

PART SIX

1 January 2025–30 June 2025

**Legislative and General Purpose Standing
Committees administered by the
Senate Committee Office
1 January 2025–30 June 2025**

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

	Matters current as at 1 January 2025	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2025
Legislation	1	4	5	0
References	1	0	1	0
Total	2	4	6	0

	Number of Meetings		
	Public Hearings	Public Estimates	Total Meetings
Legislation	0	2	8
References	1	0	5
Total	1	2	13

	Meetings by State				
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	QLD
Legislation	8	0	0	0	0
References	5	0	0	0	0
Total	13	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses		
	Estimates	Bills	Government Responses
Legislation	101	0	0
References	0	0	2
Total	101	0	2

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

Community Affairs (Legislation)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

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
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 from 02.08.2022–27.03.2024)</i>	26.07.2022–27.03.2024
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	04.12.2023–18.03.2024
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <i>(acting Chair from 08.07.2024–22.07.2024)</i>	28.07.2022–22.07.2024
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 the Hon 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 Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) ⁷	16.07.2024–22.07.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) ⁸	25.07.2024–25.07.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) ⁹	10.11.2024–27.11.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ¹⁰	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ¹¹	08.07.2024–22.07.2024
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ¹²	30.10.2024–30.10.2024
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) ¹³	23.07.2024–24.07.2024
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) ¹⁴	26.07.2024–26.07.2024
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ¹⁵	12.07.2024–23.07.2024
Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP) ¹⁶	06.08.2024–06.08.2024
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP) ¹⁷	01.11.2023–01.11.2023
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP) ¹⁸	13.11.2023–13.11.2023
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹⁹	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP) ²⁰	18.08.2022–18.08.2022
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ²¹	09.11.2022–09.11.2022
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ²²	31.05.2023–31.05.2023

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 Pratt from 16 to 22 July 2024

⁸ Replaced Senator Pratt on 25 July 2024

⁹ Replaced Senator Pratt from 10 to 27 November 2024

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

¹¹ Replaced Senator Marielle Smith from 8 to 22 July 2024

¹² Replaced Senator Urquhart on 30 October 2024

¹³ Replaced Senator Pratt from 23 to 24 July 2024

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Pratt on 26 July 2024

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Pratt on 26 July 2024

¹⁶ Replaced Senator the Hon Reynolds on 6 August 2024

¹⁷ 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

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Liddle on 13 November 2023

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Pratt for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022 from 8.15pm

²⁰ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman on 18 August 2022

²¹ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 9 November 2022 from 5pm

²² Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from 6pm

Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ²³	03.06.2024–04.06.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ²⁴	04.07.2024–09.08.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ²⁵	06.11.2024–06.11.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ²⁶	12.12.2024–12.12.2024
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ²⁷	17.08.2022–18.08.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ²⁸	25.08.2022–25.08.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ²⁹	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ³⁰	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ³¹	30.10.2024–30.10.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ³²	29.09.2022–29.09.2022
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) ³³	24.03.2023–01.09.2023
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) ³⁴	14.09.2023–09.11.2023
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) ³⁵	14.09.2023–22.11.2023
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) ³⁶	27.03.2024–08.05.2024
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) ³⁷	27.03.2024–20.06.2024
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ³⁸	30.11.2023–05.02.2024

²³ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 3-4 June 2024

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

²⁵ Replaced Senator Hughes for a private meeting on 6 November 2024

²⁶ Replaced Senator Kovacic for the committee's consideration of supplementary Budget estimates 2024-25 on 12 December 2024

²⁷ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman on 17 and 18 August 2022

²⁸ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman on 25 August 2022

²⁹ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022

³⁰ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 12pm to 2.30pm

³¹ Replaced Senator Hughes on 30 October 2024

³² Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 29 September 2022

³³ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Improving Access to Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2023

³⁴ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Disability Services and Inclusion Bill 2023 and related bill

³⁵ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023 and related bill

³⁶ Replaced Senator Allman-Payne for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024

³⁷ 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

³⁸ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Paid Parental Leave Amendment (More Support for Working Families) Bill 2023

³⁹ 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 01.01.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2025 presented OOS 21.02.2025; tabled 25.03.2025	Ongoing
Health Legislation Amendment (Modernising My Health Record—Sharing by Default) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	28.11.2024 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 30.01.2025; tabled 04.02.2025	No

New References
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Additional Estimates 2024-25	04.02.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 147—4 February 2025, pp. 4653–4)	26–27 February 2025— Canberra	Presented OOS 14.03.2025; tabled 25.03.2025	No
Health Legislation Amendment (Improved Medicare Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2025 [Provisions]	06.02.2025 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 03.04.2025	No
Budget estimates 2025–26	25.03.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 154—25 March 2025, p. 5001)	Nil	Presented OOS 15.05.2025	No

Government Responses
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Nil

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

Community Affairs (References)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

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 from 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 Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ²	08.07.2024–22.07.2024
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ³	30.01.2023–31.01.2023
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ⁴	20.10.2022–20.10.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁵	29.09.2022–29.09.2022

¹ Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 11 July 2023

² Replaced Senator Marielle Smith from 8 to 22 July 2024

³ Replaced Senator Pratt on 30 and 31 January 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman on 20 October 2022

⁵ Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 29 September 2022

Inquiries
as at 30.06.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
Access to diagnosis and treatment for people in Australia with tick-borne diseases	20.11.2024	29.01.2025—Canberra	Presented OOS 27.03.2025	No

New References
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Nil

Government Responses
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Ending the postcode lottery: Addressing barriers to sexual, maternity and reproductive healthcare in Australia	11.02.2025	25.05.2023 OOS
Issues related to menopause and perimenopause	11.02.2025	18.09.2024



Economics

Economics

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

	Matters current as at 1 January 2025	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2025
Legislation	2	3	5	0
References	5	0	2 + (5**)	3
Total	7	3	7	3

Number of Meetings				
	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	4	6	0	10
References	0	7	0	8
Total	4	13	0	18

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

Witnesses			
Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions
Legislation	0	0	1
References	0	10	5
Total	0	10	6

Government Responses	
1	1
1	1
2	2

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

**Progress reports

Economics (Legislation)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

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 Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ⁴	27.02.2025–27.02.2025
Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG) ⁵	26.09.2022–04.11.2022
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ⁶	09.02.2023–22.03.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ⁷	26.02.2024–18.04.2024
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) ⁸	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 Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2024-2025 Additional estimates on 27 February 2025 from 4pm

⁵ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Atomic Energy Amendment (Mine Rehabilitation and Closure) Bill 2022

⁶ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023 and related bills

⁷ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Help to Buy Bill 2023 and a related bill

⁸ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 30 May 2023 from 7pm

Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) ⁹	31.05.2023–31.05.2023
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ¹⁰	30.05.2023–30.05.2023
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ¹¹	31.05.2023–31.05.2023
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ¹²	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹³	27.03.2024–21.06.2024
Senator Steph Hodgins-May (VIC, AG) ¹⁴	01.07.2024–01.07.2024
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ¹⁵	01.12.2022–01.12.2022
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ¹⁶	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ¹⁷	26.10.2023–26.10.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹⁸	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹⁹	28.11.2022–28.11.2022
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ²⁰	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ²¹	25.10.2023–26.10.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ²²	08.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ²³	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ²⁴	28.11.2022–28.11.2022
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ²⁵	30.11.2023–28.02.2024

- ⁹ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from 7pm
- ¹⁰ Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 30 May 2023 from the dinner break
- ¹¹ Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from the dinner break
- ¹² Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from the dinner break
- ¹³ 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
- ¹⁴ Replaced Senator McKim for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 1 July 2024
- ¹⁵ Replaced Senator Bragg for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 1 December 2022
- ¹⁶ Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023
- ¹⁷ Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 26 October 2023 from 4pm
- ¹⁸ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 6.30pm
- ¹⁹ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022
- ²⁰ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 11.45am to 1.45pm
- ²¹ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 and 26 October 2023
- ²² Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022 from 6pm
- ²³ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022
- ²⁴ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022 from 6pm until 8pm
- ²⁵ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the Digital ID Bill 2023 and related bill

Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) ²⁶	08.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) ²⁷	01.12.2022–01.12.2022
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ²⁸	10.10.2024–15.11.2024

²⁶ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022 from 2pm until 6pm

²⁷ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 1 December 2022

²⁸ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the Tax Laws Amendment (Incentivising Food Donations to Charitable Organisations) Bill 2024

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2025 presented OOS 27.05.2025	Ongoing
Scams Prevention Framework Bill 2024 [Provisions]	21.11.2024 (SB)	28.01.2025—Canberra	Presented OOS 03.02.2025; tabled 04.02.2025	No
Future Made in Australia (Production Tax Credits and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	28.11.2024 (SB)	23.01.2025—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 30.01.2025; tabled 04.02.2025 Report presented OOS 31.01.2025; tabled 04.02.2025	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Fairer for Families and Farmers and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	28.11.2024 (SB)	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 30.01.2025; tabled 04.02.2025 Report presented OOS 31.01.2025; tabled 04.02.2025	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Incentives and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	28.11.2024 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 30.01.2025; tabled 04.02.2025	No

New References
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
Additional estimates 2024–25	04.02.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 147—4 February 2025, pp. 4653–4)	26–27 February 2025— Canberra	25.03.2025	No
Budget estimates 2025–26	25.03.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 154—25 March 2025, p. 5001)	Nil	Presented OOS 27.05.2025	No

Government Responses
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Nil

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

Economics (References)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

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 members	Term of appointment
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹	29.11.2024–29.11.2024
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) ²	10.10.2024–28.11.2024
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ³	28.09.2022–30.11.2023

¹ Replaced Senator Stewart for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into improving consumer experiences, choice and outcomes in Australia's retirement system on 29 November 2024

² Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into financial regulatory framework and home ownership

³ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the influence of international digital platforms

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Australia's residential electrification efforts	14.06.2023	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 31.01.2025; tabled 04.02.2025 Report presented OOS 31.03.2025	No
Improving consumer experiences, choice, and outcomes in Australia's retirement system	27.11.2023	20.02.2025—Canberra	Third interim report— superannuation fund governance arrangements tabled 13.02.2025 Final report—challenges in obtaining evidences presented OOS 30.06.2025	No
'Big box' retailer price setting	14.08.2024 <i>(Recommendation 14 in Senate Select Committee on Supermarket Prices report presented OOS 07.05.2024)</i>	Nil	Presented OOS 29.05.2025	No
Wealth Management Companies	17.09.2024	Nil	Nil	Yes

New References
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
Micro-competition opportunities	12.02.2025	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Nil

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

Education and Employment

Education and Employment

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

	Matters current as at 1 January 2025	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2025
Legislation	1	6	5 + (2**)	2
References	0	0	0	0
Total	1	6	5	2

	Number of Meetings				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	3	2	9	0	14
References	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	2	9	0	14

	Meetings by State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

	Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General	
	60	31	15	
	0	0	0	
	60	31	15	
Legislation				
References				
Total				

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

** Interim reports

Education and Employment (Legislation)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

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 the Hon Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	20.08.2024
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022–04.07.2024
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	04.07.2024–20.08.2024
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ¹	10.10.2024–18.11.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ²	12.09.2024–12.09.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ³	02.10.2024–02.10.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ⁴ <i>(Acting Chair from 11.10.2024–03.11.2024)</i>	11.10.2024–03.11.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ⁵	13.11.2024–13.11.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ⁶	12.03.2025–12.03.2025

¹ Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Better and Fairer Schools (Funding and Reform) Bill 2024

² Replaced Senator Grogan for a private meeting on 12 September 2024

³ Replaced Senator the Hon Brown for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 2 October 2024

⁴ Replaced Senator Sheldon between 11 October 2024 and 3 November 2024

⁵ Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Better and Fairer Schools (Funding and Reform) Bill 2024 on 13 November 2024

⁶ Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into the quality of governance at Australian higher education providers on 12 March 2025

Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ⁷	20.03.2025–20.03.2025
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ⁸	02.08.2022–02.08.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) ⁹	02.05.2023–03.05.2023
Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash (WA, LP) ¹⁰	06.10.2023–06.10.2023
Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash (WA, LP) ¹¹	22.01.2024–22.01.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) ¹²	06.08.2024–06.08.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) ¹³	23.10.2024–23.10.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) ¹⁴	18.11.2024–18.11.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ¹⁵	05.04.2023–05.04.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ¹⁶	26.10.2023–26.10.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ¹⁷	03.06.2024–03.06.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ¹⁸	04.06.2024–05.06.2024
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) ¹⁹	04.11.2022–04.11.2022
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) ²⁰	17.04.2023–17.04.2023
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) ²¹	03.10.2023–03.10.2023
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ²²	19.09.2024–19.09.2024
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ²³	02.10.2024–02.10.2024

⁷ Replaced Senator Grogan for a private meeting on 20 March 2025

⁸ Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 August 2022

⁹ Replaced Senator O’Sullivan on 2 and 3 May 2023

¹⁰ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman on 6 October 2023

¹¹ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023 on 22 January 2024

¹² Replaced Senator Walsh for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 6 August 2024 from 1.30pm until 2.30pm

¹³ Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers (Special Account) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 23 October 2024

¹⁴ Replaced Senator the Hon Brown for a private meeting on 18 November 2024

¹⁵ Replaced Senator O’Sullivan for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Data Streaming) Amendment Bill 2023 on 5 April 2023

¹⁶ 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

¹⁷ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 3 June 2024

¹⁸ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 4-5 June 2024

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Liddle on 4 November 2022 from 11am until 12.30pm and 2pm until 2.45pm

²⁰ Replaced Senator Liddle on 17 April 2023

²¹ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023 on 3 October 2023

²² Replaced Senator the Hon Brown for a private meeting on 19 September 2024

²³ Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 2 October 2024

Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ²⁴	29.01.2025–29.01.2025
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ²⁵	20.03.2025–20.03.2025
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²⁶	01.09.2023–01.09.2023
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²⁷	26.10.2023–26.10.2023
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²⁸	06.06.2024–06.06.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²⁹	06.08.2024–06.08.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ³⁰	06.09.2024–06.09.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ³¹	24.09.2024–24.09.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ³²	27.09.2024–27.09.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ³³	23.10.2024–23.10.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ³⁴	12.03.2025–12.03.2025
Senator Steph Hodgins-May (VIC, AG) ³⁵	19.09.2024–30.10.2024
Senator Steph Hodgins-May (VIC, AG) ³⁶	11.02.2025–14.03.2025
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ³⁷	31.10.2023–31.10.2023
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ³⁸	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ³⁹	04.11.2022–04.11.2022

²⁴ Replaced Senator the Hon Brown for a private meeting on Wednesday 29 January 2025

²⁵ Replaced Senator the Hon Brown for a private meeting on Wednesday 20 March 2025

²⁶ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman on 1 September 2023

²⁷ 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

²⁸ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 6 June 2024

²⁹ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 6 August 2024

³⁰ Replaced Senator O’Sullivan for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 6 September 2024

³¹ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Universities Accord (Student Support and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 24 September 2024

³² Replaced Senator O’Sullivan for a private meeting on 27 September 2024

³³ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers (Special Account) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 23 October 2024

³⁴ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into the quality of governance at Australian higher education providers on 12 March 2025

³⁵ Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers (Special Account) Bill 2024

³⁶ Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Early Childhood Education and Care (Three Day Guarantee) Bill 2025

³⁷ Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman for a public hearing for the committee’s inquiry into Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023 on 31 October 2023

³⁸ Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 November 2022

³⁹ Replaced Senator Liddle on 4 November 2022 from 8am until 11am

Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) ⁴⁰	11.09.2023–01.02.2024
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) ⁴¹	13.03.2024–13.03.2024
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁴²	17.03.2023–17.03.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁴³	24.09.2024–24.09.2024
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) ⁴⁴	26.08.2024–26.08.2024
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ⁴⁵	28.04.2023–28.04.2023
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ⁴⁶	06.08.2024–06.08.2024
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) ⁴⁷	20.06.2023–20.06.2023
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) ⁴⁸	29.10.2024–29.10.2024
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ⁴⁹	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ⁵⁰	03.10.2023–03.10.2023
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ⁵¹	06.10.2023–06.10.2023
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ⁵²	31.10.2023–31.10.2023

⁴⁰ Replaced Senator Faruqi for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023

⁴¹ Replaced Senator Faruqi for a private meeting on 13 March 2024

⁴² Replaced Senator Payman on 17 March 2023

⁴³ Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Universities Accord (Student Support and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 24 September 2024

⁴⁴ Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 26 August 2024

⁴⁵ Replaced Senator Grogan on 28 April 2023

⁴⁶ Replaced Senator Grogan for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 6 August 2024

⁴⁷ Replaced Senator Grogan on 20 June 2023

⁴⁸ Replaced Senator Grogan for a private meeting on 29 October 2024

⁴⁹ 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

⁵⁰ Replaced Senator Payman on 3 October 2023

⁵¹ Replaced Senator Grogan on 6 October 2023

⁵² Replaced Senator Grogan on 31 October 2023

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2025 tabled 25.03.2025	Ongoing
Free TAFE Bill 2024 [Provisions]	21.11.2024 (SB)	31.01.2025—Adelaide 07.02.2025—Canberra	Presented OOS 27.02.2025; tabled 25.03.2025	No

New References

01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Quality of governance at Australian higher education providers	29.01.2025 (adopted by committee)	12.03.2024—Canberra	Interim report presented OOS 14.04.2025	Yes
Additional estimates 2024-25	04.02.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 147—4 February 2025, pp. 4653–4)	26–27 February 2025—Canberra	25.03.2025	No
Early Childhood Education and Care (Three Day Guarantee) Bill 2025 [Provisions]	06.02.2025 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 14.03.2025; tabled 25.03.2025	No
Tertiary Education Legislation Amendment (There For Education, Not Profit) Bill 2025	12.02.2025	Nil	Interim report presented OOS 14.04.2025	Yes

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Budget estimates 2025–26	25.03.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 154 —25 March 2025, p. 5001)	Nil	Presented OOS 14.04.2025	No

Government Responses
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Nil

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

Education and Employment (References)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

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 Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)	20.08.2024
Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP)	13.06.2023
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
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022–04.07.2024
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	04.07.2024–20.08.2024
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 Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ³ <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 11.10.2024)</i>	11.10.2024–03.11.2024
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ⁴	02.08.2022–02.08.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁵	08.05.2023–08.05.2023
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ⁶	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 Sheldon between 11 October 2024 and 3 November 2024

⁴ Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 August 2022

⁵ Replaced Senator Payman on 8 May 2023

⁶ 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 01.01.2025

Nil

New References
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Nil

Government Responses
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Nil

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

Environment and Communications

Environment and Communications

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

	Matters current as at 1 January 2025	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2025
Legislation	2	3	5	0
References	5	0	2 + (5**)	3
Total	7	3	7	3

Number of Meetings			
Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Legislation	4	6	0
References	0	7	0
Total	4	13	0
			Total Meetings
			10
			8
			18

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

Witnesses			
Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions
Legislation	0	0	1
References	0	10	5
Total	0	10	6
			Government Responses
			1
			1
			2

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

** Progress reports

Environment and Communications (Legislation)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

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 Leah Blyth (SA, LP)	10.02.2025
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)	01.08.2022
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP)	04.07.2024
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 Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022–04.07.2024
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	18.03.2024–10.02.2025
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	30.03.2023–16.10.2023
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ¹	11.10.2023–11.10.2023
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) ²	15.05.2023–15.05.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ³	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁴	26.05.2023–26.05.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁵	11.09.2023–10.11.2023

¹ Replaced Senator Payman for a private meeting on 11 October 2023

² Replaced Senator Cadell on 15 May 2023

³ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022 from 9am until 5pm

⁴ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 26 May 2023

⁵ Replaced Senator Cadell for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Bill 2023

Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁶	24.10.2023–24.10.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁷	27.10.2023–27.10.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁸	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁹	31.05.2024–31.05.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ¹⁰	07.06.2024–07.06.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ¹¹	05.11.2024–05.11.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ¹²	08.11.2024–08.11.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ¹³	28.02.2025–28.02.2025
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹⁴	28.11.2022–28.11.2022
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹⁵	28.02.2023–28.02.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹⁶	16.06.2023–04.12.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹⁷	26.07.2023–26.07.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹⁸	23.10.2023–23.10.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹⁹	01.12.2023–01.12.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ²⁰	27.02.2024–27.02.2024
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ²¹	29.05.2024–29.05.2024
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ²²	26.07.2024–26.07.2024

⁶ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023

⁷ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 27 October 2023

⁸ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 16 February 2024

⁹ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 31 May 2024 from 2.15pm

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 7 June 2024

¹¹ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 5 November 2024

¹² Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 8 November 2024

¹³ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 Additional estimates on 28 February 2025

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022 from 6.30pm until 9pm

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Cadell on 28 February 2023

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Hughes for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Nature Repair Market Bill 2023 and a related bill

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Hughes for a private meeting on 26 July 2023

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2023 from 5.30pm until 6.15pm

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Hughes for a private meeting on 1 December 2023

²⁰ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 27 February 2024

²¹ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 29 May 2024 from 3.15pm

²² Replaced Senator Sharma for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Nature Positive (Environment Protection Australia) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and related bills on 26 July 2024

Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ²³	06.09.2024–06.09.2024
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ²⁴	24.02.2025–24.02.2025
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ²⁵	12.02.2024–13.02.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²⁶	07.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²⁷	21.11.2022–21.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²⁸	23.11.2022–23.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ²⁹	29.11.2022–29.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ³⁰	01.12.2022–01.12.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ³¹	14.12.2022–14.12.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ³²	15.12.2022–15.12.2022
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ³³	18.08.2022–18.08.2022
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ³⁴	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ³⁵	26.05.2023–26.05.2023
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ³⁶	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, NP) ³⁷	14.05.2024–28.04.2025
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ³⁸	26.07.2023–26.07.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ³⁹	02.02.2024–02.02.2024
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁴⁰	22.02.2024–22.02.2024

²³ Replaced Senator Sharma for a private meeting on 6 September 2024

²⁴ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2024-25 Additional estimates on 24 February 2025 from 9pm

²⁵ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 12-13 February 2024

²⁶ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates from 2pm on 7 November until 1pm on 8 November 2022

²⁷ Replaced Senator Hughes on 21 November 2022 from 10.30am until 11am

²⁸ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 23 November 2022 from 6.30pm until 11pm

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

³⁰ Replaced Senator Hughes on 1 December 2022 from 1.15pm

³¹ Replaced Senator Hughes on 14 December 2022 from 3.30pm until 4pm

³² Replaced Senator Hughes on 15 December 2022 from 11.30am until 12pm

³³ 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

³⁴ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 16 February 2024 until 12pm

³⁵ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 26 May 2023 from 2pm

³⁶ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 16 February 2024 from 12pm

³⁷ Replaced Senator Cadell for the committee's inquiry into the Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023

³⁸ Replaced Senator Sheldon for a private meeting on 26 July 2023

³⁹ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 2 February 2024

⁴⁰ 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

Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁴¹	23.02.2024–23.02.2024
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁴²	06.09.2024–06.09.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ⁴³	10.04.2024–11.04.2024
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ⁴⁴	08.11.2024–08.11.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁴⁵	23.10.2023–23.10.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁴⁶	24.10.2023–24.10.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁴⁷	09.11.2023–09.11.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁴⁸	30.11.2023–30.11.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁴⁹	01.12.2023–01.12.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁵⁰	08.02.2024–08.02.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁵¹	28.05.2024–29.05.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁵²	31.05.2024–31.05.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁵³	04.11.2024–05.11.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ⁵⁴	24.02.2025–25.02.2025
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) ⁵⁵	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) ⁵⁶	26.02.2024–26.02.2024
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) ⁵⁷	31.10.2023–31.10.2023

⁴¹ Replaced Senator Payman for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Communications Legislation Amendment (Prominence and Anti-siphoning) Bill 2023 on 23 February 2024

⁴² Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 6 September 2024

⁴³ Replaced Senator Sharma on 10 and 11 April 2024

⁴⁴ Replaced Senator Sharma for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 8 November 2024

⁴⁵ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2023 from 8pm

⁴⁶ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023 from 8pm

⁴⁷ Replaced Senator Payman for a private meeting on 9 November 2023

⁴⁸ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 30 November 2023

⁴⁹ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 1 December 2023

⁵⁰ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 8 February 2024

⁵¹ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 28-29 May 2024 from 7pm

⁵² Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 31 May 2024 from 7pm

⁵³ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 4-5 November 2024 from 7pm

⁵⁴ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2024-25 Additional estimates on 24-25 February 2025 from 7pm

⁵⁵ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 16 February 2024

⁵⁶ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 26 February 2024

⁵⁷ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 31 October 2023

Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) ⁵⁸	01.11.2023–01.11.2023
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) ⁵⁹	26.03.2024–26.03.2024
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) ⁶⁰	26.07.2024–26.07.2024
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ⁶¹	16.11.2022–16.11.2022
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ⁶²	09.03.2023–09.03.2023

⁵⁸ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 1 November 2023

⁵⁹ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 26 March 2024

⁶⁰ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Nature Positive (Environment Protection Australia) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and related bills on 26 July 2024

⁶¹ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 16 November 2022

⁶² Replaced Senator Payman for the consideration of the 2022-23 supplementary Budget estimates on 9 March 2023

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Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2025 presented OOS 28.03.2025	Ongoing
Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023	19.10.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 28.04.2025	No
National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Commitment to Public Ownership) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	21.11.2024 (SB)	Nil	06.02.2025	No

New References
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Additional estimates 2024-25	04.02.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 147—4 February 2025, pp. 4653–4)	24–25 and 28 February 2025—Canberra	25.03.2025	No
Budget estimates 2025–26	25.03.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 154—25 March 2025, p. 5001)	27 March 2025—Canberra	Presented OOS 27.05.2025	No

Government Responses
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Interactive Gambling Amendment (Credit and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	20.02.2025 OOS	12.10.2023 OOS

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 OOS (Out of session)*

Environment and Communications (References)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

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 Leah Blyth (SA, LP)	10.02.2025
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP)	20.06.2023
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
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	18.03.2024–10.02.2025
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) ¹	04.07.2024–04.07.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) ²	05.08.2024–05.08.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ³	16.04.2024–16.04.2024
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS) ⁴	14.05.2024–21.08.2024
Senator Fatima Payman (NSW, ALP) ⁵	31.10.2023–31.10.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (NSW, ALP) ⁶	21.05.2024–21.05.2024

¹ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 4 July 2024

² Replaced Senator Bilyk for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into waste reduction and recycling policies on 5 August 2024

³ Replaced Senator Cadell on 16 April 2024

⁴ Replaced Senator Cadell for the committee's inquiry into the Middle Arm Industrial Precinct

⁵ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 31 October 2023

⁶ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 21 May 2024

Senator Tony Sheldon (WA, ALP) ⁷	02.11.2023–02.11.2023
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁸	08.09.2022–03.11.2023
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁹	10.08.2023–09.05.2024
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹⁰	27.03.2024–24.04.2025

⁷ Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 2 November 2023

⁸ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into climate-related marine invasive species

⁹ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into Australian Antarctic Division funding

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into waste reduction and recycling policies

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Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Australia's extinction crisis (terms of reference and title updated; previously known as Australia's faunal extinction crisis)	04.08.2022	Nil	Nil	Yes
National Cultural Policy released on 30 January 2023	08.02.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes
Greenwashing	29.03.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes
Effectiveness of the Albanese Labor Government's waste reduction and recycling policies in delivering a circular economy	28.02.2024	14.02.2025—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 28.02.2025; tabled 25.03.2025 Second progress report presented OOS 14.03.2025; tabled 25.03.2025 Third progress report presented OOS 14.04.2025 No time to waste: Waste reduction and recycling policies presented OOS 24.04.2025	No

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Offshore wind industry	03.07.2024	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 05.03.2025; tabled 25.03.2025 Second progress report presented OOS 24.04.2025 Report presented OOS 05.06.2025	No

New References
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Nil

Government Responses
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Optus network outage	23.01.2025 OOS	27.09.2024 OOS

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Finance and Public Administration

Finance and Public Administration

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

	Matters current as at 1 January 2025	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2025
Legislation	1	4	4	1
References	0	1	0	1
Total	1	5	4	2

Number of Meetings				
Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	4	6	0	11
References	0	1	0	1
Total	4	7	0	12

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

Witnesses			
Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	145	0	6
References	0	0	18
Total	145	0	24

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

Finance and Public Administration (Legislation)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

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
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP) ¹⁰	27.10.2023–27.10.2023

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 the Hon 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 the Hon Colbeck for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022

¹⁰ Replaced Senator the Hon McGrath for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 27 October 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
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹⁹	28.11.2024–30.01.2025

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

¹² Replaced Senator the Hon 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

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into the Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill 2024

Inquiries as at 01.01.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2025 presented OOS 27.03.2025	Ongoing
Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	21.11.2024 (SB)	22.01.2025—Canberra	Presented OOS 30.01.2025; tabled 04.02.2025	No

New References 01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Additional estimates 2024–25	04.02.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 147—4 February 2025, pp. 4653–4)	24–25 and 28 February 2025—Canberra	25.03.2025	No
Remuneration Tribunal Amendment (There For Public Service, Not Profit) Bill 2025	12.02.2025	Nil	Nil	Yes
Budget estimates 2025–26	25.03.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 154—25 March 2025, p. 5001)	27.03.2025—Canberra	Presented OOS 17.04.2025	No

Government Responses
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Nil

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Finance and Public Administration (References)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

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 a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into management and assurance of integrity by consulting services 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 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 01.01.2025

Nil

New References
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
The operation and appropriateness of the superannuation and pension schemes for current and former members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF)	11.02.2025	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Nil

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

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

	Matters current as at 1 January 2025	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2025
Legislation	0	4	3	1
References	3	1	2 + (2**)	2
Total	3	5	5	3

Number of Meetings				
Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	2	5	0	7
References	0	6	0	8
Total	2	11	0	15

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

Witnesses			
Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions
Legislation	199	0	20
References	0	26	70
Total	199	26	90

Government Responses	
0	1
1	1

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

** Progress reports

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Legislation)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

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 Dave Sharma (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 05.02.2025)</i>	04.02.2025
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP)	24.06.2024
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG)	26.07.2022
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022–04.02.2025
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	18.03.2024–24.06.2024
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022–29.02.2024
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Ross Cadell (SA, LP) ¹	27.02.2025–27.02.2025
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NP) ²	02.07.2024–02.07.2024
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ³	04.04.2024–04.04.2024
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ⁴	28.03.2025–28.03.2025
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ⁵	02.06.2023–02.06.2023
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ⁶	28.05.2024–24.06.2024

¹ Replaced Senator the Hon Fawcett for the consideration of the 2024-25 Additional estimates on 27 February 2025 from 6pm to adjournment

² Replaced Senator the Hon Fawcett for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 2 July 2024 from 7pm to 10pm

³ Replaced Senator Green on 4 April 2024

⁴ Replaced Senator Ciccone for 2024-25 Budget estimates on 28 March 2025 from 1:45pm to adjournment

⁵ Replaced Senator Green for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 2 June 2023 from 4pm to 6pm

⁶ Replaced Senator Payman for any meetings during the period 28 May 2024 to 24 June 2024

Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ⁷	15.11.2023–15.11.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ⁸	14.02.2024–15.02.2024
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ⁹	08.03.2024–18.03.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ¹⁰	04.04.2024–04.04.2024
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹¹	08.08.2023–24.11.2023
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹²	30.11.2023–13.05.2024
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹³	30.11.2023–14.05.2024
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹⁴	30.11.2023–15.03.2024
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹⁵	22.06.2023–28.11.2024
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹⁶	04.07.2024–03.10.2024
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) ¹⁷	22.03.2024–22.03.2024
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ¹⁸	14.02.2024–14.02.2024

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

⁸ Replaced Senator White for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 14-15 February 2024

⁹ Replaced Senator White from 8–18 March 2024

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Chandler on 4 April 2024

¹¹ Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the Defence Capability Assurance and Oversight Bill 2023

¹² Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023 and related bill

¹³ Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure and Other Measures) Bill 2023

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2023

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the performance of the Department of Defence

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Bill 2024

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Chandler on 22 March 2024

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Green for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 14 February 2024 from 9am to 10.30am

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2024</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2025 tabled 25.03.2025	Ongoing

New References
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
Additional estimates 2024-25	04.02.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 147—4 February 2025, pp. 4653–4)	26–27 February 2025— Canberra	25.03.2025	No
Review of Schedule 9 of the <i>Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Act 2025</i>	20.02.2025 (pursuant to section 5 of the <i>Act</i>)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Budget estimates 2025–26	25.03.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 154—25 March 2025, p. 5001)	Nil	Presented OOS 19.05.2025	No

Government Responses
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (References)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 05.02.2025)</i>	04.02.2025
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)	01.08.2022
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP)	19.09.2024
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG)	26.07.2022
Former member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022–04.02.2025
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	28.07.2022–19.09.2024

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
National Volunteer Incentive Scheme (Climate Army)	18.09.2024	Nil	Nil	Yes
Australia’s sanctions regime	03.07.2024	15.11.2024—Canberra	11.02.2025	No
Defence Honours and Awards Systems	03.07.2024	07.02.2025—Canberra 12.03.2025—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 17.04.2025 Second progress report presented OOS 12.06.2025 Report presented OOS 19.06.2025	No

New References

01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
Compensation and income support for veterans	13.02.2025	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Australian support for Ukraine	20.02.2025	16.09.2024 OOS

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

	Matters current as at 1 January 2025	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2025
Legislation	1	6	6	1
References	1	0	1 + (1**)	0
Total	2	6	7	1

	Number of Meetings		
	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Legislation	3	8	0
References	0	4	0
Total	3	12	0

	Total Meetings	
Legislation	11	
References	5	
Total	16	

	Meetings by State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Legislation	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	16	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses		
	Estimates	Bills	General
Legislation	104	2	0
References	0	44	0
Total	104	46	0

	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	27	3
References	8	0
Total	35	3

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

**Interim report

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Legislation)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

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 Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ¹	18.10.2024–18.10.2024
Senator the Hon Carol Brown (TAS, ALP) ²	12.11.2024–12.11.2024
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ³	30.03.2023–18.05.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ⁴	14.08.2024–01.10.2024
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ⁵	12.02.2024–13.02.2024
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ⁶	16.11.2023–20.06.2024

¹ Replaced Senator Polley for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Family Law Amendment Bill 2024 on 18 October 2024

² Replaced Senator Polley for a private meeting on 12 November 2024

³ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the Criminal Code Amendment (Prohibition of Nazi Symbols) Bill 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the Commission of Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian Universities Bill 2024 (No. 2)

⁵ Replaced Senator Ciccone for the consideration of the 2023-24 Additional estimates on 12-13 February 2024

⁶ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Pay for Radio Play) Bill 2023

Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ⁷	20.09.2024–20.09.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ⁸	30.09.2024–30.09.2024
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ⁹	09.02.2023–07.03.2023
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ¹⁰	09.03.2023–13.06.2023
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ¹¹	22.06.2023–31.08.2023
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹²	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹³	30.09.2024–30.09.2024
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) ¹⁴	06.02.2025–14.03.2025
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ¹⁵	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ¹⁶	16.11.2022–16.11.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) ¹⁷	31.05.2024–31.05.2024
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) ¹⁸	14.08.2024–14.08.2024
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) ¹⁹	23.07.2024–23.07.2024
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ²⁰	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ²¹	12.05.2023–14.06.2023
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ²²	12.05.2023–24.08.2023

⁷ Replaced Senator Antic for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Commission of Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian Universities Bill 2024 (No. 2) on 20 September 2024

⁸ Replaced Senator Antic for a private meeting on 30 September 2024

⁹ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Evacuation to Safety) Bill 2023

¹⁰ 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

¹¹ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Strengthening Employer Compliance) Bill 2023

¹² 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

¹³ Replaced Senator Polley for a private meeting on 30 September 2024

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2024

¹⁵ 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

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

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

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Polley for a private meeting on 14 August 2024

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Polley for a private meeting on 23 July 2024

²⁰ 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

²¹ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023

²² Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment Bill 2023

Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ²³	30.11.2023–09.02.2024
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ²⁴	29.02.2024–24.04.2024
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ²⁵	04.07.2024–08.08.2024
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ²⁶	18.09.2024–31.10.2024

²³ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Costs Protection) Bill 2023

²⁴ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the Crimes Amendment (Strengthening the Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Violence) Bill 2024

²⁵ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the Criminal Code Amendment (Deepfake Sexual Material) Bill 2024

²⁶ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the Family Law Bill 2024

Inquiries as at 01.01.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2025 presented OOS 24.03.2025; tabled 25.03.2025	Ongoing
Oversight Legislation Amendment (Robodebt Royal Commission Response and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	21.11.2024 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 30.01.2025; tabled 04.02.2025	No

New References 01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Additional estimates 2024-25	04.02.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 147—4 February 2025, pp. 4653–4)	24–25 February 2025— Canberra	Presented OOS 24.03.2025; tabled 25.03.2025	No
Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2024 [Provisions]	06.02.2025 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 14.03.2025; tabled 25.03.2025	No
AusCheck Amendment (Global Entry Program) Bill 2025 [Provisions]	13.02.2025 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 21.03.2025; tabled 25.03.2025	No
Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill 2025 (No.2)	13.02.2025 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Budget estimates 2025–26	25.03.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 154—25 March 2025, p. 5001)	27.03.2025—Canberra	Presented OOS 27.05.2025	No
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Government Responses
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Migration Amendment (Strengthening Employer Compliance) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	23.01.2025 OOS	31.08.2024 OOS
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions]	30.01.2025 OOS	13.11.2024 OOS
Family Law Amendment Bill 2024	30.01.2025 OOS	31.10.2024 OOS

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (References)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

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
Former member	Term of appointment
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022–29.02.2024
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG) ¹	05.09.2022–15.08.2024
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ²	07.12.2023–06.12.2024
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP) ³	16.09.2024–03.06.2025
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ⁴	30.11.2022–14.09.2023

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

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

³ Replaced Senator Antic for the committee's inquiry into Australia's youth justice and incarceration system

⁴ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into current and proposed sexual consent laws

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
Australia’s youth justice and incarceration system	11.09.2024	03.02.2025—Canberra	Interim report presented OOS 28.02.2025; tabled 25.03.2025 Report presented OOS 03.06.2025	No

New References
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Nil

Government Responses
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Nil

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

**Rural and Regional
Affairs and Transport**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

	Matters current as at 1 January 2025	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2025
Legislation	2	3	5 + (1**)	0
References	3	0	3	0
Total	5	3	8	0

	Number of Meetings			
	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	3	7	0	11
References	0	5	0	10
Total	3	12	0	21

	Meetings by State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	10	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	142	18	0	7	0
References	0	0	57	0	0
Total	142	18	57	7	0

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

** Progress report

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) (elected Chair on 02.08.2022)	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) (elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	20.08.2024
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) (Acting Chair 23.04.2024–23.04.2024) (Acting Chair 29.05.2024–31.05.2024) (Acting Chair 25.02.2025–25.02.2025)	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	09.09.2024
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP)	24.06.2024–20.08.2024
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022–01.08.2022
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022–09.09.2024
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	18.03.2024–24.06.2024
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022–29.02.2024
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ¹	30.03.2023–04.05.2023
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ²	05.11.2024–05.11.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) ³	21.03.2025–21.03.2025

¹ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2023

² Replaced Senator the Hon Colbeck for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 5 November 2024 from 9am until 11am and 5.30pm until 11pm

³ Replaced Senator Ciccone for a private meeting on 21 March 2025

Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ⁴	11.05.2023–19.10.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ⁵	03.08.2023–30.08.2023
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) ⁶	30.05.2024–31.05.2024
Senator Steph Hodgins-May (VIC, AG) ⁷	16.05.2024–24.03.2025
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ⁸	07.11.2022–07.11.2022
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ⁹	07.11.2022–07.11.2022
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ¹⁰	24.10.2023–24.10.2023
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NP) ¹¹	25.06.2024–25.06.2024
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NP) ¹²	04.11.2024–04.11.2024
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NP) ¹³	05.11.2024–05.11.2024
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NP) ¹⁴	12.11.2024–12.11.2024
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NP) ¹⁵	17.03.2025–17.03.2025
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ¹⁶	16.05.2024–20.06.2024
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹⁷	21.03.2025–21.03.2025
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹⁸	07.02.2023–07.02.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹⁹	24.10.2023–24.10.2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021

⁵ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports Amendment (Animal Welfare) Bill 2023

⁶ Replaced Senator Sterle for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 30-31 May 2024

⁷ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay) Bill 2024

⁸ Replaced Senator the Hon Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 2.30pm until 3pm

⁹ Replaced Senator the Hon Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 7pm until 1pm

¹⁰ Replaced Senator the Hon Canavan for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023 from 3.30pm

¹¹ Replaced Senator the Hon Canavan for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 25 June 2024

¹² Replaced Senator the Hon Colbeck for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 4 November 2024

¹³ Replaced Senator the Hon Colbeck for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 5 November 2024 from 4.30pm until 5.30pm

¹⁴ Replaced Senator the Hon Canavan for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions] on 12 November 2024

¹⁵ Replaced Senator the Hon Canavan for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay) Bill 2024 on 17 March 2025

¹⁶ 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

¹⁷ Replaced Senator the Hon Brown for a private meeting on 21 March 2025

¹⁸ Replaced Senator White for a private meeting on 7 February 2023

¹⁹ Replaced Senator White for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2023 from 7.30pm

Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ²⁰	12.02.2024–13.02.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ²¹	07.11.2022–07.11.2022
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ²²	05.11.2024–05.11.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ²³	29.05.2024–29.05.2024
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) ²⁴	25.02.2025–25.02.2025
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ²⁵	30.05.2024–30.05.2024
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ²⁶	31.05.2024–31.05.2024
Senator David Van (VIC, LP) ²⁷	07.11.2022–07.11.2022

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

²¹ Replaced Senator the Hon Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 3pm until 6pm

²² Replaced Senator the Hon Colbeck for the consideration of the 2024-25 supplementary Budget estimates on 5 November 2024 from 11am until 4.30pm

²³ Replaced Senator Sterle for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 29 May 2024

²⁴ Replaced Senator Sterle for the consideration of the 2024-25 Additional estimates on 25 February 2025 from 9am until 4pm

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

²⁶ Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 31 May 2024

²⁷ Replaced Senator the Hon Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 6pm until 7pm

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2025 tabled 25.03.2025	Ongoing
Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay) Bill 2024	16.05.2024 (SB)	17.03.2025—Canberra	Report presented OOS 24.03.2025; tabled 25.03.2025	No
National Organics Standard Bill 2024	28.11.2024 (SB)	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 31.01.2025; tabled 04.02.2025 Report tabled 11.02.2025	No

New References

01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025
Additional estimates 2024–25	04.02.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 147—4 February 2025, pp. 4653–4)	24–25 February 2025—Canberra	25.03.2025	No
Budget estimates 2025–26	25.03.2025 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 154—25 March 2025, p. 5001)	27 March 2025—Canberra	Presented OOS 17.04.2025	No

Government Responses
01.01.2025–30.06.2025

Nil

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

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (References)

1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	20.08.2024
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	09.09.2024
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP)	24.06.2024–20.08.2024
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022–09.09.2024
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	18.03.2024–24.06.2024
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022–29.02.2024
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ¹	30.03.2023–17.04.2025
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) ² <i>(Acting Deputy Chair 15.04.2024–17.04.2024)</i>	15.04.2024–15.04.2024
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) ³ <i>(Acting Deputy Chair 15.04.2024–17.04.2024)</i>	16.04.2024–16.04.2024
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) ⁴ <i>(Acting Deputy Chair 15.04.2024–17.04.2024)</i>	17.04.2024–17.04.2024

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

² Replaced Senator Sterle for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into the impact and mitigation of aircraft noise on 15 April 2024

³ Replaced Senator Sterle for a public hearing for the committee's inquiry into bank closures in Regional Australia on 16 April 2024

⁴ 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

Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) ⁵	29.05.2024–29.05.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) ⁶	28.08.2024–28.08.2024
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ⁷	31.07.2024–31.07.2024
Senator Steph Hodgins-May (VIC, AG) ⁸	14.05.2024–25.10.2024
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ⁹	01.08.2023–09.09.2024
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ¹⁰	09.08.2023–09.08.2024
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ¹¹	10.09.2024–17.04.2025
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹²	07.02.2023–07.02.2023
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ¹³	11.12.2024–12.12.2024

⁵ Replaced Senator Sterle for a private meeting on 29 May 2024

⁶ Replaced Senator the Hon Brown on 28 August 2024

⁷ Replaced Senator the Hon Colbeck for a private meeting on 31 July 2024

⁸ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the impact and mitigation of aircraft noise

⁹ Replaced Senator Rennick for the committee's inquiry into Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games

¹⁰ Replaced Senator the Hon Colbeck on 9 August 2024

¹¹ Replaced Senator the Hon Reynolds for the committee's inquiry into Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games

¹² Replaced Senator White for a private meeting on 7 February 2023

¹³ Replaced Senator the Hon Canavan for the committee's inquiry into the adequacy of the voluntary Code of Conduct for Australian Winegrapes Purchases from 11 December 2024 until 12 December 2024

Inquiries

as at 01.01.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games	30.03.2023	07.02.2025—Canberra	Final report presented OOS 17.04.2025	No
Shutdown of the 3G mobile network and telecommunications services accessibility	26.03.2024	05.02.2025—Canberra 12.02.2025—Canberra	Final report presented OOS 26.02.2025; tabled 25.03.2025	No
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