

PART SIX

1 January 2024–30 June 2024

**Legislative and General Purpose
Standing Committees administered
by the Senate Committee Office
1 January 2024–30 June 2024**

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 January 2024 - 30 June 2024

	Matters current as at 1 January 2024	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2024
Legislation	1	8	7	2
References	4	1	2 + (1**)	3
Total	5	9	9	5

Number of Meetings					
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	7	7	19	0	33
References	9	0	15	0	24
Total	16	7	34	0	57

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	18	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
Total	51	2	2	1	1	0	0	0

Witnesses					
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	284	171	0	515	1
References	0	0	211	270	2
Total	284	171	211	785	3

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

**Report on committee activity

Community Affairs (Legislation)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 27.03.2024)</i>	27.03.2024
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	18.03.2024
Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)	13.06.2023–04.12.2023
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, CLP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(Deputy Chair 02.08.2022–27.03.2024)</i>	26.07.2022–27.03.2024
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	04.12.2023–18.03.2024
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) ¹	22.08.2022–22.08.2022
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) ²	30.05.2023–02.06.2023
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) ³	05.06.2024–06.06.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ⁴	22.11.2023–22.11.2023
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS) ⁵	02.11.2023–02.11.2023

¹ Replaced Senator Brockman on 22 August 2022

² Replaced Senator Nampijinpa Price for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates from 30 May to 2 June 2023

³ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates from 5-6 June 2024

⁴ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 22 November 2023

⁵ Replaced Senator Kovacic for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023 and related bill from 10am until 11am on 2 November 2023

Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS) ⁶	27.03.2024–08.05.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁷	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP) ⁸	01.11.2023–01.11.2023
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP) ⁹	13.11.2023–13.11.2023
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹⁰	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP) ¹¹	18.08.2022–18.08.2022
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ¹²	09.11.2022–09.11.2022
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ¹³	31.05.2023–31.05.2023
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ¹⁴	03.06.2024–04.06.2024
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ¹⁵	17.08.2022–18.08.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ¹⁶	25.08.2022–25.08.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ¹⁷	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ¹⁸	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ¹⁹	29.09.2022–29.09.2022
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) ²⁰	24.03.2023–01.09.2023
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) ²¹	14.09.2023–09.11.2023

⁶ Replaced Senator Hughes for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024

⁷ Replaced Senator Nampijinpa Price for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022 from 7.30pm

⁸ Replaced Senator Liddle for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023 and related bill on 1 November 2023

⁹ Replaced Senator Liddle on 13 November 2023

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Pratt for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022 from 8.15pm

¹¹ Replaced Senator Brockman on 18 August 2022

¹² Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 9 November 2022 from 5pm

¹³ Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from 6pm

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 3-4 June 2024

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Brockman on 17 and 18 August 2022

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Brockman on 25 August 2022

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 12pm to 2.30pm

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 29 September 2022

²⁰ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Improving Access to Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2023

²¹ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Disability Services and Inclusion Bill 2023 and related bill

Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) ²²	14.09.2023–22.11.2023
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) ²³	27.03.2024–08.05.2024
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) ²⁴	27.03.2024–20.06.2024
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ²⁵	30.11.2023–05.02.2024
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ²⁶	01.06.2023–02.06.2023

²² Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023 and related bill

²³ Replaced Senator Allman-Payne for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024

²⁴ Replaced Senator Allman-Payne for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No.1) Bill 2024

²⁵ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Paid Parental Leave Amendment (More Support for Working Families) Bill 2023

²⁶ Replaced Senator Pratt for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 5pm and 2 June 2023 from 9am

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2024 tabled 20.03.2024	Ongoing
Paid Parental Leave Amendment (More Support for Working Families) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	19.10.2023 (SB)	23.01.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 05.02.2024; tabled 06.02.2024	No

New References

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Additional estimates 2023–24	07.02.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 96—7 February 2024, pp. 2853–4)	14–15 February 2024—Canberra 18.03.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 28.03.2024; tabled 14.05.2024	No
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Military Invalidity Payments Means Testing) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	29.02.2024 (SB)	27.03.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 10.04.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No
National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	27.03.2024 (SB)	21.05.2024—Canberra 22.05.2024—Canberra 14.06.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 20.06.2024; tabled 24.06.2024	No
Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	27.03.2024 (SB)	01.05.2024—Canberra 02.05.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 08.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Budget estimates 2024–25	14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325)	3–6 June 2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes
National Health Amendment (Supporting Patient Access to Cheaper Medicines and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	06.06.2024 (<i>Pursuant to order of the Senate of 16 May 2024</i>)	Nil	24.06.2024	No
National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024	27.06.2024	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment (Royal Commission Response No. 2) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	18.01.2024 OOS	16.11.2021

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Community Affairs (References)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 27.03.2024)</i>	27.03.2024
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	18.03.2024
Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)	13.06.2023–04.12.2023
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, CLP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	04.12.2023–18.03.2024
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(Chair 02.08.2022–27.03.2024)</i>	26.07.2022–27.03.2024
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ¹	11.07.2023–11.07.2023
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ²	20.10.2022–20.10.2022
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ³	30.01.2023–31.01.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁴	29.09.2022–29.09.2022

¹ Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 11 July 2023

² Replaced Senator Brockman on 20 October 2022

³ Replaced Senator Pratt on 30 and 31 January 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 29 September 2022

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Extent and nature of poverty in Australia	07.09.2022	Nil	Final report tabled 28.02.2024	No
Equitable access to diagnosis and treatment for individuals with rare and less common cancers	14.06.2023	31.01.2024—Sydney 01.02.2024—Melbourne 20.02.2024—Hobart 01.03.2024—Canberra 09.04.2024—Adelaide	Presented OOS 17.05.2024, tabled 24.06.2024	No
Review of legislative instruments on income management	18.10.2023 <i>(in accordance with Section 243B of the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999)</i>	22.01.2024—Canberra	Review 1 tabled 08.02.2024	Ongoing
Issues related to menopause and perimenopause	06.11.2023	17.06.2024—Sydney 18.06.2024—Melbourne	Nil	Yes

New References

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Excess Mortality	26.03.2024	13.06.2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Review of legislative instruments made under Part 3AA or Part 3B of the <i>Social Security (Administration) Act 1999</i> —Review 1	02.05.2024 OOS	08.02.2024
The worsening rental crisis in Australia—Interim and final reports	14.05.2024	Interim— 21.09.2023 OOS Final—07.12.2023

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Economics

Economics

1 January 2024 - 30 June 2024

	Matters current as at 1 January 2024	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2024
Legislation	7	10	13 + (3**)	4
References	3	0	0 + (1**)	3
Total	10	10	13	7

	Number of Meetings				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	10	7	30	0	47
References	3	0	13	0	16
Total	13	7	43	0	63

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	15	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	62	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses					
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	214	178	0	670	4
References	0	0	43	49	7
Total	214	178	43	719	11

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

**Progress and interim reports

Economics (Legislation)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ¹	28.09.2022–24.03.2023
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ²	01.12.2022–10.03.2023
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ³	09.11.2022–09.11.2022
Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG) ⁴	26.09.2022–04.11.2022
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ⁵	09.02.2023–22.03.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ⁶	26.02.2024–18.04.2024
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) ⁷	30.05.2023–30.05.2023
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) ⁸	31.05.2023–31.05.2023
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ⁹	30.05.2023–30.05.2023

¹ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the National Energy Transition Authority Bill 2022

² Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the National Reconstruction Fund Corporation Bill 2022

³ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 9 November 2022

⁴ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Atomic Energy Amendment (Mine Rehabilitation and Closure) Bill 2022

⁵ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023 and related bills

⁶ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Help to Buy Bill 2023 and a related bill

⁷ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 30 May 2023 from 7pm

⁸ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from 7pm

⁹ Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 30 May 2023 from the dinner break

Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ¹⁰	31.05.2023–31.05.2023
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ¹¹	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (AG, AG) ¹²	27.03.2024–21.06.2024
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ¹³	01.12.2022–01.12.2022
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ¹⁴	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ¹⁵	26.10.2023–26.10.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹⁶	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹⁷	28.11.2022–28.11.2022
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹⁸	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹⁹	25.10.2023–26.10.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ²⁰	08.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ²¹	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ²²	28.11.2022–28.11.2022
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ²³	30.11.2023–28.02.2024
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) ²⁴	08.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) ²⁵	01.12.2022–01.12.2022

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- ¹⁰ Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from the dinner break
- ¹¹ Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from the dinner break
- ¹² Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Delivering Better Financial Outcomes and Other Measures) Bill 2024
- ¹³ Replaced Senator Bragg for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 1 December 2022
- ¹⁴ Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023
- ¹⁵ Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 26 October 2023 from 4pm
- ¹⁶ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 6.30pm
- ¹⁷ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022
- ¹⁸ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 11.45am to 1.45pm
- ¹⁹ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 and 26 October 2023
- ²⁰ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022 from 6pm
- ²¹ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022
- ²² Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022 from 6pm until 8pm
- ²³ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the Digital ID Bill 2023 and related bill
- ²⁴ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022 from 2pm until 6pm
- ²⁵ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 1 December 2022

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2024 tabled 20.03.2024	Ongoing
Digital ID Bill 2023 and Digital ID (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2023	30.11.2023 (SB)	09.02.2024—Canberra	28.02.2024	No
Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.11.2023 (SB)	01.03.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 28.03.2024; tabled 14.05.2024	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Accountability and Fairness) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.11.2023 (SB)	09.04.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 10.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No
Help to Buy Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Help to Buy (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.11.2023 (SB)	05.03.2024—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 16.04.2024, tabled 14.05.2024 Report presented OOS 18.04.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No
Government amendments to the Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Multinationals Pay Their Fair Share-Integrity and Transparency) Bill 2023	05.12.2023	31.01.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 05.02.2024; tabled 06.02.2024	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Superannuation (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions) Imposition Bill 2023 [Provisions]	07.12.2023 (SB)	18.04.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 10.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Treasury Laws Amendment (Reserve Bank Reforms) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	07.12.2023 (SB)	22.02.2024—Canberra	22.03.2024	No

New References

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Additional estimates 2023–24	07.02.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 96—7 February 2024, pp. 2853–4)	14–15 February 2024—Canberra	20.03.2024	No
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Fair Go for Consumers and Small Business) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	29.02.2024 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 15.03.2024; tabled 18.03.2024	No
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment (Safety and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	29.02.2024 (SB)	14.03.2024—Canberra	22.03.2024	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Delivering Better Financial Outcomes and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	27.03.2024 (SB)	13.06.2024—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 20.06.2024; tabled 24.06.2024 Report presented OOS 21.06.2024; tabled 24.06.2024	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Financial Market Infrastructure and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	27.03.2024 (SB)	23.04.2024—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 30.04.2024, tabled 14.05.2024 Report presented OOS 03.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Budget estimates 2024–25	14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325)	3–6 June 2024—Canberra 25.06.2024—Canberra	No	Yes
Treasury Laws Amendment (Responsible Buy Now Pay Later and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	05.06.2024 (<i>Pursuant to order of the Senate of 16 May 2024</i>)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Capital Works (Build to Rent Misuse Tax) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	05.06.2024 (<i>Pursuant to order of the Senate of 16 May 2024</i>)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Treasury Laws Amendment (Build to Rent) Bill 2024	27.06.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> No. 115—27 June 2024, p. 3533)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Benefit to Australia) Bill 2020	25.01.2024 OOS	30.06.2021 OOS
Competition and Consumer (Gas Market Code) Regulations 2023	09.02.2024 OOS	06.10.2023 OOS
Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023 [Provisions] and related bills	22.02.2024 OOS	22.03.2023
Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Multinationals Pay Their Fair Share—Integrity and Transparency) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	07.06.2024 OOS	22.09.2023 OOS

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Economics (References)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	01.08.2022
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former substitute member	Term of appointment
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹	28.09.2022–30.11.2023

¹ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the influence of international digital platforms

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Capacity and capability of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to undertake proportionate investigation and enforcement action arising from reports of alleged misconduct	27.10.2022	Nil	Nil	Yes
Australia's residential electrification efforts	14.06.2023	21.02.2024—Canberra 22.03.2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Improving consumer experiences, choice and outcomes in Australia's retirement system	27.11.2023	12.03.2024—Canberra	Improving consumer experiences, choice, and outcomes in Australia's retirement system—Existing and proposed superannuation for housing policies Interim report presented OOS 09.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	Yes

New References

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Nil

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Australian manufacturing industry	23.05.2024 OOS	07.02.2022 OOS
Inquiry into the indicators of, and impact of, regional inequality in Australia—Final report	07.06.2024 OOS	03.12.2020
Toll roads: issues of building, financing and charging	07.06.2024 OOS	14.09.2017
Australia's oil and gas reserves	20.06.2024 OOS	11.02.2022 OOS
Australia's Sovereign Naval Shipbuilding Capability: Interim Report Future Submarine Program: Ringing of Bells, Wringing of Hands	25.06.2024	28.05.2021 OOS
Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability—Future Submarine Acquisition: A shambles – we don't think, we know	25.06.2024	28.02.2022 OOS
Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability—Final report All at sea	25.06.2024	18.05.2022 OOS

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Education and Employment

Education and Employment

1 January 2024 - 30 June 2024

	Matters current as at 1 January 2024	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2024
Legislation	2	5	5	2
References	1	0	1	0
Total	3	5	6	2

Number of Meetings					
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	1	6	13	0	20
References	0	0	1	0	1
Total	1	6	14	0	21

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses					
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	173	12	0	60	4
References	0	0	0	0	2
Total	173	12	0	60	6

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

Education and Employment (Legislation)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Matt O’Sullivan (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former member	Term of appointment
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ¹	02.08.2022–02.08.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) ²	02.05.2023–03.05.2023
Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash (WA, LP) ³	06.10.2023–06.10.2023
Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash (WA, LP) ⁴	22.01.2024–22.01.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁵	05.04.2023–05.04.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁶	26.10.2023–26.10.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁷	03.06.2024–03.06.2024

¹ Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 August 2022

² Replaced Senator O’Sullivan on 2 and 3 May 2023

³ Replaced Senator Brockman on 6 October 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Brockman for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023 on 22 January 2024

⁵ Replaced Senator O’Sullivan on 5 April 2023

⁶ Replaced Senator O’Sullivan for the committee’s examination of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and the Australian Skills Quality Authority during 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 26 October 2023

⁷ Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 3 June 2024

Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁸	04.06.2024–05.06.2024
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) ⁹	04.11.2022–04.11.2022
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) ¹⁰	17.04.2023–17.04.2023
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) ¹¹	03.10.2023–03.10.2023
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ¹²	01.09.2023–01.09.2023
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ¹³	26.10.2023–26.10.2023
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ¹⁴	06.06.2024–06.06.2024
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ¹⁵	31.10.2023–31.10.2023
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ¹⁶	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ¹⁷	04.11.2022–04.11.2022
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) ¹⁸	11.09.2023–01.02.2024
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) ¹⁹	13.03.2024–13.03.2024
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ²⁰	17.03.2023–17.03.2023
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ²¹	28.04.2023–28.04.2023
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) ²²	20.06.2023–20.06.2023
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ²³	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ²⁴	06.10.2023–06.10.2023
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ²⁵	31.10.2023–31.10.2023

⁸ Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 4-5 June 2024

⁹ Replaced Senator Liddle on 4 November 2022 from 11am until 12.30pm and 2pm until 2.45pm

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Liddle on 17 April 2023

¹¹ Replaced Senator Brockman on 3 October 2023

¹² Replaced Senator Brockman on 1 September 2023

¹³ Replaced Senator O’Sullivan for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 26 October 2023, after completion of the Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 06 June 2024

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Brockman on 31 October 2023

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 November 2022

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Liddle on 4 November 2022 from 8am until 11am

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Faruqi for a private meeting on 13 March 2024

²⁰ Replaced Senator Payman on 17 March 2023

²¹ Replaced Senator Grogan on 28 April 2023

²² Replaced Senator Grogan on 20 June 2023

²³ Replaced Senator Grogan on 11 November 2022 for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 2022

²⁴ Replaced Senator Grogan on 6 October 2023

²⁵ Replaced Senator Grogan on 31 October 2023

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2024 tabled 20.03.2024	Ongoing
Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023 [Provisions] <i>Note: this bill was divided into two bills by a decision of the Senate in December 2023 and only the No. 2 bill was considered</i>	07.09.2023 (SB)	22.01.2024—Canberra	Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes No. 2) Bill 2023 [Provisions] presented OOS 01.02.2024; tabled 06.02.2024	No
Australian Research Council Amendment (Review Response) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	07.12.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 05.02.2024; tabled 06.02.2024	No

New References

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Additional estimates 2023–24	07.02.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 96—7 February 2024, pp. 2853–4)	14–15 February 2024—Canberra	20.03.2024	No
Fair Work Amendment Bill 2024	29.02.2024 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 14.03.2024; tabled 18.03.2024	No

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Budget estimates 2024–25	14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325)	3–6 June 2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	16.05.2024 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Fair Work Amendment (Paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave) Bill 2022 [Provisions]	27.02.2024	01.09.2022 OOS
Fair Work Amendment (Equal Pay for Equal Work) Bill 2022	18.04.2024 OOS	24.10.2022 OOS
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Streamlined Participation Requirements and Other Measures) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	10.05.2024 OOS	18.06.2021 OOS
Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes No. 2) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	31.05.2024 OOS	01.02.2024

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Education and Employment (References)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Matt O’Sullivan (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, CLP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ¹	27.10.2022–10.08.2023
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ²	29.11.2022–07.02.2024
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ³	02.08.2022–02.08.2022
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ⁴	10.05.2023–31.08.2023

¹ Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the national trend of school refusal

² Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into increasing disruption in Australian school classrooms

³ Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 August 2022

⁴ Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the potential impacts of the Commonwealth Paid Parental Leave scheme on small businesses and their employees

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Increasing disruption in Australian school classrooms	28.11.2022	Nil	Final report tabled 07.02.2024	No

New References

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Nil

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
The national trend of school refusal and related matters	11.04.2024 OOS	10.08.2023
A National Disgrace: The Exploitation of Temporary Work Visa Holders	09.05.2024 OOS	17.03.2016

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Environment and Communications

Environment and Communications

1 January 2024 - 30 June 2024

	Matters current as at 1 January 2024	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2024
Legislation	5	5	6 + (3**)	4
References	6	2	1 + (7**)	7
Total	11	7	7	11

Number of Meetings					
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	3	10	14	0	27
References	12	0	12	1	25
Total	15	10	26	1	52

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	26	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
References	17	2	0	2	0	0	4	0
Total	43	2	0	2	0	0	5	0

Witnesses					
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	238	78	1	61	6
References	0	0	285	175	14
Total	238	78	286	236	20

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

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Environment and Communications (Legislation)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	26.07.2022
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	16.10.2023
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)	01.08.2022
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	18.03.2024
Substitute member	Date of appointment
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, NP) ¹	14.05.2024
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022–30.03.2023
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	01.08.2022–18.03.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	30.03.2023–16.10.2023
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ²	11.10.2023–11.10.2023
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) ³	15.05.2023–15.05.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁴	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁵	26.05.2023–26.05.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Cadell for the committee's inquiry into the Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023

² Replaced Senator Payman for a private meeting on 11 October 2023

³ Replaced Senator Cadell on 15 May 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022 from 9am until 5pm

⁵ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 26 May 2023

Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁶	11.09.2023–10.11.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁷	24.10.2023–24.10.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁸	27.10.2023–27.10.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁹	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ¹⁰	31.05.2024–31.05.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ¹¹	07.06.2024–07.06.2024
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹²	28.11.2022–28.11.2022
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹³	28.02.2023–28.02.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹⁴	16.06.2023–04.12.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹⁵	26.07.2023–26.07.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹⁶	23.10.2023–23.10.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹⁷	01.12.2023–01.12.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹⁸	27.02.2024–27.02.2024
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹⁹	29.05.2024–29.05.2024
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ²⁰	12.02.2024–13.02.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²¹	07.11.2022–08.11.2022

⁶ Replaced Senator Cadell for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Bill 2023

⁷ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023

⁸ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 27 October 2023

⁹ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 16 February 2024

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 31 May 2024 from 2.15pm to adjournment

¹¹ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 7 June 2024

¹² Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022 from 6.30pm until 9pm

¹³ Replaced Senator Cadell on 28 February 2023

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Hughes for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Nature Repair Market Bill 2023 and a related bill

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Hughes for a private meeting on 26 July 2023

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2023 from 5.30pm until 6.15pm

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Hughes for a private meeting on 1 December 2023

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 27 February 2024

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 29 May 2024 from 3.15pm to adjournment

²⁰ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 12-13 February 2024

²¹ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates from 2pm on 7 November until 1pm on 8 November 2022

Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²²	21.11.2022–21.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²³	23.11.2022–23.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²⁴	29.11.2022–29.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²⁵	01.12.2022–01.12.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²⁶	14.12.2022–14.12.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²⁷	15.12.2022–15.12.2022
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ²⁸	18.08.2022–18.08.2022
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ²⁹	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ³⁰	26.05.2023–26.05.2023
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ³¹	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ³²	26.07.2023–26.07.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ³³	02.02.2024–02.02.2024
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ³⁴	22.02.2024–22.02.2024
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ³⁵	23.02.2024–23.02.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ³⁶	10.04.2024–11.04.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ³⁷	23.10.2023–23.10.2023

²² Replaced Senator Hughes on 21 November 2022 from 10.30am until 11am

²³ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 23 November 2022 from 6.30pm until 11pm

²⁴ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 29 November 2022 from 9.45am until 11am

²⁵ Replaced Senator Hughes on 1 December 2022 from 1.15pm

²⁶ Replaced Senator Hughes on 14 December 2022 from 3.30pm until 4pm

²⁷ Replaced Senator Hughes on 15 December 2022 from 11.30am until 12pm

²⁸ Replaced Senator Hughes on 18 August 2022 for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Climate Change Bill 2022 and a related bill

²⁹ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 16 February 2024 until 12pm

³⁰ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 26 May 2023 from 2pm until adjournment

³¹ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 16 February 2024 from 12pm until adjournment

³² Replaced Senator Sheldon for a private meeting on 26 July 2023

³³ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 2 February 2024

³⁴ Replaced Senator Payman on 22 February 2024 for the committee's inquiry into the Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equality) Bill 2023

³⁵ Replaced Senator Payman on 23 February 2024 for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Communications Legislation Amendment (Prominence and Anti-siphoning) Bill 2023

³⁶ Replaced Senator Sharma on 10 and 11 April 2024

³⁷ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2023 from 8pm

Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ³⁸	24.10.2023–24.10.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ³⁹	09.11.2023–09.11.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁴⁰	30.11.2023–30.11.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁴¹	01.12.2023–01.12.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁴²	08.02.2024–08.02.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁴³	28.05.2024–29.05.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁴⁴	31.05.2024–31.05.2024
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) ⁴⁵	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) ⁴⁶	26.02.2024–26.02.2024
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) ⁴⁷	31.10.2023–31.10.2023
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) ⁴⁸	01.11.2023–01.11.2023
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) ⁴⁹	26.03.2024–26.03.2024
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ⁵⁰	16.11.2022–16.11.2022
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ⁵¹	09.03.2023–09.03.2023

³⁸ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023 from 8pm

³⁹ Replaced Senator Payman for a private meeting on 9 November 2023

⁴⁰ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 30 November 2023

⁴¹ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 1 December 2023

⁴² Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 8 February 2024

⁴³ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 28-29 May 2024 from 7pm

⁴⁴ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 31 May 2024 from 7pm

⁴⁵ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 16 February 2024

⁴⁶ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 26 February 2024

⁴⁷ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 31 October 2023

⁴⁸ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 1 November 2023

⁴⁹ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 26 March 2024

⁵⁰ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 16 November 2022

⁵¹ Replaced Senator Payman for the consideration of the 2022-23 supplementary Budget estimates on 9 March 2023

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2024 presented OOS 28.03.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	Ongoing
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2022 [No. 2]	08.09.2022 (SB)	Nil	07.02.2024	No
Murdoch Media Inquiry Bill 2023	11.05.2023 (SB) <i>(contingent upon introduction)</i>	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 30.04.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	Yes
Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equity) Bill 2023	03.08.2023 (SB)	22.02.2024—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 03.06.2024, tabled 24.06.2024 Report tabled 26.06.2024	No
Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023	19.10.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Communications Legislation Amendment (Prominence and Anti-siphoning) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.11.2023 (SB)	23.02.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 09.04.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No

New References

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2024–30.06.2024	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2024
Additional estimates 2023–24	07.02.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 96—7 February 2024, pp. 2853–4)	12–13 February 2024—Canberra 16.02.2024—Canberra 27.02.2024—Canberra	20.03.2024	No
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Consumer Safeguards and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	08.02.2024 (SB)	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 14.03.2024; tabled 18.03.2024 Final report tabled 18.03.2024	No
Budget estimates 2024–25	14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325)	28–31 May 2024—Canberra 07.06.2024—Canberra 18.06.2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Nature Positive (Environment Information Australia) Bill 2024 [Provisions], and Nature Positive (Environment Protection Australia) Bill 2024 [Provisions], and Nature Positive (Environment Law Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	27.06.2024 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Amendment Bill 2017 [Provisions]	02.05.2024 OOS	09.05.2017
Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Grid Reliability Fund) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	02.05.2024 OOS	04.11.2020 OOS
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020	09.05.2024 OOS	13.05.2021
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	14.05.2024	18.06.2021
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standing) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	23.05.2024 OOS	18.11.2015 OOS
Water Amendment (Purchase Limit Repeal) Bill 2019	23.05.2024 OOS	26.03.2019 OOS

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

Environment and Communications (References)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	26.07.2022
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP)	20.06.2023
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	18.03.2024
Substitute members	Date of appointment
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS) ¹	14.05.2024
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ²	27.03.2024
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	01.08.2022–18.03.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	13.06.2023–20.06.2023
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ³	16.04.2024–16.04.2024
Senator Fatima Payman (NSW, ALP) ⁴	31.10.2023–31.10.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (NSW, ALP) ⁵	21.05.2024–21.05.2024

¹ Replaces Senator Cadell for the committee's inquiry into the Middle Arm Industrial Precinct

² Replaces Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into waste reduction and recycling policies

³ Replaced Senator Cadell on 16 April 2024

⁴ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 31 October 2023

⁵ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 21 May 2024

Senator Tony Sheldon (WA, ALP) ⁶	02.11.2023–02.11.2023
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁷	08.09.2022–03.11.2023
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁸	10.08.2023–09.05.2024

⁶ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 2 November 2023

⁷ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into climate-related marine invasive species

⁸ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into Australian Antarctic Division funding

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2024–30.06.2024	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2024
Australia's extinction crisis (terms of reference and title updated; previously known as Australia's faunal extinction crisis)	04.08.2022	17.04.2024—Canberra	Interim report presented OOS 23.05.2024, tabled 24.06.2024	Yes
National Cultural Policy released on 30 January 2023	08.02.2023	16.04.2024—Canberra	Interim report presented OOS 09.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024 Progress report presented OOS 20.06.2024, tabled 24.06.2024	Yes
Greenwashing	29.03.2023	22.04.2024—Canberra 24.05.2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) funding	09.08.2023	29.01.2024—Hobart 28.02.2024—Canberra 19.03.2024—Canberra 24.04.2024—Hobart	Progress report presented OOS 08.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024 Report presented OOS 09.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No
Middle Arm Industrial Precinct	05.09.2023	10.04.2024—Darwin 11.04.2024—Darwin 17.06.2024—Canberra 18.06.2024—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 04.04.2024; tabled 14.05.2024	Yes
Optus network outage	09.11.2023	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 08.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	Yes

New References

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Effectiveness of the Albanese Labor Government's waste reduction and recycling policies in delivering a circular economy	28.02.2024	08.05.2024—Sydney	Nil	Yes
Glencore's proposed carbon capture and storage project in the Great Artesian Basin	25.03.2024	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 04.04.2024; tabled 14.05.2024	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Impacts and management of feral horses in the Australian Alps	29.02.2024	13.10.2023
Retirement of coal fired power stations—Final report	02.05.2024 OOS	29.03.2017
Retirement of coal fired power stations—Interim report	02.05.2024 OOS	28.11.2016
Current and future impacts of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure	02.05.2024 OOS	13.08.2018
Direct Action: Paying polluters to halt global warming?	02.05.2024 OOS	26.03.2014
Participation of Australians in online poker	14.05.2024	18.10.2017
Adequacy of the regulatory framework governing water use by the extractive industry	23.05.2024 OOS	17.10.2018
Australia Post	23.05.2024 OOS	26.05.2021
Impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia	23.05.2024 OOS	19.05.2021 OOS

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
In hot water: the impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity	23.05.2024 OOS	06.12.2017 OOS
Never waste a crisis: the waste and recycling industry in Australia	23.05.2024 OOS	26.06.2018
Rehabilitation of mining and resource projects and power station ash dams as it relates to Commonwealth responsibilities	23.05.2024 OOS	20.03.2019 OOS
Toxic tide: the threat of marine plastic pollution in Australia	23.05.2024 OOS	20.04.2016 OOS
The impacts of mining in the Murray-Darling Basin	23.05.2024 OOS	04.12.2009 OOS

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

Finance and Public Administration

Finance and Public Administration

1 January 2024 - 30 June 2024

	Matters current as at 1 January 2024	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2024
Legislation	2	5	6 + (1**)	1
References	3	0	3 + (3**)	0
Total	5	5	9	1

Number of Meetings					
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	2	9	11	0	22
References	4	0	10	0	14
Total	6	9	21	0	36

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses					
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	440	47	0	50	6
References	0	0	94	94	5
Total	440	47	94	144	11

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

**Progress and interim reports

Finance and Public Administration (Legislation)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) (elected Chair on 02.08.2022)	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) (elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ¹	27.03.2024–13.05.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ²	28.10.2022–28.10.2022
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ³	08.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ⁴	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) ⁵	24.05.2023–24.05.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁶	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ⁷	07.06.2024–07.06.2024
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) ⁸	12.12.2022–12.12.2022
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP) ⁹	11.11.2022–11.11.2022

¹ Replaced Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Net Zero Economy Authority Bill 2024 and related bill

² Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 October 2022

³ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022

⁴ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022

⁵ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 24 May 2023, from 7pm

⁶ Replaced Senator Colbeck on 11 November 2022, for any private meeting

⁷ Replaced Senator Sheldon for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 7 June 2024

⁸ Replaced Senator Sheldon for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget Estimates on 12 December 2022

⁹ Replaced Senator Colbeck for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022

Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP) ¹⁰	27.10.2023–27.10.2023
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP) ¹¹	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP) ¹²	07.06.2024–07.06.2024
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹³	23.05.2023–23.05.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹⁴	22.05.2023–22.05.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹⁵	25.05.2023–25.05.2023
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹⁶	07.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹⁷	09.03.2023–31.07.2023
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹⁸	11.09.2023–04.03.2024

¹⁰ Replaced Senator McGrath for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 27 October 2023

¹¹ Replaced Senator McGrath for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 16 February 2024

¹² Replaced Senator McGrath for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 7 June 2024

¹³ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 23 May 2023, from 7pm

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 22 May 2023, from 7pm

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 25 May 2023, from 7pm

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November and 8 November 2022

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into the Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2023

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fairer Contracts and Grants) Bill 2023

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2024–30.06.2024	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2024
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2024 tabled 20.03.2024	Ongoing
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Vaccine Indemnity) Bill 2023	10.08.2023 (SB)	Nil	18.03.2024	No
Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fairer Contracts and Grants) Bill 2023	07.09.2023 (SB)	05.02.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 04.03.2024; tabled 18.03.2024	No

New References

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2024–30.06.2024	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2024
Additional estimates 2023–24	07.02.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 96—7 February 2024, pp. 2853–4)	12–13 February 2024—Canberra 16.02.2024—Canberra	20.03.2024	No
COAG Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]	08.02.2024 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 14.03.2024; tabled 18.03.2024	No
Net Zero Economy Authority Bill 2024 [Provisions] and Net Zero Economy Authority (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	27.03.2024 (SB)	23.04.2024—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 10.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024 Report presented OOS 13.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Budget estimates 2024–25	14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325)	28–31 May 2024—Canberra 07.06.2024—Canberra 25.06.2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants) Bill 2019	09.05.2024 OOS	04.09.2020 OOS
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2020	14.05.2024	16.03.2021
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020	14.05.2024	03.12.2020
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Integrity of Elections) Bill 2021	14.05.2024	14.10.2021
COAG Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 [Provisions]	20.06.2024	19.10.2021
Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008	20.06.2024	15.06.2009

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Finance and Public Administration (References)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	18.03.2024
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former member	Term of appointment
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	01.08.2022–18.03.2024
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹	07.06.2023–07.06.2023
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ²	13.06.2023–12.06.2024
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) ³	08.04.2024–08.04.2024
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ⁴	07.12.2023–28.06.2024
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ⁵	07.12.2023–07.05.2024

¹ Replaced Senator Pratt for the committee's inquiry into consulting services provided for the Australian Government, on 7 June 2023

² Replaced Senator Stewart for the committee's inquiry into management and assurance of integrity by consulting services

³ Replaced Senator Larissa Waters for the committee's public hearing into access to Australian Parliament House by lobbyists

⁴ Replaced Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into sovereign capability in the Australian tech sector

⁵ Replaced Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into access to Australian Parliament House by lobbyists

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Management and assurance of integrity by consulting services provided for the Australian Government	09.03.2023	09.02.2024—Canberra 23.02.2024—Canberra	PwC: The Cover-up Worsens the Crime tabled 27.03.2024 Progress report presented OOS 31.05.2024, tabled 24.06.2024 Final report presented OOS 12.06.2024, tabled 24.06.2024	No
Supporting the development of sovereign capability in the Australian tech sector	06.12.2023	06.05.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 28.06.2024	No
Access to Australian Parliament House by lobbyists and the adequacy of current transparency arrangements relating to the lobbyist register	06.12.2023	08.04.2024—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 30.04.2024, tabled 14.05.2024 Report presented OOS 07.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No

New References

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Nil

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Lessons to be learned in relation to the Australian bushfire season 2019–20	09.05.2024 OOS	02.12.2021
APS Inc: Undermining public sector capability and performance – The current capability of the Australian Public Service	17.05.2024 OOS	25.11.2021
Administration and expenditure of funding under the Urban Congestion Fund (UCF)	07.06.2024 OOS	02.12.2021
Compliance by former Ministers of State with the requirements of the Prime Minister's Statement of Ministerial Standards	20.06.2024	26.09.2019 OOS
Staff employed under the <i>Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984</i>	20.06.2024	16.10.2003

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 January 2024 - 30 June 2024

	Matters current as at 1 January 2024	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2024
Legislation	4	3	5 + (1**)	2
References	0	2	0	2
Total	4	5	5	4

Number of Meetings					
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	5	6	9	1	21
References	0	0	2	0	2
Total	5	6	11	1	23

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	19	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
References	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	21	0	0	0	0	2	0	0

Witnesses					
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	264	68	0	75	1
References	0	0	0	209	7
Total	264	68	0	284	8

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

**Progress report

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Legislation)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP)	24.06.2024
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG)	26.07.2022
Substitute member	Date of appointment
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹	22.06.2023
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022–29.02.2024
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	18.03.2024–24.06.2024
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ²	04.04.2024–04.04.2024
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ³	02.06.2023–02.06.2023
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ⁴	28.05.2024–24.06.2024
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ⁵	15.11.2023–15.11.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ⁶	14.02.2024–15.02.2024

¹ Replaces Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the performance of the Department of Defence

² Replaced Senator Green on 4 April 2024

³ Replaced Senator Green for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 2 June 2023 from 4pm to 6pm

⁴ Replaced Senator Payman for any meetings during the period 28 May 2024 to 24 June 2024

⁵ Replaced Senator White for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 15 November 2023 from 7pm to 9pm

⁶ Replaced Senator White for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 14-15 February 2024

Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ⁷	08.03.2024–18.03.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ⁸	04.04.2024–04.04.2024
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ⁹	08.08.2023–24.11.2023
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹⁰	30.11.2023–13.05.2024
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹¹	30.11.2023–14.05.2024
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹²	30.11.2023–15.03.2024
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) ¹³	22.03.2024–22.03.2024
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ¹⁴	14.02.2024–14.02.2024

⁷ Replaced Senator White from 8–18 March 2024

⁸ Replaced Senator Chandler on 4 April 2024

⁹ Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the Defence Capability Assurance and Oversight Bill 2023

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023 and related bill

¹¹ Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure and Other Measures) Bill 2023

¹² Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2023

¹³ Replaced Senator Chandler on 22 March 2024

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Green for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 14 February 2024 from 9am to 10.30am

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2024 tabled 20.03.2024	Ongoing
Performance of the Department of Defence in supporting the capability and capacity of Australia's defence industry	21.06.2023 (adopted by committee under Standing Order 25(2)(a)(v))	Nil	Nil	Yes
Migration Amendment (Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure and Other Measures) Bill 2023	09.11.2023 (SB)	22.03.2024—Canberra	14.05.2024	No
Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	16.11.2023 (SB)	13.03.2024—Canberra 04.04.2024—Henderson WA 22.04.2024—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 16.04.2024, tabled 14.05.2024 Report presented OOS 13.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No
Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.11.2023 (SB)	01.03.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 15.03.2024; tabled 18.03.2024	No

New References

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2024–30.06.2024	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2024
Additional estimates 2023–24	07.02.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 96—7 February 2024, pp. 2853–4)	14–15 February 2024—Canberra	20.03.2024	No
Budget estimates 2024–25	14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325)	3–6 June 2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Defence Legislation Amendment (Naval Nuclear Propulsion) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	25.06.2024	09.06.2023 OOS

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (References)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG)	26.07.2022

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Nil

New References
01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Australian support for Ukraine	27.03.2024	Nil	Nil	Yes
Wrongful detention of Australian citizens overseas	25.06.2024	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Issues facing diaspora communities in Australia	09.05.2024 OOS	04.02.2021
Australia's declarations made under certain international laws	07.06.2024 OOS	27.02.2020
Opportunities for strengthening Australia's relations with the Republic of France	07.06.2024 OOS	27.08.2020
Impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities— First interim report	25.06.2024	14.08.2017
Impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities— Second interim report	25.06.2024	11.09.2017
Impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities— Third interim report	25.06.2024	19.10.2017
Impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities— Fourth interim report	25.06.2024	13.02.2018

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OOS (Out of session)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

1 January 2024 - 30 June 2024

	Matters current as at 1 January 2024	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2024
Legislation	5	10	11	4
References	3	0	1	2
Total	8	10	12	6

Number of Meetings					
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	10	8	14	0	32
References	7	0	6	0	13
Total	17	8	20	0	45

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
References	8	0	2	0	0	0	1	2
Total	38	0	2	0	0	0	1	4

Witnesses					
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	254	228	0	269	13
References	0	0	103	518	6
Total	254	228	103	787	19

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Legislation)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP)	29.02.2024
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Former member	Term of appointment
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022–29.02.2024
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ¹	30.03.2023–18.05.2023
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ²	12.02.2024–13.02.2024
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ³	16.11.2023–20.06.2024
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ⁴	09.02.2023–07.03.2023
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ⁵	09.03.2023–13.06.2023
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ⁶	22.06.2023–31.08.2023

¹ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the Criminal Code Amendment (Prohibition of Nazi Symbols) Bill 2023

² Replaced Senator Ciccone for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 12-13 February 2024

³ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Pay for Radio Play) Bill 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Evacuation to Safety) Bill 2023

⁵ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Australia's Engagement in the Pacific and Other Measures) Bill 2023 and a related bill

⁶ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Strengthening Employer Compliance) Bill 2023

Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ⁷	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁸	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁹	16.11.2022–16.11.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) ¹⁰	31.05.2024–31.05.2024
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹¹	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹²	12.05.2023–14.06.2023
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹³	12.05.2023–24.08.2023
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹⁴	30.11.2023–09.02.2024
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹⁵	29.02.2024–24.04.2024

⁷ Replaced Senator Ciccone for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect at Work) Bill 2022 on 2 November 2022

⁸ Replaced Senator Polley for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect at Work) Bill 2022 on 2 November 2022

⁹ Replaced Senator Polley for the committee's inquiry into the Parliamentary Privileges Amendment (Royal Commission Response) Bill 2022 on 16 November 2022

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Polley for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 31 May 2024

¹¹ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect at Work) Bill 2022 on 2 November 2022

¹² Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023

¹³ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment Bill 2023

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Costs Protection) Bill 2023

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the Crimes Amendment (Strengthening the Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Violence) Bill 2024

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Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2024 tabled 20.03.2024	Ongoing
Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Pay for Radio Play) Bill 2023	10.08.2023 (SB)	07.03.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 20.06.2024, tabled 24.06.2024	No
Legalising Cannabis Bill 2023	14.09.2023 (SB)	21.02.2024—Brisbane 10.05.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 31.05.2024, tabled 24.06.2024	No
Attorney-General's Portfolio Miscellaneous Measures Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.11.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 01.02.2024; tabled 06.02.2024	No
Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Costs Protection) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.11.2023 (SB)	31.01.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 09.02.2024; tabled 26.02.2024	No
Modern Slavery Amendment (Australian Anti-Slavery Commissioner) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	07.12.2023 (SB)	19.02.2024—Brisbane	28.02.2024	No

New References

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Additional estimates 2023–24	07.02.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 96—7 February 2024, pp. 2853–4)	12–13 February 2024—Canberra 19.03.2024—Canberra 27.03.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 24.04.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Criminal Code Amendment (Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes) Bill 2024	08.02.2024 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Administrative Review Tribunal Bill 2023 [Provisions], Administrative Review Tribunal (Consequential and Transitional Provisions No. 1) Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Administrative Review Tribunal (Consequential and Transitional Provisions No. 2) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	08.02.2024 (SB)	15.03.2024—Canberra 26.04.2024—Canberra 03.05.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 13.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No
Crimes Amendment (Strengthening the Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Violence) Bill 2024	29.02.2024 (SB)	12.04.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 24.04.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No
Migration Amendment (Removal and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	27.03.2024	26.03.2024—Canberra <i>Committee was directed by the Senate to hold a hearing before the Bill was referred</i> 15.04.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 07.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No
Customs Amendment (Preventing Child Labour) Bill 2023	27.03.2024 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Budget estimates 2024–25	14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325)	28–31 May 2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Criminal Code Amendment (Protecting Commonwealth Frontline Workers) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	16.05.2024 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 20.06.2024, tabled 24.06.2024	No
Criminal Code Amendment (Deepfake Sexual Material) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	27.06.2024 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Migration Amendment (Evacuation to Safety) Bill 2023	18.01.2024 OOS	07.03.2023
Family Law Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	27.02.2024	14.06.2023
Family Law Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]	07.03.2024 OOS	24.08.2023
Criminal Code Amendment (Prohibition of Nazi Symbols) Bill 2023	18.04.2024 OOS	18.05.2023 OOS
<i>National Emergency Declaration Act 2020</i>	09.05.2024 OOS	30.06.2021 OOS
Migration Amendment (Clarification of Jurisdiction) Bill 2018 [Provision]	09.05.2024 OOS	05.06.2018 OOS
Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2021 [Provisions]	09.05.2024 OOS	28.01.2022 OOS
Migration and Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Information Provisions) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	09.05.2024 OOS	10.03.2021 OOS
Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014 [Provisions]	09.05.2024 OOS	24.11.2014
New Skilled Regional Visas (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	09.05.2024 OOS	11.10.2019 OOS
Migration (Validation of Port Appointment) Bill 2018	14.05.2024	11.09.20218
Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	17.05.2024 OOS	16.11.2017
Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	17.05.2024 OOS	05.08.2020 OOS

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OOS (Out of session)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (References)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP)	29.02.2024
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Substitute members	Date of appointment
Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG) ¹	05.09.2022
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ²	07.12.2023
Former member	Term of appointment
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022–29.02.2024
Former substitute member	Term of appointment
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ³	30.11.2022–14.09.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into missing and murdered First Nations women and children

² Replaces Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into right wing extremist movements in Australia

³ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into current and proposed sexual consent laws

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Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Missing and murdered First Nations women and children	04.08.2022	20.02.2024—Brisbane 18.04.2024—Malak NT 15.05.2024—Canberra 18.06.2024—Melbourne	Nil	Yes
Appropriate terms of reference for a COVID-19 Royal Commission that would allow all affected stakeholders to be heard	19.10.2023	01.02.2024—Canberra 13.03.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 19.04.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No
Right wing extremist movements in Australia	07.12.2023	17.06.2024—Melbourne	Nil	Yes

New References

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Nil

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Effectiveness of the current temporary skilled visa system in targeting genuine skills shortages	09.05.2024 OOS	02.04.2019
Efficacy fairness, timeliness and costs of the processing and granting of visa classes which provide for or allow for family and partner reunions	09.05.2024 OOS	29.03.2022
Nationhood, national identity and democracy	17.05.2024 OOS	16.02.2021
Serious allegations of abuse, self-harm and neglect of asylum seekers in relation to the Nauru Regional Processing Centre, and any like allegations in relation to the Manus Regional Processing Centre	17.05.2024 OOS	21.04.2017 OOS
A claim of public interest immunity raised over documents	20.06.2024 OOS	06.03.2014
The road to a republic	20.06.2024 OOS	31.08.2004 OOS

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

**Rural & Regional Affairs
and Transport**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

1 January 2024 - 30 June 2024

	Matters current as at 1 January 2024	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2024
Legislation	1	6	5	2
References	3	2	2	3
Total	4	8	7	5

Number of Meetings					
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	1	8	13	0	22
References	9	0	15	3	27
Total	10	8	28	3	49

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	13	1	0	0	2	3	0	8
Total	35	1	0	0	2	3	0	8

Witnesses					
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	198	29	0	107	4
References	0	0	165	814	9
Total	198	29	165	921	13

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

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <i>(Acting Chair 23.04.2024–23.04.2024)</i> <i>(Acting Chair 29.05.2024–31.05.2024)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP)	24.06.2024
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Substitute member	Date of appointment
Senator Hodgins-May, (VIC, AG) ¹	16.05.2024
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022–01.08.2022
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	18.03.2024–24.06.2024
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022–29.02.2024
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ²	30.03.2023–04.05.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ³	11.05.2023–19.10.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay) Bill 2024

² Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2023

³ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021

Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ⁴	03.08.2023–30.08.2023
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ⁵	30.05.2024–31.05.2024
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ⁶	07.11.2022–07.11.2022
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ⁷	07.11.2022–07.11.2022
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ⁸	24.10.2023–24.10.2023
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NP) ⁹	25.06.2024–25.06.2024
Senator McKim, (TAS, AG) ¹⁰	16.05.2024–20.06.2024
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹¹	07.02.2023–07.02.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹²	24.10.2023–24.10.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹³	12.02.2024–13.02.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ¹⁴	07.11.2022–07.11.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ¹⁵	29.05.2024–29.05.2024
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ¹⁶	30.05.2024–30.05.2024
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ¹⁷	31.05.2024–31.05.2024
Senator David Van (VIC, LP) ¹⁸	07.11.2022–07.11.2022

⁴ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports Amendment (Animal Welfare) Bill 2023

⁵ Replaced Senator Sterle for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 30-31 May 2024

⁶ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 2.30pm until 3pm

⁷ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 7pm until 11pm

⁸ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023 from 3.30pm

⁹ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 25 June 2024

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade) Bill 2024

¹¹ Replaced Senator White for a private meeting on 7 February 2023

¹² Replaced Senator White for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023 from 7.30pm

¹³ Replaced Senator White for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional Budget estimates on 12 and 13 February 2024

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 3pm until 6pm

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Sterle for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 29 May 2024

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 30 May 2024 from 3pm to 5pm

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 31 May 2024

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 6pm until 7pm

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Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2024 tabled 20.03.2024	Ongoing
Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Bill 2023 [Provisions], Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Bill 2023 [Provisions], Primary Industries (Services) Levies Bill 2023 [Provisions], Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Bill 2023 [Provisions], Primary Industries Levies and Charges Disbursement Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Primary Industries (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	16.11.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 05.02.2024; tabled 06.02.2024	No

New References

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2024–30.06.2024	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2024
Additional estimates 2023–24	07.02.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 96—7 February 2024, pp. 2853–4)	12–13 February 2024—Canberra 25.03.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 28.03.2024; tabled 14.05.2024	No
Agriculture (Biosecurity Protection) Levies Bill 2024 [Provisions], Agriculture (Biosecurity Protection) Charges Bill 2024 [Provisions] and Agriculture (Biosecurity Protection) Levies and Charges Collection Bill 2024 [Provisions]	21.03.2024 (SB)	23.04.2024—Canberra	Presented OOS 10.05.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No
Budget estimates 2024–25	14.05.2024 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 109—14 May 2024, p. 3325)	28–31 May 2024—Canberra 25.06.2024—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay) Bill 2024	16.05.2024 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	16.05.2024 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 20.06.2024, tabled 24.06.2024	No

Government Responses

01.01.2024–30.06.2024

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Inspector-General of Live Exports Amendment (Animal Welfare) Bill 2023	14.05.2024	30.08.2023
Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Bill 2023 [Provisions] and related bills	17.05.2024 OOS	05.02.2024 OOS
Air Services Amendment Bill 2018	07.06.2024 OOS	16.08.2018
Australia's general aviation industry—Second interim report	07.06.2024 OOS	30.03.2022

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OOS (Out of session)

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (References)

1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP)	24.06.2024
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Substitute members	Date of appointment
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ¹	30.03.2023
Senator Steph Hodgins-May (VIC, AG) ²	14.05.2024
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ³	01.08.2023
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	18.03.2024–24.06.2024
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022–29.02.2024
Former substitute member	Term of appointment
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) ⁴ <i>(Acting Deputy Chair 15.04.2024–17.04.2024)</i>	15.04.2024–15.04.2024

¹ Replaces Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games

² Replaces Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the impact and mitigation of aircraft noise

³ Replaces Senator Rennick for the committee's inquiry into Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games

⁴ Replaced Senator Sterle for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into the impact and mitigation of aircraft noise on 15 April 2024

Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) ⁵ (Acting Deputy Chair 15.04.2024–17.04.2024)	16.04.2024–16.04.2024
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) ⁶ (Acting Deputy Chair 15.04.2024–17.04.2024)	17.04.2024–17.04.2024
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) ⁷	29.05.2024–29.05.2024
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ⁸	07.02.2023–07.02.2023

⁵ Replaced Senator Sterle for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into bank closures in Regional Australia on 16 April 2024

⁶ Replaced Senator Sterle for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games on 17 April 2024

⁷ Replaced Senator Sterle for a private meeting on 29 May 2024

⁸ Replaced Senator White for a private meeting on 7 February 2023

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2024

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2024–30.06.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2024</i>
Current extent of bank closures in regional Australia	08.02.2023	21.02.2024—Kingston SA 13.03.2024—Tom Price WA 25.03.2024—Canberra 16.04.2024—Bribie Island QLD	Bank closures in regional Australia: Protecting the future of regional banking presented OOS 24.05.2024, tabled 24.06.2024	No
Adequacy of Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games	30.03.2023	17.04.2024—Brisbane	Nil	Yes
Red imported fire ants	18.10.2023	04.03.2024—Brisbane 05.03.2024—Newcastle NSW 18.03.2024—Canberra	Red imported fire ants in Australia: Don't let this come back to bite us presented OOS 18.04.2024, tabled 14.05.2024	No

New References

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Impact and mitigation of aircraft noise on residents and business in capital cities and regional towns	06.02.2024	15.04.2024—Morningside QLD	Nil	Yes
Shutdown of the 3G mobile network and telecommunications services accessibility	26.03.2024	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

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Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Fisheries quota system	11.04.2024 OOS	07.12.2022 OOS
Management of the Murray-Darling Basin: The impact of mining coal seam gas on the management of the Murray-Darling Basin—Interim report	23.05.2024 OOS	30.11.2011 OOS
Current requirements for labelling of seafood and seafood products	23.05.2024 OOS	18.12.2014 OOS
Identification of leading practices in ensuring evidence-based regulation of farming practices that impact water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef	23.05.2024 OOS	08.10.2020
Integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin	23.05.2024 OOS	29.11.2018
<i>Water Legislation Amendment (Inspector-General of Water Compliance and Other Measures) Act 2021</i>	23.05.2024 OOS	02.12.2021
Future of Australia's aviation sector, in the context of COVID-19 and conditions post pandemic—Interim and final reports	07.06.2024 OOS	Interim— 18.03.2021 Final— 17.03.2022 OOS
Future role and contribution of regional capitals to Australia	07.06.2024 OOS	24.11.2016
Policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping	07.06.2024 OOS	15.12.2020 OOS

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