

**Committee-related
activity in the chamber
1 January 2021–30 June 2021**

Matters referred to Committees

During the reporting period, 49 matters were referred to Senate Committees for inquiry and report. This included 23 individual/packages of bills referred through the Selection of Bills Committee, 7 individual/packages of bills and 2 legislation matters referred to Legislation Committees, 1 bill and 11 matters referred to References Committees, 5 matters adopted by Joint Committees. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
ECO (Leg)	COAG Reform Fund Amendment (No Electric Vehicle Taxes) Bill 2020 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30.04.2021)	04.02.2021 (5)
FPA (Leg)	Data Availability and Transparency Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Data Availability and Transparency (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 29.04.2021)	
LCA (Leg)	Migration and Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Information Provisions) Bill 2020 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 10.03.2021)	
ECO (Leg)	Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Benefit to Australia) Bill 2020 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 11.03.2021)	
LCA (Leg)	Review of the operation of the <i>National Emergency Declaration Act 2020</i> (for inquiry and report by 30.06.2021)	
LE (Joint)	Operation of the <i>Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Special Operations and Special Investigations) Act 2019</i> (adopted by Committee for inquiry and report)	17.02.2021 (1)
EC (Leg)	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 11.05.2021)	18.02.2021 (3)
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Future, Your Super) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 22.04.2021)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 12.03.2021)	
RRAT (Leg)	Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2020 (for inquiry and report by 11.03.2021)	22.02.2021 (1)
LCA (Ref)	Family and partner reunion visas (for inquiry and report by 10.08.2021)	23.02.2021 (1)

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EC (Leg)	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Save the Koala) Bill 2021 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 02.12.2021)	25.02.2021 (6)
EC (Leg)	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standards and Assurance) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 01.06.2021)	
EC (Leg)	Online Safety Bill 2021 [Provisions] and Online Safety (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 11.03.2021)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Income Support) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 12.03.2021)	
EC (Ref)	Circumstances leading to Australia Post's CEO being stood down (for inquiry and report by 30.04.2021)	
FADT (Ref)	Government funding for public research into foreign policy issues affecting Australia (for inquiry and report by 17.06.2021)	
ECO (Ref)	Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (for inquiry and report by 30.06.2021)	16.03.2021 (1)
ECO (Leg)	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 (for inquiry and report by 06.05.2021)	17.03.2021 (3)
FADT (Ref)	Opportunities for advancing Australia's strategic interests through existing regional architecture (for inquiry and report by 05.08.2021)	
LE (Joint)	Vaccine related fraud and security risks (adopted by Committee for inquiry and report)	
EC (Leg)	Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Amendment Bill 2021 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 05.05.2021)	18.03.2021 (5)
EC (Leg)	Interactive Gambling Amendment (Prohibition on Credit Card Use) Bill 2020 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30.07.2021)	

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FADT (Ref)	TPI payment (Special Rate of Disability Pension) (for inquiry and report by 05.08.2021)	18.03.2021 <i>continued</i>
FADT (Ref)	Accuracy of information provided to Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) members (for inquiry and report by 24.06.2021)	
CA (Ref)	Administration of registration and notifications by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and related entities (for inquiry and report by 24.11.2021)	
CFS (Joint)	Mobile payment and digital wallet financial services (adopted by Committee for inquiry and report)	25.03.2021 (2)
CFS (Joint)	Regulation of the use of financial services such as credit cards and digital wallets for online gambling in Australia (adopted by Committee for inquiry and report)	
EC (Leg)	Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 17.06.2021)	13.05.2021 (3)
LCA (Leg)	Family Law Amendment (Federal Family Violence Orders) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 29.07.2021)	
CA (Ref)	Purpose, intent and adequacy of the Disability Support Pension (DSP) (for inquiry and report by 30.11.2021)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 4) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (pursuant to order of the Senate of 13 May 2021 for inquiry and report by 11.06.2021)	26.05.2021 (1)
CA (Leg)	Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment (Royal Commission Response No. 1) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (pursuant to order of the Senate of 13 May 2021 for inquiry and report by 11.06.2021)	27.05.2021 (4)
CA (Leg)	Medical and Midwife Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 [Provisions] (pursuant to order of the Senate of 13 May 2021 for inquiry and report by 11.06.2021)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Portability Extensions) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (pursuant to order of the Senate of 13 May 2021 for inquiry and report by 11.06.2021)	
EE (Leg)	Social Security Legislation Amendment (Streamlined Participation Requirements and Other Measures) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (pursuant to order of the Senate of 13 May 2021 for inquiry and report by 11.06.2021)	
RRAT (Leg)	Definitions of meat and other animal products (adopted by committee for inquiry and report by February 2022)	15.06.2021 (1)

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LE (Joint)	Law enforcement capabilities in relation to child exploitation (adopted by committee for inquiry and report)	16.06.2021 (1)
CA (Leg)	National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Improving Supports for At Risk Participants) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 12.08.2021)	17.06.2021 (2)
LCA (Leg)	Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 31.12.2021)	
EC (Ref)	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 (for inquiry and report by the first sitting Tuesday in March 2022)	23.06.2021 (3)
LCA (Ref)	Adequacy and efficacy of Australia's anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regime (for inquiry and report by 02.12.2021)	
RRAT (Ref)	Examine any potential further amendments to improve the operation of the Water Legislation Amendment (Inspector-General of Water Compliance and Other Measures) Act 2021 (<i>upon Royal Assent</i>) (for inquiry and report 6 months after Royal Assent)	
ECO (Leg)	Coronavirus Economic Response Package Amendment (Ending Jobkeeper Profiteering) Bill 2021 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 20.08.2021)	24.06.2021 (6)
LCA (Leg)	Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 13.08.2021)	
ECO (Leg)	Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response—Better Advice) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 28.07.2021)	
CA (Leg)	Mitochondrial Donation Law Reform (Maeve's Law) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 18.08.2021)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Consistent Waiting Periods for New Migrants) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 14.09.2021)	
EE (Leg)	Sex Discrimination and Fair Work (Respect at Work) Amendment Bill 2021 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 06.08.2021)	

Reports tabled by Senate Committees

During the reporting period, committees supported by the Senate Committee Office tabled/presented 70 reports. This included 39 Legislation Committee reports, 21 References Committee reports, 5 Select Committee reports and 5 Joint Committee reports. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
RRAT (Ref)	Policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping (presented OOS 15.12.2020)	Presented OOS
Tobacco Harm Reduction (Select)	Report (presented OOS 18.12.2020)	
CFS (Joint)	Litigation funding and the regulation of the class action industry (presented OOS 21.12.2020)	
FADT (Ref)	Issues facing diaspora communities in Australia	04.02.2021 (1)
EC (Leg)	National Collecting Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 (presented OOS 11.02.2021)	15.02.2021 (2)
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code) Bill 2020 (presented OOS 12.02.2021)	
LE (Joint)	An Australian Standard for the training and use of privately contracted security and detection dogs	16.02.2021 (2)
LCA (Ref)	Nationhood, national identity and democracy	
EC (Leg)	Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019	17.02.2021 (1)
LCA (Leg)	Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2020 [Provisions] (presented OOS 19.02.2021)	22.02.2021 (1)
COVID (Select)	*Second interim report: Public interest immunity claims	24.02.2021 (1)
EC (Ref)	*Impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia–Progress report (presented OOS 26.02.2021)	15.03.2021 (12)
EC (Ref)	*Press freedom–Progress report (presented OOS 26.02.2021)	
EC (Leg)	*Online Safety Bill 2021 [Provisions] and the Online Safety (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021 [Provisions]–Progress report (presented OOS 09.03.2021)	
LCA (Leg)	Migration and Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Information Provisions) Bill 2020 [Provisions] (presented OOS 10.03.2021)	

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ECO (Leg)	Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Benefit to Australia) Bill 2020 (presented OOS 11.03.2021)	15.03.2021 <i>continued</i>
EC (Leg)	Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Bill 2020 [Provisions] and related bills (presented OOS 11.03.2021)	
RRAT (Leg)	Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2020 (presented OOS 11.03.2021)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Income Support) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 12.03.2021)	
ECO (Leg)	National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Supporting Economic Recovery) Bill 2020 [Provisions] (presented OOS 12.03.2021)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 12.03.2021)	
EE (Leg)	Fair Work Amendment (Supporting Australia's Jobs and Economic Recovery) Bill 2020 [Provisions] (presented OOS 12.03.2021)	
EC (Leg)	Online Safety Bill 2021 [Provisions] and the Online Safety (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 12.03.2021)	
Family Law (Joint Select)	*Second interim report (tabled in HoR 15.03.2021)	16.03.2021 (2)
FPA (Leg)	Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2020	
CA (Ref)	Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	17.03.2021 (1)
EE (Ref)	Driving a fairer deal: Regulation of the relationship between car manufacturers and car dealers in Australia	18.03.2021 (4)
RRAT (Ref)	Performance of Australia's dairy industry and the profitability of Australian dairy farmers since deregulation in 2000	
RRAT (Ref)	*Future of Australia's aviation sector, in the context of COVID-19 and conditions post pandemic—Interim report	
Sports Grants (Select)	Final report	
EC (Ref)	*Australia Post—Progress report (presented OOS 16.04.2021)	11.05.2021 (13)
EC (Leg)	*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2020—Progress report (presented OOS 16.04.2021)	

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ECO (Leg)	*COAG Reform Fund Amendment (No Electric Vehicle Taxes) Bill 2020–Progress report (presented OOS 21.04.2021)	11.05.2021 <i>continued</i>
ECO (Leg)	*Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Future, Your Super) Bill 2021 [Provisions]–Progress report (presented OOS 21.04.2021)	
ECO (Leg)	*Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Benefit to Australia) Bill 2020–Progress report (presented OOS 28.04.2021)	
EC (Ref)	*Impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia–Second Progress report (presented OOS 28.04.2021)	
EC (Ref)	*Press freedom–Third Progress report (presented OOS 28.04.2021)	
Technology (Select)	*Second interim report (presented OOS 28.04.2021)	
Northern Australia agenda (Select)	Final report (presented OOS 28.04.2021)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Future, Your Super) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 29.04.2021)	
FPA (Leg)	Data Availability and Transparency Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Data Availability and Transparency (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020 [Provisions] (presented OOS 29.04.2021)	
EC (Leg)	Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Amendment Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 05.05.2021)	
ECO (Leg)	COAG Reform Fund Amendment (No Electric Vehicle Taxes) Bill 2020 (presented OOS 07.05.2021)	
LE (Joint)	Public communications campaigns targeting drug and substance abuse	12.05.2021 (1)
EC (Leg)	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020	13.05.2021 (1)
EC (Ref)	Impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia (presented OOS 19.05.2021)	15.06.2021 (15)
EC (Ref)	freedom of the press (presented OOS 19.05.2021)	
LCA (Leg)	Judges’ Pensions Amendment (Pension Not Payable for Misconduct) Bill 2020 (presented OOS 20.05.2021)	
EC (Ref)	*Impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment–Progress report (presented OOS 21.05.2021)	
EC (Ref)	*Australia Post–Second Progress report (presented OOS 24.05.2021)	

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EC (Leg)	*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standards and Assurance) Bill 2021–Progress report (presented OOS 26.05.2021)	15.06.2021 <i>continued</i>
EC (Ref)	Australia Post (presented OOS 26.05.2021)	
ECO (Ref)	*Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability Interim report: Future Submarine Program – ringing of bells, wringing of hands (presented OOS 28.05.2021)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 4) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 03.06.2021)	
EE (Leg)	*Social Security Legislation Amendment (Streamlined Participation Requirements and Other Measures) Bill 2021 [Provisions]–Progress report (presented OOS 03.06.2021)	
EC (Leg)	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standards and Assurance) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 08.06.2021)	
CA (Leg)	Medical and Midwife Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 10.06.2021)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Portability Extensions) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 10.06.2021)	
EC (Ref)	Making waves: the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment (presented OOS 10.06.2021)	
CA (Leg)	Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment (Royal Commission Response No. 1) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 11.06.2021)	
FADT (Leg)	Customs Amendment (Banning Goods Produced By Uyghur Forced Labour) Bill 2020	17.06.2021 (2)
NBN (Joint)	*Progress report (presented OOS 31.03.2021 HoR)	
EE (Leg)	Social Security Legislation Amendment (Streamlined Participation Requirements and Other Measures) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 18.06.2021)	21.06.2021 (2)
EC (Leg)	Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No.1) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 18.06.2021)	
LE (Joint)	COVID-19, criminal activity and law enforcement (tabled in HoR 21.06.2021)	23.06.2021 (1)
CA (Leg)	Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Financial Transparency) Bill 2020	24.06.2021 (2)
Job Security (Select)	*First interim report: on-demand platform work in Australia	

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RRAT (Ref)	*Importance of a viable, safe, sustainable and efficient road transport industry—Progress report (presented OOS 28.06.2021)	Presented OOS (6)
CA (Ref)	Investigations into a possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula, Victoria (presented OOS 30.06.2021)	
ECO (Ref)	Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No.1) Bill 2021 [Provisions] (presented OOS 30.06.2021)	
ECO (Leg)	Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Benefit to Australia) Bill 2020 (presented OOS 30.06.2021)	
FPA (Leg)	Operation and management of the Department of Parliamentary Services (presented OOS 30.06.2021)	
LCA (Leg)	<i>National Emergency Declaration Act 2020</i> (presented OOS 30.06.2021)	

* Reports that did not discharge a reference

Estimates reports:

There were 11 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, 16 Government responses to Senate Committee reports were tabled/presented. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
ACLEI (Joint)	Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2016–17 (presented OOS 17.12.2020; report tabled 03.04.2019)	Presented OOS
ACLEI (Joint)	Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2017–18 (presented OOS 17.12.2020; report tabled 26.02.2020)	
EC (Leg)	Future of Australia Post’s service delivery (presented OOS 21.01.2021; report tabled 25.08.2020)	02.02.2021 (1)
CA (Ref)	Second Interim report–Centrelink’s compliance program (presented OOS 11.02.2021; report tabled 01.09.2020)	15.02.2021 (1)
ECO (Ref)	Foreign Bribery (report tabled 28.03.2018)	16.02.2021 (3)
LCA (Leg)	Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2017 (report tabled 20.04.2018)	
LCA (Leg)	Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2019 (report tabled 17.03.2020)	
NDIS (Joint)	NDIS planning – Final report (report tabled 01.12.2020)	23.02.2021 (1)
CA (Ref)	Current barriers to patient access to medicinal cannabis in Australia (presented OOS 04.03.2021; report tabled 25.03.2020)	15.03.2021 (1)
LCA (Leg)	Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014 (report tabled 11.08.2015)	16.03.2021 (1)
Aboriginal Flag (Select)	Report (report tabled 13.10.2020)	17.03.2021 (1)
LCA (Ref)	Adequacy of existing offences in the Commonwealth Criminal Code and of state and territory criminal laws to capture cyberbullying (presented OOS 15.04.2021; report tabled 28.03.2018)	11.05.2021 (2)
FPA (Ref)	Lessons to be learned in relation to the Australian bushfire season 2019-20–Interim report (presented OOS 06.05.2021; report tabled 07.10.2020)	
NDIS (Joint)	General issues (1 st report of the 46 th Parliament) (presented OOS 20.05.2021; report tabled 10.12.2020)	15.06.2021 (2)

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RRAT (Leg)	Performance of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (presented OOS 20.05.2021; report tabled 17.06.2020)	15.06.2021 <i>continued</i>
RRAT (Ref)	Regulatory approaches to ensure the safety of pet food (presented OOS 18.06.2021; report tabled 16.10.2018)	21.06.2021 (1)
ECO (Ref)	Australia's dairy industry: rebuilding trust and a fair market for farmers (report tabled 17.08.2017)	24.06.2021 (2)
LCA (Ref)	Ability of Australian law enforcement authorities to eliminate gun-related violence in the community (report tabled 09.04.2015)	

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

<i>Legislation</i>	LP/NAT	ALP	AG	Minor Parties/IND	Multi- Party
Additional Comments	1	13	8	4	—
Dissenting Reports	—	9	11	6	—
Minority Reports	—	1	—	—	—
<i>References</i>	LP/NAT	ALP	AG	Minor Parties/IND	Multi- Party
Additional Comments	5	2	4	2	—
Dissenting Reports	5	—	—	—	—
<i>Select/Joint</i>	LP/NAT	ALP	AG	Minor Parties/IND	Multi- Party
Additional Comments	3	1	1	—	—
Dissenting Reports	1	—	1	1	—
Minority Reports	1	—	—	—	—

* *These statistics record the signatory to the reports*

LP/NAT (Liberal Party, National Party), ALP (Australian Labor Party), AG (Australian Greens), minor parties include CA (Centre Alliance), JLN (Jacqui Lambie Network), PHON (Pauline Hanson's One Nation).

Extension of time to present reports

During the reporting period, there were 61 extensions of time – 12 of one week or less; 11 of over a week; 38 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 101 occasions.

Appointment of Committees

Nil

Change of Committee Name

Nil