

**Committee-related
activity in the chamber
1 January 2019–30 June 2019**

Matters referred to Committees

During the reporting period, 18 matters were referred to Senate Committees for inquiry and report. This included 15 individual/packages of bills referred through the Selection of Bills Committee, 1 matter adopted by a Legislation Committee and 2 matters referred to References Committees. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
RRAT (Ref)	Feasibility of a National Horse Traceability Register (for inquiry and report by 19 August 2019)	12.02.2019 (1)
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 18 March 2019) (<i>see Report No. 15 of 2018</i>)	13.02.2019 (1)
ECO (Leg)	Australian Business Securitisation Fund Bill 2019 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019)	14.02.2019 (15)
FADT (Leg)	Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 22 March 2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Banking System Reform (Separation of Banks) Bill 2019 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 13 May 2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Commonwealth Registers Bill 2019 [Provisions], the Treasury Laws Amendment (Registries Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2019 [Provisions], the Business Names Registration (Fees) Amendment (Registries Modernisation) Bill 2019 [Provisions], the Corporations (Fees) Amendment (Registries Modernisation) Bill 2019 [Provisions] and the National Consumer Credit Protection (Fees) Amendment (Registries Modernisation) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019)	
EC (Leg)	Environment Legislation Amendment (Protecting Dugongs and Turtles) Bill 2019 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019)	
RRAT (Leg)	Export Control Amendment (Banning Cotton Exports to Ensure Water Security) Bill 2019 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 12 August 2019)	
FADT (Leg)	Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Infrastructure Financing) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019)	

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EE (Leg)	Fair Work Amendment (Right to Request Casual Conversion) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019)	14.02.2019 <i>continued</i>
CA (Leg)	Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management and Cashless Welfare) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 1 April 2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019 [Provisions] and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Supporting Craft Brewers) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Reforms No. 1) Bill [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 1 April 2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Illegal Phoenixing) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019)	
EC (Leg)	Water Amendment (Purchase Limit Repeal) Bill 2019 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019)	
LCA (Leg)	Combatting Child Sexual Exploitation Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 22 March 2019)	
LCA (Ref)	Ability of consumers and small business to resolve disputes with financial service providers (for inquiry and report by 8 March 2019)	
RRAT (Leg)	Performance of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (adopted by Committee for inquiry and report)	18.02.2019 (1)

Reports tabled by Senate Committees

During the reporting period, committees supported by the Senate Committee Office tabled/presented 89 reports. This included 55 Legislation Committee reports, 21 References Committee reports and 13 Select and Joint Committee reports. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
LCA (Leg)	Judiciary Amendment (Commonwealth Model Litigant Obligations) Bill 2017 (presented OOS 07.12.2018)	12.02.2019
NDIS (Joint)	Provision of assistive technology under the NDIS (presented OOS 12.12.2018)	
LCA (Leg)	Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2018 [Provisions] (presented OOS 17.12.2018)	
NDIS (Joint)	NDIS ICT Systems (presented OOS 21.12.2018)	
Electric Vehicles (Select)	Report (presented OOS 30.01.2019)	12.02.2019 (10)
RRAT (Ref)	Independence of regulatory decisions made by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) (presented OOS 01.02.2019)	
EC (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving the Energy Efficiency of Rental Properties) Bill 2018 (presented OOS 06.02.2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty Consequential Amendments Bill 2018 [Provisions] and Passenger Movement Charge Amendment (Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty) Bill 2018 [Provisions] (presented OOS 08.02.2019)	
FPA (Leg)	Future Drought Fund Bill 2018 [Provisions] and Future Drought Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2018 [Provisions] (presented OOS 08.02.2019)	
LCA (Leg)	*Sex Discrimination Amendment (Removing Discrimination Against Students) Bill 2018–Progress report (presented OOS 08.02.2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Supporting Retirement Incomes) Bill 2018 [Provisions] (presented OOS 11.02.2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Sure Multinationals Pay Their Fair Share of Tax in Australia and Other Measures) Bill 2018 [Provisions] (presented OOS 11.02.2019)	
FPA (Leg)	Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Amendment (Strengthening Governance and Transparency) Bill 2018 (presented OOS 11.02.2019)	

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RRAT (Leg)	Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Regulation) Bill 2018 [Provisions] (presented OOS 11.02.2019)	12.02.2019 <i>continued</i>
LCA (Ref)	Practice of dowry and the incidence of dowry abuse in Australia	14.02.2019 (12)
EE (Ref)	The people behind 000: mental health of our first responders	
CA (Ref)	*Support for Australia's thalidomide survivors–Interim report	
Charity Fundraising (Select)	Report	
EC (Ref)	Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program	
EE (Ref)	Jobactive: failing those it is intended to serve	
FADT (Ref)	United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)	
LCA (Leg)	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Bill 2018 [Provisions] and Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018 [Provisions]	
LCA (Leg)	Sex Discrimination Amendment (Removing Discrimination Against Students) Bill 2018	
EC (Leg)	Galilee Basin (Coal Prohibition) Bill 2018	
FADT (Leg)	Defence Amendment (Sovereign Naval Shipbuilding) Bill 2018	
CFS (Joint)	Oversight of ASIC, the Takeovers Panel and the Corporations Legislation No.1 of the 45th Parliament (tabled in HoR 14.02.2019)	
ECO (Ref)	Credit and hardship: report of the Senate inquiry into credit and financial products targeted at Australians at risk of financial hardship (presented OOS 22.02.2019)	02.04.2019 (32)
LCA (Leg)	Migration Amendment (Streamlining Visa Processing) Bill 2018 [Provisions] (presented OOS 25.02.2019)	
ECO (Leg)	*Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill 2019 [Provisions]–Progress report (presented OOS 06.03.2019)	
LCA (Leg)	Freedom of Speech Legislation Amendment (Censorship) Bill 2018, Freedom of Speech Legislation Amendment (Insult and Offend) Bill 2018 and Freedom of Speech Legislation Amendment (Security) Bill 2018 (presented OOS 08.03.2019)	

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CFS (Joint)	Fairness in Franchising (presented OOS 14.03.2019)	02.04.2019 <i>continued</i>
LCA (Leg)	Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018 (presented OOS 15.03.2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Prohibiting Energy Market Misconduct) Bill 2018 [Provisions] (presented OOS 18.03.2019)	
EC (Ref)	Rehabilitation of mining and resources projects and power station ash dams as it relates to Commonwealth responsibilities (presented OOS 20.03.2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (presented OOS 21.03.2019)	
FADT (Leg)	Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (presented OOS 22.03.2019)	
LCA (Leg)	Combatting Child Sexual Exploitation Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions] (presented OOS 22.03.2019)	
CA (Ref)	Support for Australia's thalidomide survivors—Final report (presented OOS 22.03.2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Australian Business Securitisation Fund Bill 2019 [Provisions] (presented OOS 26.03.2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Commonwealth Registers Bill 2019 [Provisions] and four related bills (presented OOS 26.03.2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019 [Provisions] and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Supporting Craft Brewers) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (presented OOS 26.03.2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Illegal Phoenixing) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (presented OOS 26.03.2019)	
EE (Leg)	Fair Work Amendment (Right to Request Casual Conversion) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (presented OOS 26.03.2019)	
EC (Leg)	Environment Legislation Amendment (Protecting Dugongs and Turtles) Bill 2019 (presented OOS 26.03.2019)	
EC (Leg)	Water Amendment (Purchase Limit Repeal) Bill 2019 (presented OOS 26.03.2019)	
EC (Ref)	Economic and cultural value of Australian content on broadcast, radio and streaming services (presented OOS 26.03.2019)	

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FADT (Leg)	Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Infrastructure Financing) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (presented OOS 26.03.2019)	02.04.2019 <i>continued</i>
EC (Ref)	*Allegations of political interference in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation–Progress report (presented OOS 28.03.2019)	
CA (Ref)	ParentsNext, including its trial and subsequent broader rollout (presented OOS 29.03.2019)	
LCA (Ref)	*Effectiveness of the current temporary skilled visa system–Progress report (presented OOS 29.03.2019)	
NDIS (Joint)	*Progress Report (presented OOS 29.03.2019)	
CA (Leg)	Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management and Cashless Welfare) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (presented OOS 01.04.2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Reforms No. 1) Bill 2019 [Provisions] (presented OOS 01.04.2019)	
EC (Ref)	Allegations of political interference in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (presented OOS 01.04.2019)	
Oversight of the implementation of redress related recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (Joint Select)	Getting the National Redress Scheme right: An overdue step towards justice	
LCA (Ref)	Effectiveness of the current temporary skilled visa system in targeting genuine skills shortages	
CFS (Joint)	Report on the 2017–2018 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	
ECO (Leg)	Lower Tax Bill 2018	
CA (Ref)	Effectiveness of the Aged Care Quality Assessment and Accreditation Framework for protecting residents from abuse and poor practices, and ensuring proper clinical and medical care standards are maintained and practised–Final report	03.04.2019 (4)
EC (Ref)	*Australia’s faunal extinction crisis–Interim report	
ACLEI (Joint)	Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2016–17	

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ECO (Leg)	Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australia Fund Bill 2018	03.04.2019 <i>continued</i>
LE (Joint)	Examination of the Australian Federal Police Annual Report 2016–17 (tabled in HoR 04.04.2019)	Presented OOS (10)
LE (Joint)	Examination of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission Annual Report 2016–17 (tabled in HoR 04.04.2019)	
LE (Joint)	Impact of new and emerging information and communication technology (tabled in HoR 04.04.2019)	
LE (Joint)	Theft and export of motor vehicles and parts (tabled in HoR 04.04.2019)	
LCA (Leg)	National Integrity Commission Bill 2018 [Provisions], National Integrity (Parliamentary Standards) Bill 2018 [Provisions] and National Integrity Commission Bill 2018 (No. 2) (presented OOS 05.04.2019)	
LCA (Ref)	Resolution of disputes with financial service providers within the justice system (presented OOS 08.04.2019)	
ECO (Leg)	Banking System Reform (Separation of Banks) Bill 2019 (presented OOS 08.05.2019)	
RRAT (Ref)	Operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities (presented OOS 07.06.2019)	
ECO (Ref)	*Regional inequality in Australia–Interim report (presented OOS 28.06.2019)	
Fair Dinkum Power (Select)	Report (presented OOS 28.06.2019)	

* *Reports that did not discharge a reference*

Estimates reports:

There were 16 reports tabled during the reporting period.

Reports on Annual Reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 5 reports.

Government Responses to Committee reports

During the reporting period, 21 Government responses to Senate Committee reports were tabled/presented. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) Bill 2018 [Provisions] (presented OOS 10.12.2018; report tabled 18.06.2018)	12.02.2019
RRAT (Ref)	Effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector (presented OOS 17.12.2018; Interim report tabled 04.05.2016, Final report tabled 12.09.2017)	
CA (Ref)	Value and affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs (presented OOS 19.12.2018; report tabled 19.12.2017)	
Red Tape (Select)	Interim report—Effect of red tape on health services (presented OOS 19.12.2018; report tabled 28.03.2018)	
RRAT (Ref)	Australia’s rail industry (presented OOS 19.12.2018; report tabled 18.10.2017)	
EE (Ref)	They never came home—the framework surrounding the prevention, investigation and prosecution of industrial deaths in Australia (presented OOS 20.12.2018; report tabled 17.10.2018)	
EE (Ref)	Work health and safety of workers in the offshore petroleum industry (presented OOS 08.01.2019; report tabled 23.08.2018)	12.02.2019 (2)
Health (Select)	Fifth interim report—Black Lung: ‘It has buggered my life’ (presented OOS 07.02.2019; report tabled 28.04.2016)	
FADT (Ref)	Australia’s trade and investment relationships with the countries of Africa (report tabled 21.06.2018)	14.02.2019 (1)
NBN (Joint)	2nd report of the 45th Parliament—The rollout of the NBN in rural and regional areas (presented OOS 19.02.2019; report tabled 19.11.2018)	02.04.2019 (10)
CA (Ref)	Science of mitochondrial donation and related matters (presented OOS 20.02.2019; report tabled 27.06.2018)	
ECO (Ref)	Australia’s steel industry: forging ahead (presented OOS 21.02.2019; report tabled 01.12.2017)	
EC (Ref)	Gaming micro-transactions for chance-based items (presented OOS 06.03.2019; report tabled 27.11.2018)	
NDIS (Joint)	NDIS ICT Systems (presented OOS 07.03.2019; report tabled 21.12.2018)	

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NDIS (Joint)	Provision of assistive technology under the NDIS (presented OOS 07.03.2019; report tabled 12.12.2018)	02.04.2019 <i>continued</i>
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protections) Bill 2017 (presented OOS 13.03.2019; report tabled 22.03.2018)	
FPA (Ref)	Progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 1999 Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance (presented OOS 15.03.2019; report tabled 07.06.2013)	
FADT (Ref)	Use of the Quinoline anti-malarial drugs Mefloquine and Tafenoquine in the Australian Defence Force (presented OOS 15.03.2019; report tabled 04.12.2018)	
FPA (Ref)	Digital delivery of government services (presented OOS 01.04.2019; report tabled 27.06.2018)	
RRAT (Leg)	Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Regulation) Bill 2018 [Provisions]	03.04.2019 (1)
RRAT (Ref)	The independence of regulatory decisions made by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (presented OOS 05.04.2019; report tabled 01.02.2019)	Presented OOS (7)
CA (Ref)	Accessibility and quality of mental health services in rural and remote Australia (presented OOS 09.04.2019; report tabled 04.12.2018)	
CFS (Joint)	Whistleblower protections (presented OOS 09.04.2019; report tabled 13.09.2017)	
EC (Ref)	Risks and opportunities associated with the use of the bumblebee population in Tasmania for commercial pollination purposes (presented OOS 10.04.2019; report tabled 13.06.2017)	
RRAT (Ref)	Need for regulation of mobility scooters, also known as motorised wheelchairs (presented OOS 10.04.2019; report tabled 20.09.2018)	
FADT (Ref)	Proposed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (presented OOS 12.04.2019; report tabled 18.09.2018)	
LCA (Leg)	Customs Amendment (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Implementation) Bill 2018 [Provisions] and Customs Tariff Amendment (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Implementation) Bill 2018 [Provisions] (presented OOS 12.04.2019; report tabled 10.10.2018)	

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

<i>Legislation</i>	LP/NAT	ALP	AG	Minor Parties	Multi-Party
Additional Comments	–	17	3	2	–
Dissenting Reports	–	7	13	5	–
<i>References</i>	LP/NAT	ALP	AG	Minor Parties	Multi-Party
Additional Comments	5	4	8	2	–
Dissenting Reports	7	–	1	–	–
<i>Selection/Joint</i>	LP/NAT	ALP	AG	Minor Parties	Multi-Party
Additional Comments	–	1	1	2	–
Dissenting Reports	–	–	–	–	–

* *These statistics record the signatory to the reports*

LP/NAT (Liberal Party, National Party), ALP (Australian Labor Party), AG (Australian Greens), minor parties include Australian Conservatives, Centre Alliance, Derryn Hinch's Justice Party, Liberal Democratic Party, Pauline Hanson's One Nation and United Australia Party.

Extension of time to present reports

During the reporting period, there were 10 extensions of time – 2 of one week or less; 3 of over a week; 5 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 28 occasions.

Appointment of Committees

Nil

Change of Committee Name

Nil

