

PART SIX

1 January 2021–30 June 2021

**Legislative and General Purpose
Standing Committees administered
by the Senate Committee Office
1 January 2021–30 June 2021**

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 January 2021 - 30 June 2021

	Matters current as at 1 January 2021	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2021
Legislation	1	10	7 + (1**)	4
References	3	2	2	3
Total	4	12	9	7

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	2	5:22	7	15	1:47	0	24
References	3	10:24	0	13	5:05	0	16
Total	5	15:46	7	28	6:52	0	40
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							90:38

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

Witnesses				
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	163	28	0	0
References	0	0	38	2
Total	163	28	38	2

* Includes referral of Annual reports x 1; Estimates x 2

**Progress report

Community Affairs (Legislation)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	16.03.2021
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP)	11.02.2020
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	05.12.2019
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	02.07.2019
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019–11.02.2020
Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP)	02.07.2019–16.03.2021
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019–05.12.2019
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ¹	20.05.2021–20.05.2021
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ³	27.10.2020–27.10.2020
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP) ⁴	05.03.2020–05.03.2020
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP) ⁵	26.10.2020–26.10.2020
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP) ⁶	25.03.2021–25.03.2021
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP) ⁷	21.06.2021–21.06.2021

¹ Replaced Senator Dean Smith on 20 May 2021

² Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2019 from 4pm

³ Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 27 October 2020 from 7.30pm until 8.30pm

⁴ Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 5 March 2020 from 6pm

⁵ Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 26 October 2020 from 7.30pm until 8.30pm

⁶ Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2020-21 Additional estimates on 25 March 2021 from 5.30pm

⁷ Replaced Senator Askew on 21 June 2021

Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) ⁸	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ⁹	23.10.2019–23.10.2019
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ¹⁰	06.11.2019–06.11.2019
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹¹	29.10.2020–29.10.2020
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP) ¹²	08.11.2019–08.11.2019
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹³	23.10.2019–23.10.2019

⁸ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2019 from 4pm

⁹ Replaced Senator McCarthy for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2019 from 7.30pm

¹⁰ Replaced Senator McCarthy on 6 November 2019

¹¹ Replaced Senator McCarthy for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 29 October 2020 for the evening sessions

¹² Replaced Senator Dean Smith on 8 November 2019

¹³ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2019 from 7.30pm

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2021 tabled 24.02.2021	Ongoing
Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Financial Transparency) Bill 2020	18.06.2020 (SB)	14.05.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference	24.06.2021	No

New References

01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Additional estimates 2020–21	18.02.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 88— 18 February 2021, p. 3110)	24–25 March 2021— Canberra 03.05.2021—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 20.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021 Report presented OOS 17.05.2021; tabled 15.06.2021	No
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Income Support) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	25.02.2021 (SB)	09.03.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 12.03.2021; tabled 15.03.2021	No
Budget estimates 2021–22	11.05.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 97— 11 May 2021, p. 3403)	01–04 June 2021— Canberra	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment (Royal Commission Response No. 1) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	27.05.2021 (Pursuant to order of the Senate of 13 May 2021)	Nil	Presented OOS 11.06.2021; tabled 15.06.2021	No
Medical and Midwife Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 [Provisions]	27.05.2021 (Pursuant to order of the Senate of 13 May 2021)	Nil	Presented OOS 10.06.2021; tabled 15.06.2021	No
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Portability Extensions) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	27.05.2021 (Pursuant to order of the Senate of 13 May 2021)	Nil	Presented OOS 10.06.2021; tabled 15.06.2021	No
National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Improving Supports for At Risk Participants) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	17.06.2021 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Mitochondrial Donation Law Reform (Maeve's Law) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	24.06.2021 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Consistent Waiting Periods for New Migrants) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	24.06.2021 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Nil

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

Community Affairs (References)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	05.02.2020
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	16.03.2021
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	02.07.2019
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)	05.12.2019–05.02.2020
Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP)	02.07.2019–16.03.2021
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019–05.12.2019
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP) ¹	11.02.2020–11.02.2020
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) ²	20.04.2021–20.04.2021
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ³	23.06.2021–23.06.2021
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ⁴	29.06.2021–29.06.2021
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) ⁵	03.02.2021–03.02.2021
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ⁶	06.11.2019–06.11.2019
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ⁷	13.11.2019–13.11.2019

¹ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 11 February 2020

² Replaced Senator Urquhart on 20 April 2021

³ Replaced Senator Askew on 23 June 2021

⁴ Replaced Senator Askew on 29 June 2021

⁵ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 3 February 2021

⁶ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 6 November 2019

⁷ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 13 November 2019

Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ⁸	03.02.2021–03.02.2021
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ⁹	31.07.2020–31.07.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹⁰	16.12.2019–16.12.2019
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹¹	03.08.2020–03.08.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹²	17.08.2020–17.08.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹³	17.08.2020–17.08.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹⁴	31.08.2020–31.08.2020
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP) ¹⁵	03.10.2019–03.10.2019
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP) ¹⁶	17.08.2020–17.08.2020
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP) ¹⁷	29.06.2021–29.06.2021

⁸ Replaced Senator McCarthy on 3 February 2021

⁹ Replaced Senator Hughes for the committee's inquiry into Centrelink's compliance program on 31 July 2020

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Ciccone on 16 December 2019

¹¹ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 3 August 2020

¹² Replaced Senator Urquhart for the committee's inquiry into Centrelink's compliance program on 17 August 2020

¹³ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 17 August 2020

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 31 August 2020

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Askew on 3 October 2019

¹⁶ Replaced Senator McCarthy for the committee's inquiry into Centrelink's compliance program on 17 August 2020

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 29 June 2021

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Centrelink's compliance program	31.07.2019	29.03.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference	Nil	Yes
Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	09.09.2019	10.03.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference	17.03.2021	No
Investigations into a possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula, Victoria	17.10.2019	20.04.2021—Barwon Heads VIC with teleconference	Presented OOS 30.06.2021	No

New References

01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Administration of registration and notifications by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and related entities	18.03.2021	Nil	Nil	Yes
Purpose, intent and adequacy of the Disability Support Pension (DSP)	13.05.2021	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Second Interim report—Centrelink's compliance program	11.02.2021 OOS	01.09.2020
Current barriers to patient access to medicinal cannabis in Australia	04.03.2021 OOS	25.03.2020

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



Economics

Economics

1 January 2021 - 30 June 2021

	Matters current as at 1 January 2021	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2021
Legislation	2	11	10 + (3**)	3
References	4	1	1 + (1**)	4
Total	6	12	11	7

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	8	47:26	6	58:22	22	3:58	0	0:00	36	109:46
References	5	24:42	0	0:00	8	0:33	0	0:00	13	25:15
Total	13	72:08	6	58:22	30	4:31	0	0:00	49	135:01

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Legislation	1	4	0	0	0	0
References	2	1	0	0	0	0
Total	3	5	0	0	0	0

Witnesses			
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General
Legislation	410	140	0
References	0	31	34
Total	410	171	34

	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	242	0
References	19	2
Total	261	2

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 2

**Progress and Interim reports

Economics (Legislation)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 13.05.2021)</i> <i>(Acting Deputy Chair 16.04.2021–13.05.2021)</i>	13.05.2021
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP) <i>(Acting Chair on 07.04.2021)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS)	02.07.2019
Senator Rex Patrick (SA, IND)	02.07.2019
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	16.03.2021
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 04.07.2019–05.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019–05.02.2020
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 17.06.2020–16.04.2021)</i>	16.06.2020–13.05.2021
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 06.02.2020–16.06.2020)</i>	05.02.2020–16.06.2020
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(Acting Deputy Chair 26.10.2020–27.10.2020)</i>	02.07.2019–16.03.2021
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) ¹	28.10.2020–29.10.2020
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP) ²	27.10.2020–27.10.2020
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP) ³	16.04.2021–13.05.2021
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁴	26.10.2020–26.10.2020
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP) ⁵	26.10.2020–26.10.2020

¹ Replaced Senator McDonald for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 28 and 29 October 2020

² Replaced Senator Gallacher for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 27 October 2020

³ Replaced Senator Gallacher from 16 April 2021

⁴ Replaced Senator McDonald for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 26 October 2020 from 9am until 3pm

⁵ Replaced Senator Gallacher for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 26 October 2020

Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ⁶	26.10.2020–26.10.2020
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ⁷	27.10.2020–27.10.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ⁸ <i>(Acting Deputy Chair on 28.10.2020)</i>	28.10.2020–28.10.2020
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) ⁹ <i>(Acting Chair 26.10.2020–29.10.2020)</i>	19.10.2020–02.11.2020
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ¹⁰	02.03.2020–06.03.2020
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ¹¹ <i>(Acting Deputy Chair on 29.10.2020)</i>	29.10.2020–29.10.2020
Senator Amanda Stoker (QLD, LP) <i>(Acting Chair 27.10.2020 from 7.15pm)</i>	27.10.2020–27.10.2020

⁶ Replaced Senator McDonald for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 26 October 2020 from 3pm

⁷ Replaced Senator McDonald for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 27 October 2020

⁸ Replaced Senator Gallacher for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 28 October 2020

⁹ Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates from 19 October 2020 to 2 November 2020

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Kitching for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates from 2 March 2020 until 6 March 2020

¹¹ Replaced Senator Gallacher for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 29 October 2020

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2021 tabled 24.02.2021	Ongoing
National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Supporting Economic Recovery) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	10.12.2020 (SB)	19.02.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference 26.02.2021— Canbera with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 12.03.2021; tabled 15.03.2021	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	10.12.2020 (SB)	22.01.2021—Canberra with videoconference 01.02.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Presented OOS 12.02.2021; tabled 15.02.2021	No

Other Committee Activities

01.01.2021–30.06.2021

	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled 01.01.2021–30.06.2021
Nil	Nil	Nil

New References
01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
COAG Reform Fund Amendment (No Electric Vehicle Taxes) Bill 2020	04.02.2021 (SB)	22.04.2021—Melbourne	Progress report presented OOS 21.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021 Report presented OOS 07.05.2021; tabled 11.05.2021	No
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Benefit to Australia) Bill 2020	04.02.2021 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 11.03.2021; tabled 15.03.2021	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Future, Your Super) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	18.02.2021 (SB)	07.04.2021—Sydney 08.04.2021—Melbourne with teleconference	Progress report presented OOS 21.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021 Report presented OOS 29.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	18.02.2021 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 12.03.2021; tabled 15.03.2021	No
Additional estimates 2020–21	18.02.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 88— 18 February 2021, p. 3110)	24–25 March 2021— Canberra	Presented OOS 20.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Benefit to Australia) Bill 2020, with particular reference to retention leases, decommissioning costs and offshore domestic gas reserve obligations	17.03.2021	18.06.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Progress report presented OOS 28.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021 Report presented OOS 30.06.2021	No
Budget estimates 2021–22	11.05.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 97—11 May 2021, p. 3403)	01–04 June 2021—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 4) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	26.05.2021 (<i>Pursuant to order of the Senate of 13 May 2021</i>)	Nil	Presented OOS 03.06.2021; tabled 15.06.2021	No
Coronavirus Economic Response Package Amendment (Ending Jobkeeper Profitteering) Bill 2021	24.06.2021 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response—Better Advice) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	24.06.2021 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Nil

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

Economics (References)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.05.2021)</i> <i>(Acting Chair 16.04.2021–13.05.2021)</i>	13.05.2021
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Rex Patrick (SA, IND)	02.07.2019
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	02.07.2019
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(Chair 04.07.2019–05.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019–05.02.2020
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(Chair 17.06.2020–16.04.2021)</i>	16.06.2020–13.05.2021
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <i>(Chair 06.02.2020–16.06.2020)</i>	05.02.2020–16.06.2020
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP) ¹	16.04.2021–13.05.2021
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) ² <i>(Acting Chair on 07.08.2020)</i>	07.08.2020–07.08.2020
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) ³ <i>(Acting Chair on 14.08.2020)</i>	14.08.2020–14.08.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ⁴	15.05.2020–15.05.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ⁵ <i>(Acting Chair on 07.08.2020)</i>	07.08.2020–07.08.2020

¹ Replaced Senator Gallacher from 16 April 2021

² Replaced Senator Gallacher for the committee's inquiry into foreign investment proposals on 7 August 2020 from 1pm

³ Replaced Senator Gallacher for the committee's inquiry into Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability on 14 August 2020

⁴ Replaced Senator Kitching for the committee's inquiry into foreign investment proposals on 15 May 2020

⁵ Replaced Senator Gallacher for the committee's inquiry into foreign investment proposals on 7 August 2020 from 9am until 1pm

Former subcommittee members⁶	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	18.09.2020–18.09.2020
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)	18.09.2020–18.09.2020
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	18.09.2020–18.09.2020
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	18.09.2020–18.09.2020

⁶ Inquiry into underpayment of employees' remuneration on 18 September 2020

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Australia's oil and gas reserves	19.09.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability	19.09.2019	05.02.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Interim report presented OOS 28.05.2021; tabled 15.06.2021	Yes
Causes, extent and effects of unlawful non-payment or underpayment of employees' remuneration by employers and measures that can be taken to address the issue	13.11.2019	10.03.2021—Sydney with teleconference 11.03.2021—Melbourne	Nil	Yes
Review of foreign investment proposals against the national interest test	04.12.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes

New References

01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	16.03.2021	09.06.2021—Canberra with videoconference 10.06.2021—Sydney with teleconference	Presented OOS 30.06.2021	No

Government Responses

01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Foreign Bribery	16.02.2021	28.03.2018

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Australia's dairy industry: rebuilding trust and a fair market for farmers	24.06.2021	17.08.2017

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

Education and Employment

Education and Employment

1 January 2021 - 30 June 2021

	Matters current as at 1 January 2021	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2021
Legislation	2	5	4 + (1**)	3
References	1	0	1	0
Total	3	5	5	3

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	4	22:41	6	61:13	0:49	0	25
References	1	2:49	0	0:00	0:11	0	5
Total	5	25:30	6	61:13	1:00	0	30
							Total Hours
							84:43
							3:00
							87:43

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

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	132	92	0	0
References	0	0	7	0
Total	132	92	7	0

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 2

**Progress report

Education and Employment (Legislation)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS)	02.07.2019
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	02.07.2019
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Ben Small (WA, LP)	13.05.2021
Former member	Term of appointment
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP)	02.07.2019–13.05.2021
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP) ¹	28.10.2020–28.10.2020
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) ²	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ³	04.06.2021–04.06.2021
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP) ⁴	03.06.2021–03.06.2021
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁵	23.10.2019–23.10.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁶	05.12.2019–05.12.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁷	04.03.2020–04.03.2020
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁸	26.10.2020–26.10.2020

¹ Replaced Senator Pratt for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 28 October 2020

² Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2019 from 4pm

³ Replaced Senator Davey for the consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 4 June 2021 from 12.45pm to 6pm

⁴ Replaced Senator Small for the consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 3 June 2021 from 4pm to 5pm

⁵ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2019 from 7.30pm

⁶ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 5 December 2019 from 6pm until 8pm

⁷ Replaced Senator Pratt for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 4 March 2020

⁸ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 26 October 2020 from 9am to 12pm and from 7pm

⁹ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 27 October 2020 from 9am to 12pm

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2021 tabled 24.02.2021	Ongoing
Australian Education Legislation Amendment (Prohibiting the Indoctrination of Children) Bill 2020	10.12.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Fair Work Amendment (Supporting Australia's Jobs and Economic Recovery) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	10.12.2020 (SB)	08.02.2021—Townsville QLD with teleconference 10.02.2021—Adelaide 19.02.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 12.03.2021; tabled 15.03.2021	No

New References

01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Additional estimates 2020–21	18.02.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 88— 18 February 2021, p. 3110)	24–25 March 2021— Canberra	Presented OOS 20.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021	No
Budget estimates 2021–22	11.05.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 97— 11 May 2021, p. 3403) ✓	01–04 June 2021— Canberra	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Streamlined Participation Requirements and Other Measures) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	27.05.2021 (Pursuant to order of the Senate of 13 May 2021)	11.06.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference	Progress report presented OOS 03.06.2021; tabled 15.06.2021 Report presented OOS 18.06.2021; tabled 21.06.2021	No
Sex Discrimination and Fair Work (Respect at Work) Amendment Bill 2021	24.06.2021 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses *01.01.2021–30.06.2021*

Nil

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

Education and Employment (References)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	02.07.2019
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Ben Small (WA, LP)	13.05.2021
Former member	Term of appointment
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP)	02.07.2019–13.05.2021

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2021–30.06.2021</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2021</i>
Regulation of the relationship between car manufacturers and car dealers in Australia (<i>formerly</i> General Motors Holden in Australia) (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 72—11 November 2020, p.2541)	27.02.2020	05.02.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Driving a fairer deal: Regulation of the relationship between car manufacturers and car dealers in Australia; tabled 18.03.2021	No

New References
01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Nil

Government Responses
01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Nil

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

Environment and Communications

Environment and Communications

1 January 2021 - 30 June 2021

	Matters current as at 1 January 2021	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2021
Legislation	4	10	10 + (4**)	4
References	5	2	4 + (7**)	3
Total	9	12	14	7

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	5	22:17	9	76:01	20	2:17	34
References	7	33:51	0	0:00	19	3:24	26
Total	12	56:08	9	76:01	39	5:41	60
							Total Hours
							100:35
							37:15
							137:50

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Legislation	34	0	0	0	0	0
References	26	0	0	0	0	0
Total	60	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	14	420	0	1
References	7	0	99	0
Total	21	420	99	1

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 2

**Progress reports

Environment and Communications (Legislation)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 19.09.2019)</i>	16.09.2019
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	08.10.2020
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	05.12.2019
Senator Sam McMahon (NT, CLP)	02.07.2019
Senator David Van (VIC, LP)	02.07.2019
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(Deputy Chair 04.07.2019–16.09.2019)</i>	04.07.2019–16.09.2019
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP)	04.07.2019–08.10.2020
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	04.07.2019–05.12.2019
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP) ¹	24.05.2021–24.05.2021
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ²	25.05.2021–25.05.2021
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ³	24.06.2021–24.06.2021
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) ⁴	19.04.2021–19.04.2021
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁵	23.03.2021–23.03.2021
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁶	26.03.2021–26.03.2021

¹ Replaced Senator Van for the committee's consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 24 May 2021 from 2pm

² Replaced Senator Van for the committee's consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 25 May 2021 from 7pm

³ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 24 June 2021

⁴ Replaced Senator Green for the committee's inquiry into the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020 on 19 April 2021

⁵ Replaced Senator McMahon for the consideration of the 2020-21 Additional estimates on 23 March 2021

⁶ Replaced Senator McMahon for the consideration of the 2020-21 Additional estimates on 26 March 2021

Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁷	04.05.2021–04.05.2021
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁸	07.06.2021–07.06.2021
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) ⁹	22.10.2019–22.10.2019
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) ¹⁰	03.05.2021–03.05.2021
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ¹¹	19.04.2021–19.04.2021
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) ¹²	07.06.2021–07.06.2021
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ¹³	26.03.2021–26.03.2021
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ¹⁴	21.10.2019–21.10.2019
Senator Ben Small (WA, LP) ¹⁵	22.03.2021–23.03.2021
Senator Ben Small (WA, LP) ¹⁶	27.05.2021–27.05.2021
Senator Ben Small (WA, LP) ¹⁷	07.06.2021–07.06.2021
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) ¹⁸	24.05.2021–24.05.2021
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP) ¹⁹	12.05.2021–12.05.2021
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ²⁰	13.05.2021–13.05.2021
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ²¹	07.06.2021–07.06.2021
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ²²	12.09.2019–16.09.2019
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ²³	19.09.2019–17.02.2021

⁷ Replaced Senator McMahon for the committee's inquiry into the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standards and Assurance) Bill 2021 [Provisions] on 4 May 2021

⁸ Replaced Senator McMahon for the committee's inquiry into the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021 [Provisions] on 7 June 2021 from 1pm

⁹ Replaced Senator Marielle Smith for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 22 October 2019

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Green for the consideration of the 2020-21 Additional estimates on 3 May 2021

¹¹ Replaced Senator McMahon for the committee's inquiry into the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020 on 19 April 2021

¹² Replaced Senator McMahon for the consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 7 June 2021

¹³ Replaced Senator Green for the consideration of the 2020-21 Additional estimates on 26 March 2021 from 11am

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Marielle Smith for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 21 October 2019

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Van for the committee's consideration of the 2020-21 Additional estimates on 22 March and 23 March 2021

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Van for the committee's consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 27 May 2021 from 6pm

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Van for the committee's consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 7 June 2021

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Van for the committee's consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 24 May 2021 from 9am until 2pm

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 12 May 2021

²⁰ Replaced Senator Green on 13 May 2021

²¹ Replaced Senator Green for the consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 7 June 2021

²² Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019

²³ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2021 tabled 24.02.2021	Ongoing
Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019	12.09.2019 (SB)	Nil	17.02.2021	No
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2020	27.02.2020 (SB)	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 16.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021	Yes
National Collecting Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions]	10.12.2020 (SB)	28.01.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Presented OOS 11.02.2021; tabled 15.02.2021	No
Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Bill 2020 [Provisions], Industrial Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions], Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (General) Bill 2020 [Provisions], Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (Customs) Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (Excise) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	10.12.2020 (SB)	Nil	Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Bill 2020 [Provisions] and related bills presented OOS 11.03.2021; tabled 15.03.2021	No

New References
01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020	18.02.2021 (SB)	19.04.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference	13.05.2021	No
Additional estimates 2020–21	18.02.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 88—18 February 2021, p. 3110)	22–23 March 2021—Canberra 03.05.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference	Progress report presented OOS 16.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021 Report presented OOS 25.05.2021; tabled 15.06.2021	No
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Save the Koala) Bill 2021	25.02.2021 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standards and Assurance) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	25.02.2021 (SB)	04.05.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Progress report presented OOS 26.05.2021, tabled 15.06.2021 Report presented OOS 08.06.2021; tabled 15.06.2021	No
Online Safety Bill 2021 [Provisions] and Online Safety (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	25.02.2021 (SB)	05.03.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Progress report presented OOS 09.03.2021; tabled 15.03.2021 Report presented OOS 12.03.2021; tabled 15.03.2021	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Amendment Bill 2021 [Provisions]	18.03.2021 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 05.05.2021; tabled 11.05.2021	No
Interactive Gambling Amendment (Prohibition on Credit Card Use) Bill 2020 Budget estimates 2021–22	18.03.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
	11.05.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 97— 11 May 2021, p. 3403)	24–27 May 2021— Canberra 07.06.2021—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	13.05.2021 (SB)	07.06.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Presented OOS 18.06.2021; tabled 21.06.2021	No

Government Responses 01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Future of Australia Post's service delivery <i>SB (Selection of Bills Committee) OOS (Out of session)</i>	21.01.2021 OOS	25.08.2020

Environment and Communications (References)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 19.09.2019)</i>	16.09.2019
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	08.10.2020
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator Sam McMahon (NT, CLP)	02.07.2019
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	04.07.2019
Substitute members	Date of appointment
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ¹	30.11.2020
Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP) ²	24.06.2021
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) ³	24.06.2021
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(Chair 04.07.2019–16.09.2019)</i>	04.07.2019–16.09.2019
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP)	04.07.2019–08.10.2020
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁴	12.04.2021–13.04.2021
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁵	27.04.2021–27.04.2021
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁶	03.05.2021–03.05.2021

¹ Replaces Senator Urquhart for the committee's inquiry into media diversity in Australia

² Replaces Senator Urquhart for the committee's inquiry into oil and gas exploration and production in the Beetaloo Basin

³ Replaces Senator Bilyk for the committee's inquiry into oil and gas exploration and production in the Beetaloo Basin

⁴ Replaced Senator Green on 12 and 13 April 2021

⁵ Replaced Senator Green on 27 April 2021

⁶ Replaced Senator Green on 3 May 2021

Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁷	13.05.2021–13.05.2021
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁸	24.05.2021–24.05.2021
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁹	24.06.2021–24.06.2021
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ¹⁰	15.10.2019–10.12.2020
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP) ¹¹	23.08.2019–23.08.2019
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹² <i>(Inquiry Chair from 25.07.2019)</i>	24.07.2019–16.09.2019
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) ¹³	13.04.2021–13.04.2021
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) ¹⁴	27.04.2021–27.04.2021
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) ¹⁵	03.05.2021–03.05.2021
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ¹⁶	18.10.2019–18.10.2019
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ¹⁷	27.04.2021–27.04.2021
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ¹⁸	03.05.2021–03.05.2021
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LP) ¹⁹	12.04.2021–12.04.2021
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP) ²⁰	24.05.2021–24.05.2021
Senator David Van (VIC, LP) ²¹	13.04.2021–13.04.2021
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ²² <i>(Inquiry Chair from 04.12.2019)</i>	03.12.2019–10.06.2021

⁷ Replaced Senator Green on 13 May 2021

⁸ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 24 May 2021

⁹ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 24 June 2021

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Green for the committee's inquiry into the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment

¹¹ Replaced Senator Green for the committee's inquiry into Australia's faunal extinction crisis on 23 August 2019

¹² Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information

¹³ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 13 April 2021

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 27 April 2021

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 3 May 2021

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Urquhart for the committee's inquiry into the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information on 18 October 2019 from 12.30pm

¹⁷ Replaced Senator McMahon on 27 April 2021

¹⁸ Replaced Senator McMahon on 3 May 2021

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Fawcett on 12 April 2021 between 12.15pm and 2.15pm

²⁰ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 24 May 2021

²¹ Replaced Senator Fawcett on 13 April 2021

²² Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Australia's faunal extinction crisis	23.07.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia	23.07.2019	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 26.02.2021; tabled 15.03.2021 Second progress report presented OOS 28.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021 Report presented OOS 19.05.2021; tabled 15.06.2021	No
Press freedom (Adequacy of Commonwealth laws and frameworks covering the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information)	23.07.2019	Nil	Second progress report presented OOS 26.02.2021; tabled 15.03.2021 Third progress report presented OOS 28.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021 freedom of the press presented OOS 19.05.2021; tabled 15.06.2021	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment	16.09.2019	18.03.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Progress report presented OOS 21.05.2021; tabled 15.06.2021 Report presented OOS 10.06.2021; tabled 15.06.2021	No
Media diversity in Australia	11.11.2020	19.02.2021—Canberra 12.03.2021—Canberra with videoconference 12.04.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference	Nil	Yes

New References
01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Circumstances leading to Australia Post's CEO being stood down	25.02.2021	13.04.2021—Canberra with videoconference 27.04.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference 03.05.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Progress reported presented OOS 16.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021 Second progress report presented OOS 24.05.2021; tabled 15.06.2021 Report presented OOS 26.05.2021; tabled 15.06.2021	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Oil and gas exploration and production in the Beetaloo Basin, with particular reference to the Industry Research and Development (Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program) Instrument 2021	23.06.2021	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Nil

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

Finance and Public Administration

Finance and Public Administration

1 January 2021 - 30 June 2021

	Matters current as at 1 January 2021	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2021
Legislation	2	4	5	1
References	3	0	0	3
Total	5	4	5	4

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Hours
Legislation	2	7:22	8	13	5:30	0	91:42
References	6	24:04	0	8	0:30	0	24:34
Total	8	31:26	8	21	6:00	0	116:16

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	209	14	26	0
References	0	0	74	1
Total	209	14	100	1

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 2

Finance and Public Administration (Legislation)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.02.2021)</i>	03.02.2021
Senator Tim Ayres (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 06.02.2020)</i>	05.02.2020
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(Chair 04.07.2019–04.02.2021)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Malcolm Roberts (QLD, PHON)	04.07.2019
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 04.07.2019–05.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019–05.02.2020
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP)	02.07.2019–03.02.2021
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP) ¹	23.10.2020–23.10.2020
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP) ²	26.03.2021–26.03.2021
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ³	25.05.2021–25.05.2021
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ⁴	27.05.2021–27.05.2021
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ⁵	28.05.2021–28.05.2021
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁶	25.10.2019–25.10.2019
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁷	06.03.2020–06.03.2020

¹ Replaced Senator O'Sullivan for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 23 October 2020

² Replaced Senator Paterson for the consideration of the 2020-21 Additional estimates on 26 March 2021

³ Replaced Senator Paterson for the consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 25 May 2021 from 8pm

⁴ Replaced Senator Paterson for the consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 27 May 2021 from 1.30pm until 2pm

⁵ Replaced Senator Paterson for the consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 28 May 2021

⁶ Replaced Senator O'Sullivan for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 October 2019 from 12pm

⁷ Replaced Senator O'Sullivan for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 6 March 2020 from 12.30pm

Senator Pat Dodson (WA, ALP) ⁸	25.10.2019–25.10.2019
Senator Pat Dodson (WA, ALP) ⁹	06.03.2020–06.03.2020
Senator Pat Dodson (WA, ALP) ¹⁰	23.10.2020–23.10.2020
Senator Pat Dodson (WA, ALP) ¹¹	26.03.2021–26.03.2021
Senator Pat Dodson (WA, ALP) ¹²	28.05.2021–28.05.2021
Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP) ¹³	28.05.2021–28.05.2021
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ¹⁴	02.03.2020–02.03.2020
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) ¹⁵	03.03.2020–03.03.2020

⁸ Replaced Senator Kitching for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 October 2019

⁹ Replaced Senator Kitching for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 6 March 2020

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Kitching for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 23 October 2020

¹¹ Replaced Senator Kitching for the consideration of the 2020-21 Additional estimates on 26 March 2021

¹² Replaced Senator Kitching for the consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 28 May 2021

¹³ Replaced Senator Ayres for the consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 28 May 2021 from 12.30pm

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Scarr for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 2 March 2020 from 4pm to 5pm

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Scarr for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 3 March 2020 from 9am to 10.30am

Inquiries as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2021 tabled 24.02.2021	Ongoing
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2020	18.06.2020 (SB)	Nil	16.03.2021	No
Operation and management of the Department of Parliamentary Services	03.09.2020	18.06.2021—Canberra	Presented OOS 30.06.2021	No

New References 01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Data Availability and Transparency Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Data Availability and Transparency (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	04.02.2021 (SB)	20.04.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 29.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021	No
Additional estimates 2020–21	18.02.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 88— 18 February 2021, p. 3110)	22–23 and 26 March 2021—Canberra	Presented OOS 20.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021	No
Budget estimates 2021–22	11.05.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 97— 11 May 2021, p. 3403)	24–28 May 2021— Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Nil

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

Finance and Public Administration (References)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Tim Ayres (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 10.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.02.2021)</i>	03.02.2021
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 04.07.2019–04.02.2021)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Malcolm Roberts (QLD, PHON)	04.07.2019
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	05.02.2020
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(Chair 04.07.2019–06.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019–06.02.2020
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP)	02.07.2019–03.02.2021
Former substitute member	Term of appointment
Senator Amanda Stoker (QLD, LP) ¹	30.08.2019–30.08.2019

¹ Replaced Senator Paterson for the committee's inquiry into compliance with Ministerial Standards on 30 August 2019

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Lessons to be learned in relation to the 2019–20 Australian bushfire season	05.02.2020	02.03.2021—Canberra 17.03.2021—Canberra 28.04.2021—Sydney	Nil	Yes
Current capability of the Australian Public Service (APS)	01.12.2020	05.03.2021—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Planning, construction and management of the Western Sydney Airport project	09.12.2020	10.03.2021—Sydney 29.04.2021—Sydney with teleconference	Nil	Yes

New References
01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Nil

Government Responses
01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Lessons to be learned in relation to the 2019–20 Australian bushfire season—Interim report	06.05.2021 OOS	07.10.2020

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**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 January 2021 - 30 June 2021

	Matters current as at 1 January 2021	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2021
Legislation	1	3	3	1
References	1	4	1	4
Total	2	7	4	5

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	1	4:45	6	65:26	11	3:14	18
References	3	8:20	0	0:00	12	4:29	15
Total	4	13:05	6	65:26	23	7:43	33
							Total Hours
							73:25
							12:49
							86:14

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

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	153	0	24	0
References	0	0	31	0
Total	153	0	55	0

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 2

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Legislation)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Tim Ayres (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Jacqui Lambie (TAS, JLN)	02.07.2019
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Sam McMahon (NT, CLP) ¹	28.10.2020–28.10.2020
Senator Sam McMahon (NT, CLP) ²	01.06.2021–01.06.2021
Senator David Van (VIC, LP) ³	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator David Van (VIC, LP) ⁴	05.03.2020–05.03.2020

¹ Replaced Senator Fawcett for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 28 October 2020 from 7.30pm

² Replaced Senator Fawcett for the consideration of the 2021-22 Budget estimates on 1 June 2021 from 8pm

³ Replaced Senator Abetz for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2019 from 3.30pm

⁴ Replaced Senator Fawcett for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 5 March 2020 from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Inquiries as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2021 tabled 24.02.2021	Ongoing
Customs Amendment (Banning Goods Produced By Uyghur Forced Labour) Bill 2020	10.12.2020 (SB)	27.04.2021—Canberra with videoconference	17.06.2021	No

New References 01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Additional estimates 2020–21	18.02.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 88— 18 February 2021, p. 3110)	24–25 March 2021— Canberra	Presented OOS 20.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021	No
Budget estimates 2021–22	11.05.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 97— 11 May 2021, p. 3403)	01–04 June 2021— Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses 01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Nil

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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (References)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Tim Ayres (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Jacqui Lambie (TAS, JLN)	02.07.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019

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as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Issues facing diaspora communities in Australia	14.05.2020	Nil	04.02.2021	No

New References
01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Government funding for public research into foreign policy issues affecting Australia	25.02.2021	10.06.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Nil	Yes
Opportunities for advancing Australia's strategic interests through existing regional architecture	17.03.2021	Nil	Nil	Yes
TPI payment (Special Rate of Disability Pension)	18.03.2021	20.05.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Nil	Yes
Accuracy of information provided to Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) members	18.03.2021	20.05.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Nil

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

1 January 2021 - 30 June 2021

	Matters current as at 1 January 2021	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2021
Legislation	2	8	6 + (1**)	4
References	1	2	1	2
Total	3	10	7	6

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation References	3	10:12	7	68:57	16	2:05	0	0:00	26	81:14
	1	4:13	0	0:00	7	1:11	0	0:00	8	5:24
Total	4	14:25	7	68:57	23	3:16	0	0:00	34	86:38

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	10	140	13	3
References	1	0	13	2
Total	11	140	26	5

* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 2

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Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Legislation)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.02.2021)</i>	14.10.2019
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)	17.03.2021
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP)	03.02.2021
Senator Lidia Thorpe (VIC, AG)	06.10.2020
Senator David Van (VIC, LP)	03.02.2021
Substitute member	Date of appointment
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) ¹	16.06.2021
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP)	02.07.2019–03.02.2021
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP)	04.07.2019–17.03.2021
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	02.07.2019–06.10.2020
Senator the Hon Amanda Stoker (QLD, LP) <i>(Chair 04.07.2019–03.02.2021)</i>	02.07.2019–03.02.2021
Senator David Van (VIC, LP)	02.07.2019–14.10.2019
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP) ²	19.08.2019–27.08.2019
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ³	13.02.2020–19.08.2020
Senator Patrick Dodson (WA, ALP) ⁴	26.11.2019–19.08.2020

¹ Replaces Senator Carr for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Federal Family Violence Orders) Bill 2021

² Replaced Senator Van for certain meetings from 19 August 2019 to 27 August 2019

³ Replaced Senator Chisholm for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

⁴ Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) ⁵	21.10.2019–21.10.2019
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) ⁶	02.03.2020–02.03.2020
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) ⁷	19.10.2020–20.10.2020
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) ⁸	22.03.2021–22.03.2021
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) ⁹	24.05.2021–25.05.2021
Senator Jim Molan (NSW, LP) ¹⁰	22.03.2021–22.03.2021
Senator Jim Molan (NSW, LP) ¹¹	23.03.2021–23.03.2021
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ¹²	21.10.2019–21.10.2019
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹³	13.11.2019–19.08.2020
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹⁴	03.12.2019–10.03.2020

⁵ Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 21 October 2019 from 9am to 6.30pm

⁶ Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 2 March 2020

⁷ Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 19 and 20 October 2020

⁸ Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2020-21 Additional estimates on 22 March 2021

⁹ Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 24 May 2021 and 25 May 2021

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Van for the committee's consideration of the 2020-21 Additional estimates on 22 March 2021 between 12pm and 1pm

¹¹ Replaced Senator Van for the committee's consideration of the 2020-21 Additional estimates on 23 March 2021 at various times

¹² Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 21 October 2019 from 6.30pm

¹³ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

¹⁴ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Inquiries as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2021 tabled 24.02.2021	Ongoing
Judges' Pensions Amendment (Pension Not Payable for Misconduct) Bill 2020	03.12.2020 (SB)	23.04.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Presented OOS 20.05.2021; tabled 15.06.2021	No
Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	10.12.2020 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 19.02.2021; tabled 22.02.2021	No

New References 01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Migration and Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Information Provisions) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	04.02.2021 (SB)	02.03.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 10.03.2021; tabled 15.03.2021	No
Review of the operation of the <i>National Emergency Declaration Act 2020</i>	04.02.2021 (as per Section 18, <i>National Emergency Declaration Act 2020</i>)	10.06.2021—Canberra with teleconference	Presented OOS 30.06.2021	No
Additional estimates 2020–21	18.02.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 88— 18 February 2021, p. 3110)	22–23 March 2021— Canberra 14.04.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Progress report presented OOS 20.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021 Report presented OOS 28.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Budget estimates 2021–22	11.05.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 97—11 May 2021, p. 3403)	24–27 May 2021— Canberra	Nil	Yes
Family Law Amendment (Federal Family Violence Orders) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	13.05.2021 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019	17.06.2021 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021	24.06.2021 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combating Corporate Crime) Bill 2017	16.02.2021	20.04.2018
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combating Corporate Crime) Bill 2019	16.02.2021	17.03.2020
Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014	16.03.2021	11.08.2015

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
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Legal and Constitutional Affairs (References)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.02.2021)</i>	03.02.2021
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)	17.03.2021
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP)	03.02.2021
Senator Lidia Thorpe (VIC, AG)	06.10.2020
Substitute members	Date of appointment
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ¹	24.06.2021
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ²	24.06.2021
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP)	02.07.2019–03.02.2021
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP)	04.07.2019–17.03.2021
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	02.07.2019–06.10.2020
Senator the Hon Amanda Stoker (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019–03.02.2021

¹ Replaces Senator Thorpe for the committee's inquiry into anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regime

² Replaces Senator Green for the committee's inquiry into anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regime

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Nationhood, national identity and democracy	29.07.2019	Nil	16.02.2021	No

New References
01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Family and partner reunion visas	23.02.2021	25.06.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference	Nil	Yes
Adequacy and efficacy of Australia's anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regime	23.06.2021	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Adequacy of existing offences in the Commonwealth Criminal Code and of state and territory criminal laws to capture cyberbullying	15.04.2021 OOS	28.03.2018
Ability of Australian law enforcement authorities to eliminate gun-related violence in the community	24.06.2021	09.04.2015

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

**Rural & Regional Affairs
and Transport**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

1 January 2021 - 30 June 2021

	Matters current as at 1 January 2021	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2021
Legislation	1	5	3	3
References	6	1	1 + (2**)	6
Total	7	6	4	9

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	2	8:08	8	65:00	9	0:51	0	0:00	19	73:59
References	17	75:14	0	0:00	8	2:14	0	0:00	25	77:28
Total	19	83:22	8	65:00	17	3:05	0	0:00	44	151:27

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
References	3	3	0	0	0	0	4
Total	3	4	0	0	0	0	5

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	180	11	10	1
References	0	0	246	1
Total	180	11	256	2

* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 2

**Progress and Interim reports

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Chair on 09.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 09.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP)	16.03.2021
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	06.10.2020
Substitute member	Date of appointment
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ¹	16.03.2021
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	17.06.2020–18.06.2020
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	13.05.2020–17.06.2020
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	18.06.2020–16.03.2021
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)	04.07.2019–06.10.2020
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	11.02.2020–12.02.2020
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	02.07.2019–13.05.2020
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ²	22.03.2021–22.03.2021
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) ³	06.03.2020–06.03.2020

¹ Replaces Senator McCarthy for the committee's inquiry into Australia's general aviation industry

² Replaced Senator McCarthy for the committee's consideration of the 2020-21 Additional estimates on 22 March 2021

³ Replaced Senator Sterle for the committee's consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 6 March 2020

Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁴	09.12.2020–16.03.2021
Former subcommittee members⁵	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS) (Chair 20.11.2020–20.11.2020)	20.11.2020–20.11.2020
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) (Deputy Chair 20.11.2020–20.11.2020)	20.11.2020–20.11.2020
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	20.11.2020–20.11.2020

⁴ Replaced Senator Green for the committee's inquiry into Australia's general aviation industry

⁵ Inquiry into Australia's general aviation industry on 20 November 2020

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2021–30.06.2021</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2021</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2021 tabled 24.02.2021	Ongoing
Current state of Australia's general aviation industry	02.12.2019 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))	28.01.2021—Brisbane with teleconference	Nil	Yes

Committee Oversight Activities

01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2021–30.06.2021</i>	Reports Tabled <i>01.01.2021–30.06.2021</i>
Nil	Nil	Nil

New References

01.01.2021–30.06.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2021–30.06.2021</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2021</i>
Additional estimates 2020–21	18.02.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 88—18 February 2021, p. 3110)	22–23 and 26 March 2021—Canberra	Presented OOS 20.04.2021; tabled 11.05.2021	No
Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2020	22.02.2021 (see Standing Order 115(2)(a))	02.03.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Presented OOS 11.03.2021; tabled 15.03.2021	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2021–30.06.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2021
Budget estimates 2021–22	11.05.2021 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 97—11 May 2021, p. 3403)	24–28 May 2021— Canberra	Nil	Yes
Definitions of meat and other animal products	15.06.2021 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))	Nil	Nil	Yes

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Performance of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority	20.05.2021 OOS	17.06.2020

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Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (References)

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Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 09.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 09.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	17.06.2020
Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP)	16.03.2021
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	06.10.2020
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	02.07.2019–11.02.2020
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	12.06.2020–16.03.2021
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)	04.07.2019–06.10.2020
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	11.02.2020–17.06.2020
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	02.07.2019–12.06.2020
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ¹	29.07.2019–27.11.2019
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) ²	29.11.2019–12.06.2020
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ³	17.09.2019–08.10.2020
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ⁴	07.10.2020–08.10.2020

¹ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Feasibility of a National Horse Traceability Register

² Replaced Senator Watt for the committee's inquiry into water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef

³ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef

⁴ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef

Former subcommittee members⁵	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(Chair 08.09.2020–09.09.2020)</i>	08.09.2020–09.09.2020
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS) <i>(Deputy Chair 08.09.2020–09.09.2020)</i>	08.09.2020–09.09.2020
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	08.09.2020–09.09.2020

⁵ Inquiry into policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping on 8 and 9 September 2020

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Importance of a viable, safe, sustainable and efficient road transport industry	11.09.2019	08.02.2021—Sydney with teleconference 09.02.2021—Sydney with teleconference 11.03.2021—Canberra 19.04.2021—Melbourne 20.04.2021—Melbourne 28.04.2021—Canberra with video and teleconference 29.04.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Progress report presented OOS 28.06.2021	Yes
Management of the Inland Rail project by the Australian Rail Track Corporation and the Commonwealth Government	17.09.2019	27.01.2021—Brisbane with teleconference 22.04.2021—Melbourne 08.06.2021—Gladstone QLD	Nil	Yes
Performance of Australia's dairy industry and the profitability of Australian dairy farmers since deregulation in 2000	17.10.2019	02.03.2021—Canberra with videoconference	18.03.2021	No
Federal Government's response to the drought, and the adequacy and appropriateness of policies and measures to support farmers, regional communities and the Australian economy	14.11.2019	18.06.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Nil	Yes

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Future of Australia's aviation sector, in the context of COVID-19 and conditions post-pandemic	09.11.2020	28.01.2021—Brisbane with teleconference 29.01.2021—Brisbane 10.02.2021—Sydney with teleconference 03.03.2021—Canberra with videoconference 04.03.2021—Canberra with videoconference	Interim report tabled 18.03.2021	Yes
Fisheries quota system	07.12.2020	Nil	Nil	Yes

New References

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Water Legislation Amendment (Inspector-General of Water Compliance and Other Measures) Act 2021 (<i>referred, upon Royal Assent, for examination of any potential further amendments to improve the operation of the Act</i>)	23.06.2021	Nil	Nil	Yes

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Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Regulatory approaches to ensure the safety of pet food	18.06.2021 OOS	16.10.2018

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