetings*01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>	Private:	7
	Public:	5
	Briefings:	4
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>

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

# Parliamentary Library (Joint)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

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

## Current members

Ms Anne Stanley MP (Joint Chair), Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (Joint Chair), Ms Jodie Belyea (*from 12 August 2024*), Senator Catryna Bilyk, Mr Cameron Caldwell, Ms Cassandra Fernando MP, Senator Karen Grogan (*from 4 July 2024*), Senator Maria Kovacic, Mr Rob Mitchell MP, Mr Rowan Ramsey MP, Senator Glenn Sterle, Ms Kylea Tink MP, Senator Larissa Waters

## Former members

Mr Russell Broadbent MP, Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, Senator Fatima Payman (*to 4 July 2024*), Ms Kate Thwaites MP (*to 29 July 2024*), Senator Linda White

## Secretary

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<b>Meetings</b> 01.07.2024–31.12.2024	Private:	2
	Public:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>2</b>

# Trade and Investment Growth (Joint)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

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

## Current members

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

## Former members

The Hon Andrew Gee MP

## Secretary

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<b>Current inquiries as at 31.12.2024</b>	The understanding and utilisation of benefits under Free Trade Agreements	
<b>Reports presented 01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>	Interim Report: Inquiry into the understanding and utilisation of benefits under Free Trade Agreements	
<b>Government responses 01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>	The Prudential Regulation of Investment in Australia's Export Industries ( <i>response tabled 4 July 2024</i> )	
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private:	8
	Public:	5
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>

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

# Treaties (Joint)

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

## **Method of appointment**

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

## **Current members**

Ms Lisa Chesters MP (Chair), Mr Phillip Thompson MP (Deputy Chair), Mr Sam Birrell MP, Mr Matt Burnell MP, Senator the Hon Matt Canavan, Dr Andrew Charlton MP, Senator Dorinda Cox, Senator the Hon David Fawcett, Senator Varun Ghosh, Senator Nita Green, Ms Zaneta Mascarenhas MP, Dr Daniel Mulino MP, Mr Henry Pike MP, Senator Dave Sharma, Senator Marielle Smith, Ms Kate Thwaites MP

## **Former members**

Senator Claire Chandler, Senator Raff Ciccone, Mr Luke Gosling MP, Senator Deborah O'Neill, Ms Kate Thwaites MP, Senator David Van, Mr Josh Wilson MP

## **Secretary**

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## **Current inquiries**

*as at 31.12.2024*

- Agreement between the United Arab Emirates and Australia on the Promotion and Protection of Investments
- Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between Australia and the United Arab Emirates
- Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia on Cooperation in the Field of Defence
- Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Defence and Security Cooperation
- Agreement on the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity
- Amendments to the International Health Regulations
- Convention between Australia and the Portuguese Republic for the Elimination of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Tax Evasion and Avoidance
- Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity Agreement Relating to a Clean Economy
- Indo-Pacific Framework for Prosperity Agreement relating to a Fair Economy

## **Reports presented**

*01.07.2024–31.12.2024*

- Report 217
- Report 218
- Report 219

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report 220</li> <li>• Report 221</li> <li>• Report 222</li> <li>• Report 223</li> <li>• Report 224</li> </ul>										
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Report 218 ( <i>response tabled 18 November 2024</i> )										
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Private:</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Briefings:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inspections:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total:</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>14</b></td> </tr> </table>	Private:	8	Public:	9	Briefings:	2	Inspections:	2	<b>Total:</b>	<b>14</b>
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# Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings

## (Joint Statutory)

*1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024*

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*

### Current members

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

### Former members

Nil

### Secretary

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<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private:	0
	Briefings:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>

# Human Rights (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

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

## Current members

Mr Josh Burns MP (Chair), Mr Henry Pike MP (Deputy Chair), Ms Jodie Belyea MP, Senator Ross Cadell, Senator Lisa Darmanin, Senator Matt O'Sullivan, Ms Alicia Payne MP, Mr Graham Perrett MP, Senator David Shoebridge, Senator Jana Stewart, Senator Lidia Thorpe and Ms Kylea Tink MP

## Former members

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

## Secretary

Ms Charlotte Fletcher

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<b>Current inquiries as at 31.12.2024</b>	Antisemitism at Australian Universities	
<b>Reports presented 01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Report No. 6 of 2024 (24 July 2024)</li><li>Report No. 7 of 2024 (21 August 2024)</li><li>Report No. 8 of 2024 (11 September 2024)</li><li>Report No. 9 of 2024 (10 October 2024)</li><li>Report No. 10 of 2024 (20 November 2024)</li><li>Report No. 11 of 2024 (27 November 2024)</li></ul>	
<b>Government responses 01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>	Nil	
<b>Meetings 01.07.2024–31.12.2024</b>	Private: Public: Briefings: <b>Total:</b>	9 4 0 <b>13</b>

# Intelligence and Security (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Intelligence Services Act 2001*

## Current members

Senator Raff Ciccone (Chair) (*from 8 October 2024*), Mr Andrew Wallace MP (Deputy Chair), Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Ms Sharon Claydon MP (*from 12 August 2024*), Mr Luke Gosling MP, the Hon Andrew Hastie MP, Ms Zoe McKenzie MP, Mr Brendan O'Connor MP (*from 12 August 2024*), Senator James Paterson, Senator Marielle Smith, Ms Meryl Swanson MP (*from 9 October 2024*), Senator Jess Walsh

## Former members

The Hon Karen Andrews MP, Mr Julian Hill MP (*to 29 July 2024*), Mr Peter Khalil MP (*9 October 2024*), Mr Josh Wilson MP (*to 29 July 2024*)

## Secretary

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## Current inquiries

as at 31.12.2024

- Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 22 (2022-23)  
– Australian Intelligence Agencies
- Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 23 (2023-24)  
– Australian Intelligence Agencies
- Review of Division 3 of Part III of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979
- Review of post sentence terrorism orders: Division 105A of the Criminal Code 1995
- Review of the Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
- Review of the Migration Amendment (Clarifying International Obligations for Removal) Act 2021

## Reports presented

01.07.2024–31.12.2024

- Advisory Report on the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Declared Areas) Bill 2024
- Advisory Report on the Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus No. 1) Bill 2024
- Review of the listing of Ansar Allah as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code
- Advisory Report on the Cyber Security Legislative Package 2024
- Annual Report of Committee Activities 2023-2024

## Government responses

01.07.2024–31.12.2024

- Advisory Report on the amendments made by the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Repudiation) Bill 2023
- Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 21 (2021-22)  
– Australian Intelligence Agencies
- Advisory Report on the Counter-Terrorism Legislation

	<p>Amendment (Declared Areas) Bill 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory Report on the Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus No. 1) Bill 2024</li> <li>• Advisory Report on the Cyber Security Legislative Package 2024</li> </ul>												
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<table> <tr> <td>Private:</td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public:</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Classified hearings:</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Briefings:</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inspections:</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total:</b></td> <td><b>21</b></td> </tr> </table>	Private:	14	Public:	3	Classified hearings:	0	Briefings:	4	Inspections:	0	<b>Total:</b>	<b>21</b>
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*\* Meetings that include more than one type of activity (e.g. a private meeting followed by a private briefing) are counted as a single meeting of the committee.*

# Parliamentary Standards (Joint Statutory)

10 October 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Workplace Support Service Act 2023*

## Current members

Senator Anne Urquhart (Chair), Senator the Hon. Slade Brockman (Deputy Chair), Senator Claire Chandler, the Hon. Darren Chester MP, Senator Nick McKim, Ms Alicia Payne MP, Senator Helen Polley, Ms Joanne Ryan MP, Ms Anne Stanley MP, Mr James Stevens MP, Senator Jess Walsh, Mr Andrew Wilkie MP

## Former members

Nil

## Secretary

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 31.12.2024</i>	Nil
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>10.10.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Nil
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Private:            1 Public:            0 In-camera:        0 Briefings:         0 Inspections:      0 <b>Total:</b> 1

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

# Public Accounts and Audit (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*

## Current members

The Hon Linda Burney MP (Chair), Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (Deputy Chair), Dr Michelle Ananda-Rajah MP, Senator Catryna Bilyk, Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Senator Lisa Darmanian, Dr Carina Garland MP, Mr Ian Goodenough MP, Mr Brian Mitchell MP, Dr Daniel Mulino MP, Mr Henry Pike MP, Senator Barbara Pocock, Mr Sam Rae MP, Senator Tony Sheldon, Mr Aaron Violi MP

## Former members

Mr Julian Hill MP (Chair), the Hon David Coleman MP, the Hon Dr David Gillespie MP, Senator Karen Grogan, Ms Peta Murphy MP, Mr Graham Perrett MP, Mr Josh Wilson MP

## Secretary

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 31.12.2024</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Administration of Commonwealth Regulations</li><li>The failed visa privatisation process and the implementation of other public sector IT procurements and projects</li><li>The use and governance of artificial intelligence systems by public sector entities</li><li>Contract management frameworks operated by Commonwealth entities</li></ul>
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Report 505: Inquiry into Policy and Program Design and Implementation (tabled 4 November 2024)</li><li>Report 506: Inquiry into Commonwealth Financial Statements 2022-23 (tabled 4 November 2024)</li><li>Report 507: Inquiry into the Defence 2022-23 Major Projects Report (tabled 17 December 2024)</li><li>Report 508: Annual Report 2023-24 (tabled 17 December 2024)</li></ul>
<b>Documents presented</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Nil
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Australian Federal Police – Response to Recommendations 7-10 of <i>Report 475: Defence First Principles Review, Naval Construction and Mental Health in the AFP</i> (5 July 2024)</li><li>Department of Finance – Updated response to Recommendations 1 and 17 of <i>Report 498: ‘Commitment issues’ – An inquiry into Commonwealth procurement</i> (26 July 2024)</li><li>Department of Home Affairs – Update to response to</li></ul>

	<p>Recommendation 15 of <i>Report 498: ‘Commitment issues’ – An inquiry into Commonwealth procurement</i> (1 October 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Health and Aged Care – Response to Recommendation 2 of <i>Report 502: The never-ending quest for the golden thread – Inquiry into probity and ethics in the Australian public sector</i> (16 October 2024)</li> <li>• Australian Strategic Policy Institute – Response to Recommendation 3 of <i>Report 506: Inquiry into Commonwealth Financial Statements 2022-2023</i> (29 November 2024)</li> <li>• Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts – Response to Recommendations 7-10 of <i>Report 502: The never-ending quest for the golden thread – Inquiry into probity and ethics in the Australian public sector</i> (18 December 2024)</li> <li>• Department of Finance – Response to Recommendations 1, 5, 6 and 11 of <i>Report 502: The never-ending quest for the golden thread – Inquiry into probity and ethics in the Australian public sector</i> (19 December 2024)</li> <li>• Australian National Audit Office – Response to Recommendation 5 of <i>Report 504: Inquiry into procurement at Services Australia and the NDIA</i> (19 December 2024)</li> <li>• Australian Public Service Commission – Response to Recommendations 3, 4 and 6 of <i>Report 502: The never-ending quest for the golden thread – Inquiry into probity and ethics in the Australian public sector</i> (20 December 2024)</li> <li>• Department of Defence – Response to Recommendation 3 of <i>Report 503: Inquiry into the Defence Major Projects Report 2020-21 and 2021-22 and Procurement of Hunter Class Frigates</i> (20 December 2024)</li> <li>• Australian National Audit Office – Response to Recommendation 1 of <i>Report 503: Inquiry into the Defence Major Projects Report 2020-21 and 2021-22 and Procurement of Hunter Class Frigates</i> (20 December 2024)</li> <li>• National Disability Insurance Agency – Responses to Recommendations 1-3 of <i>Report 504: Inquiry into procurement at Services Australia and the NDIA</i> (24 December 2024)</li> </ul>								
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# Public Works (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Public Works Committee Act 1969*

## Current members

Mr Graham Perrett MP (Chair), the Hon Keith Pitt MP (Deputy Chair), the Hon Karen Andrews MP, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Senator Maria Kovacic, Senator Louise Pratt, Ms Tracey Roberts MP, Mr David Smith MP, Mr Tony Zappia MP

## Former members

The Hon Darren Chester MP, Senator Fatima Payman, Mr Gavin Pearce MP, Senator Gerard Rennick, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds, Senator David Van

## Secretary

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## Current inquiries

as at 31.12.2024

- Australian Electoral Commission — Proposed Fit-out of New Leased Premises at 26 Narellan Street, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory
- Australian Institute of Marine Science — Remediation of AIMS Cape Cleveland Wharf, Queensland
- Australian Institute of Sport Revitalisation project, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory
- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water — Davis Station Critical Infrastructure Works
- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water — Southern Ocean Research Aquarium
- Department of Defence — Facilities to Support LAND 8113 Phase 1 Long Range Fires
- Services Australia — Proposed Fit-out of Existing Leased Premises at Caroline Chisholm Centre, 57 Athllon Drive, Greenway, Australian Capital Territory
- Services Australia — Proposed Fit-out of New Leased Premises at 158-186 Walker Street, Townsville, Queensland

## Reports presented

01.07.2024–31.12.2024

- Department of Defence — Australian Defence Force Academy Living-in Accommodation project and other works (Report 5/2024)
- Department of Defence — Submarine Rotational Force—West, Priority Works, HMAS Stirling, Western Australia and other works (Report 6/2024)
- Department of Defence — Explosive Ordnance Facilities Northern NSW Redevelopment project and other works (Report

	7/2024)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Defence — Army Aviation Omnibus Program of Works and other works (Report 8/2024)</li> <li>• Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts — Command Centre and Canine Facility at Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport and other works (Report 9/2024)</li> </ul>

**Meetings\***  
01.07.2024–31.12.2024

Private:	7
Public:	11
In-camera:	11
Briefings:	14
Inspections:	8
<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>

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## **Committee-related activity in the chamber**

**1 July 2024–31 December 2024**



## Matters referred to Committees

During the reporting period, 58 matters were referred to Senate Committees for inquiry and report. This included 33 individual/packages of bills referred through the Selection of Bills Committee, 3 bills referred to Legislation Committees, 13 matters referred to References Committees, 4 Senate Select Committees established, and 5 inquiries adopted by or referred to Joint Committees. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Offshore wind industry (for inquiry and report by the last sitting in February 2025)	03.07.2024 (3)
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Australia's sanctions regime (for inquiry and report by 11 February 2025)	
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Defence honours and awards systems (for inquiry and report by 28 November 2024)	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Communication Legislation Amendment (Regional Broadcasting Continuity) Bill 2024 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 8 August 2024)	04.07.2024 (8)
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Future Made in Australia Bill 2024 [Provisions] and Future Made in Australia (Omnibus Amendments No. 1) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	National Housing and Homelessness Plan Bill 2024 (No. 2) (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 10 October 2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	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] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 14 August 2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (Incentivising Food Donations to Charitable Organisations) Bill 2024 (for inquiry and report by 15 November 2024)	
<b>FADT (Leg)</b>	Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 3 October 2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Commission of Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian Universities Bill 2024 (No. 2) (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 4 October 2024)	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>Date Referred (Daily Total)</b>
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Migration Amendment (Strengthening Sponsorship and Nomination Processes) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 2 September 2024)	04.07.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Financial regulatory framework and home ownership (for inquiry and report by 5 December 2024)	14.08.2024 (2)
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	'Big Box' retailer price setting (for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in February 2025)	
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Universities Accord (Student Support and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 September 2024)	15.08.2024 (1)
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Australian Bureau of Statistics production of inflation rate statistics (for inquiry and report by 19 September 2024)	19.08.2024 (1)
<b>Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (Select)</b>	Tasmanian Freight Scheme (for inquiry and report by 26 November 2024)	20.08.2024 (1)
<b>Northern Australia (Joint Select)</b>	Energy, food and water security (for inquiry and report by 2 May 2025)	21.08.2024 (1)
<b>PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances) (Select)</b>	Extent, regulation and management of PFAS (for inquiry and report by 5 August 2025)	22.08.2024 (1)
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Australia's taxation system (for inquiry and report by 10 December 2024)	11.09.2024 (2)
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	Australia's youth justice and incarceration system (for inquiry and report by 26 November 2024)	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	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] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 31 October 2024— <i>contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives</i> )	12.09.2024 (3)
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Administrative Review Tribunal (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2024 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 31 October 2024)	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>Date Referred (Daily Total)</b>
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Family Law Amendment Bill 2024 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 31 October 2024)	12.09.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	Aged Care Bill 2024 [Provisions] (for inquiry and report by 31 October 2024)	16.09.2024 (2)
<b>Energy Planning and Regulation in Australia (Select)</b>	The institutional structures, governance, regulation, functions, and operation of the Australian energy market (for inquiry and report by 20 December 2024)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	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 (for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in March 2025)	17.09.2024 (1)
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	The formation of a national volunteer incentive scheme (Climate Army) to respond to the immediate aftermath of natural disasters in Australia (for inquiry and report by 22 September 2024)	18.09.2024 (2)
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	The implementation by the Australian Taxation Office of the requirement that certain non-charitable not-for-profit entities 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 (for inquiry and report by 31 October 2024)	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Communication Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 25 November 2024)	19.09.2024 (8)
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (2024 Tax and Other Measures No. 1) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 24 October 2024)	
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers (Special Account) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 20 October 2024)	
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Universities Accord (National Student Ombudsman) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 10 October 2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 13 November 2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 14 November 2024)	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>Date Referred (Daily Total)</b>
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 12 December 2024)	19.09.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	The adequacy of the voluntary Code of Conduct for Australian Winegrapes Purchases (for inquiry and report by 28 February 2025)	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Reconsideration of Decisions) Bill 2024 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 14 November 2024)	10.10.2024 (4)
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (Mergers and Acquisitions Reform) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 13 November 2024)	
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Better and Fairer Schools (Funding and Reform) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 18 November 2024)	
<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>	Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 14 November 2024)	
<b>LE (Joint)</b>	Examination of the Australian Federal Police Annual Report 2023-24 (for inquiry and report)	28.10.2024 (1)
<b>LE (Joint)</b>	Examination of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission Annual Report 2023-24 (for inquiry and report)	31.10.2024 (1)
<b>NACC (Joint)</b>	Examination of the National Anti-Corruption Commission Annual Report 2023-24 (for inquiry and report)	05.11.2024 (1)
<b>NACC (Joint)</b>	Examination of the Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission Annual Report 2023-24 (for inquiry and report)	14.11.2024 (1)
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Migration Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions] (for inquiry and report by 26 November 2024)	19.11.2024 (1)
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Access to diagnosis and treatment for people in Australia with tick-borne diseases (for inquiry and report by 26 March 2025)	20.11.2024 (1)
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Commitment to Public Ownership) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 6 February 2025)	21.11.2024 (6)
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 26 November 2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Scams Prevention Framework Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 January 2025)	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>Date Referred (Daily Total)</b>
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Free TAFE Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 27 February 2025)	21.11.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>FPA (Leg)</b>	Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 January 2025)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Oversight Legislation Amendment (Robodebt Royal Commission Response and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 January 2025)	
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	Health Legislation Amendment (Modernising My Health Record–Sharing by Default) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 January 2025)	28.11.2024 (6)
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Future Made in Australia (Production Tax Credits and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 January 2025)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (Fairer for Families and Farmers and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 January 2025)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Incentives and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 January 2025)	
<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>	National Organics Standard Bill 2024 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 31 January 2025)	
<b>Measuring Outcomes for First Nations Communities (Select)</b>	The current regression of 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 (for inquiry and report by 30 May 2025)	

## Reports tabled by Senate Committees

During the reporting period, committees supported by the Senate Committee Office tabled/presented 96 reports. This included 60 Legislation Committee reports, 21 References Committee reports, 7 Select Committee reports and 8 Joint Committee reports. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
<b>FPA (Ref)</b>	Supporting the development of sovereign capability in the Australian tech sector (presented OOS 28.06.2024)	Presented OOS
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Customs Amendment (Preventing Child Labour) Bill 2023	01.07.2024 (1)
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	Budget estimates 2024–25	02.07.2024 (6)
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Budget estimates 2024–25	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Budget estimates 2024–25	
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Budget estimates 2024–25	
<b>FPA (Leg)</b>	Budget estimates 2024–25	
<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>	Budget estimates 2024–25	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Australian Securities and Investment Commission investigation and enforcement	03.07.2024 (1)
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Budget estimates 2024–25 (presented OOS 05.07.2024)	12.08.2024 (11)
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Glencore's proposed carbon capture and storage project (presented OOS 11.07.2024)	
<b>FADT (Leg)</b>	Budget estimates 2024–25 (presented OOS 12.07.2024)	
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	*Shutdown of the 3G mobile network—Interim report (presented OOS 01.08.2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (Responsible Buy Now Pay Later and Other Measures) Bill 2024 (presented OOS 02.08.2024)	
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	*National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024—Progress report (presented OOS 05.08.2024)	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	*Nature Positive (Environment Protection Australia) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and related bills—Progress report (presented OOS 05.08.2024)	

Committee	Inquiry	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Communications Legislation Amendment (Regional Broadcasting Continuity) Bill 2024 (presented OOS 08.08.2024)	12.08.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>LCA (Leg)</b> <b>Australia's Disaster Resilience (Select)</b>	Criminal Code Amendment (Deepfake Sexual Material) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 08.08.2024) Boots on the ground: Raising resilience (presented OOS 08.08.2024)	
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No.1) Bill 2024 (presented OOS 09.08.2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Taxation (Multinational–Global and Domestic Minimum Tax) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and related bills	14.08.2024 (1)
<b>LCA (Ref)</b> <b>Social Media and Australian Society (Joint Select)</b>	Missing and murdered First Nations women and children  *Interim report	15.08.2024 (2)
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2024)	20.08.2024 (8)
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2024)	
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2024)	
<b>FADT (Leg)</b>	Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2024)	
<b>FPA (Leg)</b>	Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2024)	
<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>	Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2024)	
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Middle Arm Industrial Precinct	21.08.2024 (1)
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Excess mortality (presented OOS 30.08.2024)	09.09.2024 (6)

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<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Migration Amendment (Strengthening Sponsorship and Nomination Processes) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 02.09.2024)	09.09.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (Build to Rent) Bill 2024 and Capital Works (Build to Rent Misuse Tax) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 04.09.2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Future Made in Australia Bill 2024 [Provisions] and Future Made in Australia (Omnibus Amendments No. 1) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 06.09.2024)	
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	*Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions]—Progress report (presented OOS 06.09.2024)	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Nature Positive (Environment Information Australia) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and related bills	
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Australian support for Ukraine	16.09.2024 (1)
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Issues related to menopause and perimenopause	18.09.2024 (1)
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Australian Bureau of Statistics production of inflation rate statistics	19.09.2024 (2)
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Improving consumer experiences, choice, and outcomes in Australia's retirement system: superannuation for mortgage offset—Second interim report	
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	*Optus network outage—Progress report (presented OOS 25.09.2024)	08.10.2024 (6)
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Optus network outage (presented OOS 27.09.2024)	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>		
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	*Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023—Progress report (presented OOS 30.09.2024)	
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Commission of Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian Universities Bill 2024 (No.2) (presented OOS 01.10.2024)	
<b>FADT (Leg)</b>	Universities Accord (Student Support and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 03.10.2024)	
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 03.10.2024)	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	09.10.2024 (1)
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Murdoch Media Inquiry Bill 2023	10.10.2024 (3)

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<b>EE (Leg) Adopting Artificial Intelligence (AI) (Select)</b>	Universities Accord (National Student Ombudsman) Bill 2024 [Provisions]  *Interim report	10.10.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>Social Media and Australian Society (Joint Select)</b>	*Second interim report: digital platforms and the traditional media (presented OOS in HoR 21.10.2024; tabled in HoR 04.11.2024))	18.11.2024 (24)
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (2024 Tax and Other Measures No. 1) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 24.10.2024)	
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	*Impact and mitigation of aircraft noise—Progress report (presented OOS 25.10.2024)	
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers (special Account) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 30.10.2024)	
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	*Aged Care Bill 2024 [Provisions]—Progress report (presented OOS 31.10.2024)	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Future Made in Australia (Guarantee of Origin) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and related bills (presented OOS 31.10.2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Administrative Review Tribunal (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2024 (presented OOS 31.10.2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Family Law Amendment Bill 2024 (presented OOS 31.10.2024)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Not-for-profit entities – Tax assessments—Progress report (presented OOS 31.10.2024)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Not-for-profit entities – Tax assessments (presented OOS 01.11.2024)	
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	Aged Care Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 04.11.2024)	
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	Ethics and professional accountability: Structural challenges in the audit, assurance and consultancy industry (presented OOS 07.11.2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	*Treasury Laws Amendment (Mergers and Acquisitions Reform) Bill 2024 [Provisions]—Progress report (presented OOS 13.11.2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 13.11.2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Criminal Code Amendment (Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes) Bill 2024 (presented OOS 13.11.2024)	

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<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>	*Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions]—Progress report (presented OOS 13.11.2024)	18.11.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Reconsideration of Decisions) Bill 2024—Progress report (presented OOS 14.11.2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 14.11.2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	National Housing and Homeless Plan Bill 2024 (No. 2) (presented OOS 15.11.2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (Incentivising Food Donations to Charitable Organisations) Bill 2024 (presented OOS 15.11.2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (Mergers and Acquisitions Reform) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 15.11.2024)	
<b>Cost of Living (Select)</b>	Paying the price: The cost of a crisis on Australians' standards of living—Final report (presented OOS 15.11.2024)	
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Better and Fairer Schools (Funding and Reform) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	
<b>Social Media and Australian Society (Joint Select)</b>	Social media: the good, the bad, and the ugly—Final report	
<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>	Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions]	19.11.2024 (1)
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	25.11.2024 (1)
<b>NDIS (Joint)</b>	*General Issues—Annual report No. 2 of the 47 <sup>th</sup> Parliament (tabled in HoR 21.11.2024)	26.11.2024 (5)
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Migration Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions]	
<b>Adopting Artificial Intelligence (AI) (Select)</b>	Final report	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>Date Tabled (Daily Total)</b>
<b>Impact of Climate Risk on Insurance Premiums and Availability (Select)</b>	Report	26.11.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	Impact and mitigation of aircraft noise	27.11.2024 (1)
<b>Northern Australia (Joint Select)</b>	*Energy, Food and Water Security–Interim report (tabled in HoR 27.11.2024)	28.11.2024
<b>Northern Australia (Joint Select)</b>	Northern Australia Workforce Development–Final report (tabled in HoR 27.11.2024)	(5)
<b>FADT (Leg)</b>	Performance of the Department of Defence in supporting the capability and capacity of Australia's defence industry	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Financial regulatory framework and home ownership	
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Wrongful detention of Australian citizens overseas	
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	Financial abuse: an insidious form of domestic violence (presented OOS 05.12.2024)	Presented OOS (8)
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Reconsideration of Decisions) Bill 2024 (presented OOS 11.12.2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 12.12.2024)	
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	Right wing extremist movements in Australia (presented OOS 06.12.2024)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Australia's taxation system–Progress report (presented OOS 10.12.2024)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Australia's taxation system (presented OOS 11.12.2024)	
<b>Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (Select)</b>	Report (presented OOS 19.12.2024)	
<b>Energy Planning and Regulation in Australia (Select)</b>	Final report (presented OOS 20.12.2024)	

\* Reports that did not discharge a reference

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***Estimates reports:***

There were 8 reports tabled or presented out of session during the reporting period.

***Reports on Annual Reports:***

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

## Government Responses to Committee reports

During the reporting period, 92 Government responses to Senate Committee reports were tabled/presented. The details are as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>Date Tabled (Daily Total)</b>
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	Corporations Amendment (Improving Outcomes for Litigation Funding Participants) Bill 2021 (report tabled 19.11.2021)	04.07.2024 <i>HoR</i> (8)
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	Impairment of customer loans (report tabled 04.05.2016)	
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	Life Insurance Industry (report tabled 27.03.2018)	
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	Options for greater involvement by private sector life insurers in worker rehabilitation (report tabled 24.10.2018)	
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	Regulation of auditing in Australia: Final report (report tabled 11.11.2020)	
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	Regulation of auditing in Australia: Interim report (report tabled 27.02.2020)	
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	Report on the 2017–18 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act (report tabled 16.07.2018)	
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	Statutory Oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Takeovers Panel and Corporations Legislation: Report No. 1 of the 45 <sup>th</sup> Parliament (report tabled 13.02.2019)	
<b>Foreign Interference through Social Media (Select)</b>	First interim and final reports (response presented OOS 05.07.2024; interim report tabled 17.12.2021; final report tabled 01.08.2023)	12.08.2024 (8)
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Fair Work Amendment Bill 2024 (response presented OOS 11.07.2024; report tabled 14.03.2024)	
<b>LE (Joint)</b>	Vaccine related fraud and security risks—Interim and final reports (response presented OOS 11.07.2024; interim report tabled 26.08.2021; final report tabled 17.02.2022)	
<b>EE (Ref)</b>	Corporate Avoidance of the <i>Fair Work Act 2009</i> (response presented OOS 18.07.2024; report tabled 06.09.2017)	
<b>EE (Ref)</b>	“Wage theft? What wage theft?!”: The exploitation of general and specialist cleaners working in retail chains for contracting or subcontracting companies (response presented OOS 18.07.2024; report tabled 13.11.2018)	

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<b>Provision of and Access to Dental Services in Australia (Select)</b>	A system in decay: a review into dental services in Australia (response presented OOS 18.07.2024; report tabled 30.11.2023)	12.08.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Digital ID Bill 2023 and Digital ID (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2023 (response presented OOS 08.08.2024; report tabled 28.02.2024)	
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Media Diversity in Australia (response presented OOS 09.08.2024; report tabled 09.12.2021)	
<b>Australia as a Technology and Financial Centre (Select)</b>	First interim (Select Committee on Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology) and second interim reports (interim report tabled 02.09.2020; second interim report tabled 28.04.2021)	13.08.2024 (28)
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019 (report tabled 16.04.2020)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Australian Business Growth Fund Bill 2019 [Provisions] (report tabled 21.02.2020)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	COAG Reform Fund Amendment (No Electric Vehicle Taxes) Bill 2020 (report tabled 07.05.2021)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Corporations Amendment (Improving Outcomes for Litigation Funding Participants) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (report tabled 03.02.2022)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (report tabled 28.02.2020)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	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] (report tabled 15.02.2022)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Foreign Investment Reform (Protecting Australia's National Security) Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions] (report tabled 26.11.2020)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Mandatory Comprehensive Credit Reporting) Bill 2018 [Provisions] (report tabled 05.06.2018)	

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<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Small Amount Credit Contract and Consumer Lease Reforms) Bill 2019 (No. 2) (report tabled 21.09.2020)	13.08.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	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] (report tabled 18.11.2021)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Performance of the Inspector-General of Taxation (report tabled 17.06.2020)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016 [Provisions] (report tabled 14.02.2017)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (Cyclone and Flood Damage Reinsurance Pool) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (report tabled 24.03.2022)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code) Bill 2020 [Provisions] (report tabled 21.02.2021)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	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] (report tabled 23.03.2018)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (Research and Development Tax Incentive) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (report tabled 12.10.2020)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (Self-Managed Superannuation Funds) Bill 2020 (report tabled 04.11.2020)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Corporate tax avoidance – Part 1: You cannot tax what you cannot see (report tabled 18.08.2015)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Corporate tax avoidance – Part 2: Gaming the system (report tabled 22.04.2016)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Corporate tax avoidance – Part 3: Much heat, little light so far (report tabled 30.05.2018)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Credit and hardship: Report of the Senate inquiry into credit and financial products targeting Australians at risk of financial hardship (report tabled 22.02.2019)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Regulatory framework for the protection of consumers in the banking, insurance and financial services sector (report tabled 15.11.2018)	

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<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Sterling Income Trust (report tabled 04.02.2022)	13.08.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Superbad – Wage theft and non-compliance of the Superannuation Guarantee (report tabled 02.05.2017)	
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	Resolution of disputes with financial service providers within the justice system (report tabled 08.04.2019)	
<b>Lending to Primary Production Customers (Select)</b>	Report (report tabled 06.12.2017)	
<b>Red Tape (Select)</b>	Interim report – Effect of red tape on the sale, supply and taxation of alcohol (report tabled 29.03.2017)	
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	Shutdown of the 3G mobile network: Interim report (report tabled 01.08.2024)	19.08.2024 (1)
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	COVID-19 Royal Commission (response presented OOS 05.09.2024; report tabled 19.04.2024)	09.09.2024 (1)
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Efficacy of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade due diligence framework (report tabled 07.12.2023)	10.09.2024 (2)
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Attorney-General's Portfolio Miscellaneous Measures Bill 2023 [Provisions] (report tabled 01.02.2024)	
<b>FADT (Leg)</b>	Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023 and related bill [Provisions] (report tabled 13.05.2024)	11.09.2024 (1)
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Australian Research Council Amendment (Review Response) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (report tabled 05.02.2024)	19.09.2024 (2)
<b>Perth Mint (Select)</b>	Final report (report tabled 26.06.2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Criminal Code Amendment (Deepfake Sexual Material) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (response presented OOS 26.09.2024; report tabled 08.08.2024)	08.10.2024 (18)
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Adequacy of Newstart and related payments and alternative mechanisms to determine the level of income support payments in Australia (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 30.04.2020)	
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Administration of registration and notifications by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and related entities under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 01.04.2022)	

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<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Australia's domestic response to the World Health Organization's (WHO) Commission on Social Determinants of Health report "Closing the gap within a generation" (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 20.03.2013)	08.10.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Out-of-pocket costs in Australian healthcare (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 22.08.2014)	
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Purpose, intent and adequacy of the Disability Support Pension (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 18.02.2022)	
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	The factors affecting the supply of health services and medical professionals in rural areas (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 22.08.2012)	
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Australia's extinction crisis—Interim report (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 23.05.2024)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Financial and tax practices of for-profit aged care providers (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 27.11.2018)	
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Opportunities for advancing Australia's strategic interests through existing regional architecture (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 07.10.2021)	
<b>FPA (Ref)</b>	Implementation of the National Health Reform Agreement (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 07.03.2013)	
<b>Health (Select)</b>	Fourth interim report—Mental health: a consensus for action (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 08.10.2015)	
<b>Health (Select)</b>	Sixth interim report—Big health data: Australia's big potential (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 04.05.2016)	
<b>Health (Select)</b>	Final report—Hospital funding cuts: the perfect storm – The demolition of Federal-State health relations 2014-2016 (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 05.05.2016)	
<b>Obesity Epidemic in Australia (Select)</b>	Final report (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 05.12.2018)	
<b>Red Tape (Select)</b>	Effect of red tape on tobacco retail— Second interim report (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 27.06.2017)	

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<b>Red Tape (Select)</b>	Effect of red tape on pharmacy rules—Fourth interim report (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 15.02.2018)	08.10.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>Tabacco Harm Reduction (Select)</b>	Report (response presented OOS 03.10.2024; report tabled 18.12.2020)	
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	Impact of changes to service delivery models on the administration and running of government programs (response presented OOS 11.10.2024; report tabled 27.02.2020)	18.11.2024 (10)
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	Red imported fire ants: Don't let this come back to bite us (response presented OOS 28.10.2024; report tabled 18.04.2024)	
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Glencore's proposed carbon capture and storage project (response presented OOS 07.11.2024; report tabled 11.07.2024)	
<b>FADT (Leg)</b>	Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (response presented OOS 07.11.2024; report tabled 03.10.2024)	
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Concussions and repeated head trauma in contact sports (response presented OOS 14.11.2024; report tabled 05.09.2023)	
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Provision of general practitioner and related primary health services to outer metropolitan, rural and regional Australians (response presented OOS 14.11.2024; report tabled 20.06.2022)	
<b>COVID-19 (Select)</b>	First interim report (response presented OOS 14.11.2024; report tabled 09.12.2020)	
<b>COVID-19 (Select)</b>	Final report (response presented OOS 14.11.2024; report tabled 07.04.2022)	
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Australian Antarctic Division funding (response presented OOS 14.11.2024; report tabled 09.05.2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (Delivering Better Financial Outcomes and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (response presented OOS 14.11.2024; report tabled 21.06.2024)	
<b>FPA (Leg)</b>	Net Zero Economy Authority Bill 2024 [Provisions] and Net Zero Economy Authority (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (report tabled 13.05.2024)	19.11.2024 (2)

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>Date Tabled (Daily Total)</b>
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	National Emergency (2022 New South Wales Floods) Declaration 2022 (report tabled 08.02.2023)	19.11.2024 <i>continued</i>
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Australian Research Council Amendment (Ensuring Research Independence) Bill 2018 (report tabled 21.03.2022)	20.11.2024 (1)
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Missing and murdered First Nations women and children (report tabled 15.08.2024)	25.11.2024 (1)
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	Iron Boomerang project (report tabled 10.08.2023)	26.11.2024 (1)
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (response presented OOS 05.12.2024; report tabled 17.03.2021)	Presented OOS (8)
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Funding for public research into foreign policy issues (response presented OOS 05.12.2024; report tabled 17.08.2021)	
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Assessment and support services for people with ADHD (response presented OOS 12.12.2024; report tabled 06.11.2023)	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equity) Bill 2023 (response presented OOS 12.12.2024; report tabled 26.06.2024)	
<b>Australia's Disaster Resilience (Select)</b>	Boots on the ground: Raising resilience—Report (response presented OOS 19.12.2024; report tabled 08.08.2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (response presented OOS 19.12.2024; report tabled 03.05.2023)	
<b>FADT (Leg)</b>	Migration Amendment (Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure and Other Measures) Bill 2023 (response presented OOS 19.12.2024; report tabled 14.05.2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Migration Amendment (Australia's Engagement in the Pacific and Other Measures) Bill 2023 and Migration (Visa Pre-application Process) Charge Bill 2023 (response presented OOS 19.12.2024; report tabled 13.06.2023)	

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

<b>Legislation</b>	<b>LP/NAT</b>	<b>ALP</b>	<b>AG</b>	<b>Minor Parties/IND</b>	<b>Multi-Party</b>
Additional Comments	24	0	11	9	0
Dissenting Reports	9	0	12	5	0
Minority Reports	0	0	0	0	0
<b>References</b>	<b>LP/NAT</b>	<b>ALP</b>	<b>AG</b>	<b>Minor Parties/IND</b>	<b>Multi-Party</b>
Additional Comments	5	7	6	4	0
Dissenting Reports	0	2	1	1	0
<b>Select/Joint</b>	<b>LP/NAT</b>	<b>ALP</b>	<b>AG</b>	<b>Minor Parties/IND</b>	<b>Multi-Party</b>
Additional Comments	6	1	8	4	0
Dissenting Reports	3	2	1	0	0
Minority Reports	0	0	0	0	0

\* These statistics record the signatory to the reports

LP/NAT (Liberal Party, National Party), ALP (Australian Labor Party), AG (Australian Greens), IND (Independent), minor parties include JLN (Jacqui Lambie Network), PHON (Pauline Hanson's One Nation) UAP (United Australia Party).

### ***Extension of time to present reports***

During the reporting period, there were 44 extensions of time – 21 of one week or less; 11 of over a week; 12 of over a month – granted to a committee administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports.

### ***Leave to meet while the Senate is in session***

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted leave to meet while the Senate was in session on 51 occasions.

### ***Appointment of Committees***

The Senate Select Committee on the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme was appointed on 20 August 2024.

The Senate Select Committee on PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances) was appointed on 22 August 2024.

The Senate Select Committee on Energy Planning and Regulation in Australia was appointed on 16 September 2024.

The Senate Select Committee on Measuring Outcomes for First Nations Communities was appointed on 28 November 2024.

### ***Change of Committee Name***

Nil