

**Committee-related
activity in the chamber**

1 January 2025–30 June 2025

Matters referred to Committees

During the reporting period, 12 matters were referred to Senate Committees for inquiry and report. This included 5 individual/packages of bills referred through the Selection of Bills Committee, 2 bills referred to Legislation Committees, 1 inquiry adopted by a Legislation committee, 1 legislation matter being reviewed by a Legislation committee and 3 matters referred to References Committees. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
EE (Leg)	The adequacy of the powers available to the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency to perform its role in identifying and addressing corporate governance issues at Australian higher education providers	29.01.2025 (1)
CA (Leg)	Health Legislation Amendment (Improved Medicare Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2025 [Provisions]	06.02.2025 (3)
EE (Leg)	Early Childhood Education and Care (Three Day Guarantee) Bill 2025 [Provisions]	
LCA (Leg)	Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2025 [Provisions]	
FPA (Ref)	The operation and appropriateness of the superannuation and pension schemes for current and former members of the Australian Defence Force	11.02.2025 (1)
EE (Leg)	Tertiary Education Legislation Amendment (There For Education, Not Profit) Bill 2025	12.02.2025 (3)
FPA (Leg)	Remuneration Tribunal Amendment (There For Public Service, Not Profit) Bill 2025	
ECO (Ref)	Micro-competition opportunities in the Australian economy in relation to e-conveyancing	
LCA (Leg)	AusCheck Amendment (Global Entry Program) Bill 2025 [Provisions]	13.02.2025 (3)
LCA (Leg)	Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill 2025 (No. 2)	
FADT (Ref)	The representation of and advice provided by ex-service organisations, commercial entities, not-for-profits and individuals to veterans and families in relation to accessing compensation and income support from the Department of Veterans' Affairs	
FADT (Leg)	Review of amendments in Schedule 9 of the Defence Act 1903 (pursuant to Section 5 of the <i>Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support (Simplification and Harmonisation) Act 2025</i>)	20.02.2025 (1)

Reports tabled by Senate Committees

During the reporting period, committees supported by the Senate Committee Office tabled/presented 75 reports. This included 45 Legislation Committee reports, 22 References Committee reports, 2 Select Committee reports and 6 Joint Committee reports. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
CFS (Joint)	Financial abuse: an insidious form of domestic violence (presented OOS 05.12.2024)	Presented OOS
LCA (Ref)	Right wing extremist movements in Australia (presented OOS 06.12.2024)	
ECO (Ref)	*Australia's taxation system—Progress report (presented OOS 10.12.2024)	
ECO (Ref)	Australia's taxation system (presented OOS 11.12.2024)	
EC (Leg)	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Reconsideration of Decisions) Bill 2024 (presented OOS 11.12.2024)	
LCA (Leg)	Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 12.12.2024)	
Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (Select)	Report (presented OOS 19.12.2024)	
Energy Planning and Regulation in Australia (Select)	Final report (presented OOS 20.12.2024)	
CA (Leg)	Health Legislation Amendment (Modernising My Health Record—Sharing by Default) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 30.01.2025)	04.02.2025 (11)
ECO (Leg)	*Future Made in Australia (Production Tax Credits and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]—Progress report (presented OOS 30.01.2025)	
ECO (Leg)	*Treasury Laws Amendment (Fairer for Families and Farmers and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]—Progress report (presented OOS 30.01.2025)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Incentives and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 30.01.2025)	
FPA (Leg)	Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 30.01.2025)	

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LCA (Leg)	Oversight Legislation Amendment (Robodebt Royal Commission Response and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 30.01.2025)	04.02.2025 <i>continued</i>
ECO (Leg)	Future Made in Australia (Production Tax Credits and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 31.01.2025)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Fairer for Families and Farmers and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 31.01.2025)	
ECO (Ref)	*Residential electrification—Progress report (presented OOS 31.01.2025)	
RRAT (Leg)	*National Organic Standard Bill 2024—Progress report (presented OOS 31.01.2025)	
ECO (Leg)	Scams Prevention Framework Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 03.02.2025)	
EC (Leg)	National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Commitment to Public Ownership) Bill 2024 [Provisions]	06.02.2025 (1)
RRAT (Leg)	National Organic Standard Bill 2024	11.02.2025 (2)
FADT (Ref)	Australia’s sanctions regime	
ECO (Ref)	*Improving consumer experiences, choice, and outcomes in Australia’s retirement system: superannuation fund governance arrangements—Third interim report	13.02.2025 (2)
CFS (Joint)	Wholesale investor and wholesale client tests	
CA (Leg)	Annual reports (No.1 of 2025) (presented OOS 21.02.2025)	25.03.2025 (25)
RRAT (Ref)	Shutdown of the 3G mobile network (presented OOS 26.02.2025)	
EE (Leg)	Free TAFE Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 27.02.2025)	
EC (Ref)	*Waste reduction and recycling policies—Progress report (presented OOS 28.02.2025)	
LCA (Ref)	*Australia’s youth justice and incarceration system—Interim report (presented OOS 28.02.2025)	
RRAT (Ref)	Australian winegrape purchases code of conduct (presented OOS 28.02.2025)	
EC (Leg)	*Offshore wind industry consultation process—Progress report (presented OOS 05.03.2025)	

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CA (Leg)	Additional estimates 2024-25 (presented OOS 14.03.2025)	25.03.2025 <i>continued</i>
EC (Ref)	*Waste reduction and recycling policies–Progress report (presented OOS 14.03.2025)	
EE (Leg)	Early Childhood Education and Care (Three day Guarantee) Bill 2025 [Provisions] (presented OOS 14.03.2025)	
LCA (Leg)	Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 14.03.2025)	
PFAS (Select)	*Interim report (presented OOS 14.03.2025)	
LCA (Leg)	AusCheck Amendment (Global Entry Program) Bill 2025 [Provisions] (presented OOS 21.03.2025)	
LCA (Leg)	Additional estimates 2024–25 (presented OOS 24.03.2025)	
LCA (Leg)	Annual reports (No. 1 of 2025) (presented OOS 24.03.2025)	
RRAT (Leg)	Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay) Bill 2024 (presented OOS 24.03.2025)	
EC (Leg)	Additional estimates 2024–25	
ECO (Leg)	Additional estimates 2024–25	
EE (Leg)	Additional estimates 2024–25	
EE (Leg)	Annual reports (No. 1 of 2025)	
FADT (Leg)	Additional estimates 2024–25	
FADT (Leg)	Annual reports (No. 1 of 2025)	
FPA (Leg)	Additional estimates 2024–25	
RRAT (Leg)	Additional estimates 2024–25	
RRAT (Leg)	Annual reports (No. 1 of 2025)	
Northern Australia (Joint Select)	Cyclone Reinsurance pool–Final report	26.03.2025 (HoR)
CA (Ref)	Access to diagnosis and treatment for people in Australia with tick-borne diseases (presented OOS 27.03.2025)	Presented OOS (33)

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FPA (Leg)	Annual reports (No. 1 of 2025) (presented OOS 27.03.2025)	Presented OOS <i>continued</i>
LE (Select)	Examination of the Australian Federal Police annual report 2023–24 (tabled OOS 27.03.2025)	
LE (Select)	Examination of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission annual report 2023–24 (tabled OOS 27.03.2025)	
NACC (Joint)	Examination of the Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission annual report 2023–24 (tabled OOS 27.03.2025)	
NACC (Joint)	Examination of the National Anti-Corruption Commission annual report 2023–24 (tabled OOS 27.03.2025)	
EC (Leg)	Annual reports (No. 1 of 2025) (presented OOS 28.03.2025)	
ECO (Ref)	Residential electrification (presented OOS 31.03.2025)	
CA (Leg)	Health Legislation Amendment (Improved Medicare Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2025 [Provisions] (presented OOS 03.04.2025)	
EC (Ref)	*Waste reduction and recycling policies—Progress report (presented OOS 14.04.2025)	
EE (Leg)	Budget estimates 2025–26 (presented OOS 14.04.2025)	
EE (Leg)	*Quality of governance at Australian higher education providers—Interim report (presented OOS 14.04.2025)	
EE (Leg)	*Tertiary Legislation Amendment (There For Education, Not Profit) Bill 2025—Interim report (presented OOS 14.04.2025)	
Measuring Outcomes for First Nations Communities (Select)	*Measuring Outcomes for First Nations Communities—Interim report (presented OOS 14.04.2025)	
FPA (Leg)	Budget estimates 2025–26 (presented OOS 17.04.2025)	
RRAT (Leg)	Budget estimates 2025–26 (presented OOS 17.04.2025)	
FADT (Ref)	*Defence honours and awards system—Progress report (presented OOS 17.04.2025)	

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RRAT (Ref)	Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games—Final report (presented OOS 17.04.2025)	Presented OOS <i>continued</i>
EC (Ref)	*Offshore wind industry consultation process—Progress report (presented OOS 24.04.2025)	
EC (Ref)	No time to waste: Waste reduction and recycling policies (presented OOS 24.04.2025)	
EC (Leg)	Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023 (presented OOS 28.04.2025)	
CA (Leg)	Budget estimates 2025–26 (presented OOS 15.05.2025)	
FADT (Leg)	Budget estimates 2025–26 (presented OOS 19.05.2025)	
EC (Leg)	Budget estimates 2025–26 (presented OOS 27.05.2025)	
ECO (Leg)	Annual reports (No. 1 of 2025) (presented OOS 27.05.2025)	
ECO (Leg)	Budget estimates 2025–26 (presented OOS 27.05.2025)	
LCA (Leg)	Budget estimates 2025–26 (presented OOS 27.05.2025)	
ECO (Ref)	'Big box' retailer price setting (presented OOS 29.05.2025)	
LCA (Ref)	Australia's youth justice and incarceration system (presented OOS 03.06.2025)	
EC (Ref)	Offshore wind industry consultation process (presented OOS 05.06.2025)	
FADT (Ref)	*Defence honours and awards system—Progress report (presented OOS 12.06.2025)	
FADT (Ref)	Defence honours and awards system (presented OOS 19.06.2025)	
ECO (Ref)	Improving consumer experiences, choice, and outcomes in Australia's retirement system—Final report—challenges in obtaining evidence from certain witnesses (presented OOS 30.06.2025)	

**Reports that did not discharge a reference*

Estimates reports:

There were 16 reports tabled or presented out of session during the reporting period.

Reports on Annual Reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 8 reports.

Government Responses to Committee reports

During the reporting period, 12 Government responses to Senate Committee reports were tabled/presented. The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
CA (Ref)	Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (response presented OOS 05.12.2024; report tabled 17.03.2021)	Presented OOS
FADT (Ref)	Funding for public research into foreign policy issues (response presented OOS 05.12.2024; report tabled 17.08.2021)	
CA (Ref)	Assessment and support services for people with ADHD (response presented OOS 12.12.2024; report tabled 06.11.2023)	
EC (Leg)	Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equity) Bill 2023 (response presented OOS 12.12.2024; report tabled 26.06.2024)	
Australia's Disaster Resilience (Select)	Boots on the ground: Raising resilience—Report (response presented OOS 19.12.2024; report tabled 08.08.2024)	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (response presented OOS 19.12.2024; report tabled 03.05.2023)	
FADT (Leg)	Migration Amendment (Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure and Other Measures) Bill 2023 (response presented OOS 19.12.2024; report tabled 14.05.2024)	
LCA (Leg)	Migration Amendment (Australia's Engagement in the Pacific and Other Measures) Bill 2023 and Migration (Visa Pre-application Process) Charge Bill 2023 (response presented OOS 19.12.2024; report tabled 13.06.2023)	
CFS (Joint)	2019–2020 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act (response presented OOS 23.01.2025; report tabled 25.08.2021)	04.05.2025 (5)
EC (Ref)	Optus Network Outage (response presented OOS 23.01.2025; report tabled 27.09.2024)	
LCA (Leg)	Migration Amendment (Strengthening Employer Compliance) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (response presented OOS 23.01.2025; report tabled 31.08.2023)	
LCA (Leg)	Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions] (response presented OOS 30.01.2025; report tabled 13.11.2024)	

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LCA (Leg)	Family Law Amendment Bill 2024 (response presented OOS 30.01.2025; report tabled 31.10.2024)	04.05.2025 <i>continued</i>
CA (Ref)	Ending the postcode lottery: Addressing barriers to sexual, maternity and reproductive healthcare in Australia (report tabled 25.05.2023)	11.02.2025 (2)
CA (Ref)	Issues related to menopause and perimenopause (report tabled 18.09.2024)	
Job Security (Select)	1 st interim report: on-demand platform work in Australia (report tabled 24.06.2021) 2 nd interim report: insecurity in publicly-funded jobs (report tabled 19.10.2021) 3 rd interim report: labour hire and job contracting (report tabled 30.11.2021) 4 th interim report: the job insecurity report (report tabled 11.02.2022) Final report: matter of possible privilege (report tabled 30.03.2022)	13.02.2025 (1)
EC (Leg)	Interactive Gambling Amendment (Credit and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (response presented OOS 20.02.2025; report tabled 12.10.2023)	25.03.2025 (4)
FADT (Ref)	Australian support for Ukraine (response presented OOS 20.02.2025; report tabled 16.09.2024)	
CFS (Joint)	Statutory inquiry into ASIC, the Takeovers Panel, and the corporations legislation: Competition in clearing and settlement and the ASX CHESS Replacement Project: The CHESS Replacement Project is too important to fail—Interim report (response presented OOS 27.02.2025; report tabled 24.04.2024)	
Parliamentary Standards (Joint Select)	Final report (response presented OOS 27.02.2025; report tabled 29.11.2022)	

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

<i>Legislation</i>	Coalition	ALP	AG	Minor Parties/IND	Multi-Party
Additional Comments	3	0	10	1	0
Dissenting Reports	7	0	0	0	0
Minority Reports	0	0	0	0	0
<i>References</i>	Coalition	ALP	AG	Minor Parties/IND	Multi-Party
Additional Comments	1	3	3	3	0
Dissenting Reports	2	3	2	1	0
<i>Select/Joint</i>	Coalition	ALP	AG	Minor Parties/IND	Multi-Party
Additional Comments	1	0	0	0	0
Dissenting Reports	1	0	0	0	0
Minority Reports	0	0	0	0	0

* *These statistics record the signatory to the reports*

Coalition (Liberal Party, Liberal National Party, National Party and Country Liberal Party), ALP (Australian Labor Party), AG (Australian Greens), IND (Independent). Minor parties include AV (Australia's Voice), JLN (Jacqui Lambie Network), GRPF (Gerard Rennick People First), PHON (Pauline Hanson's One Nation) and UAP (United Australia Party).

Extension of time to present reports

During the reporting period, there were 19 extensions of time – 3 of one week or less; 4 of over a week; 12 of over a month – granted to a committee administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports.

Leave to meet while the Senate is in session

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted leave to meet while the Senate was in session on 13 occasions.

Appointment of Committees

Nil

Change of Committee Name

Nil