

## **WORK OF COMMITTEES**

**Year Statistics: 1 July 2024–30 June 2025**

**Half-Year Statistics: 1 January 2025–30 June 2025**

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## **FORMAT OF THIS REPORT**

This report is divided into sections that provide statistics on committee work during the following periods:

- the half year (1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025); and
- the financial year (1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025).

Statistics on these periods are kept in order to record information based on parliamentary terms as well as half, financial and full year periods.

Membership changes for committees are collated across the term of the Parliament.

This report is available online at:

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/woc/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/woc/index).

## ABBREVIATIONS

### *Committees*

CA	Community Affairs
CFS	Corporations and Financial Services
EC	Environment and Communications
ECO	Economics
EE	Education and Employment
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
FPA	Finance and Public Administration
LCA	Legal and Constitutional Affairs
LE	Law Enforcement
Leg	Legislation Committee
NACC	National Anti-Corruption Commission
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme
Ref	References Committee
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

### *Political Affiliations*

AG	Australian Greens
ALP	Australian Labor Party
AV	Australia's Voice
CLP	Country Liberal Party
GRFP	Gerard Rennick People First
IND	Independent
JLN	Jacqui Lambie Network
LNP	Liberal National Party of Queensland
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
NATS	The Nationals
PHON	Pauline Hanson's One Nation
UAP	United Australia Party

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**Senate Committees Page** [http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate)

A **public alert service** (RSS feed) is available. Members of the public can choose, at no charge, to be alerted automatically via the internet, to the tabling of committee reports, the commencement of new inquiries and schedules of hearing dates. Information on how to load the RSS reader is available on the Senate's committee web page.

### Publications and resources relating to committees\*

Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970–2024)  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/register](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/register)

Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees: The First 20 Years 1970–1990  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Significant\\_Reports/first20years/contents](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Significant_Reports/first20years/contents)

Bills referred to Senate committees  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Bills\\_Legislation/Bills\\_and\\_Committees/Bills\\_referred\\_to\\_Senate\\_committees](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_and_Committees/Bills_referred_to_Senate_committees)

Today's Public Hearings (*daily list of committee public hearings held in Canberra or interstate*)  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Todays\\_Public\\_Hearings](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Todays_Public_Hearings)

Senate Committees: Upcoming Public Hearings (*list of all forthcoming committee public hearings*)  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Upcoming\\_Public\\_Hearings](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Upcoming_Public_Hearings)

Senate Committees: celebrating 50 years (*a website celebrating 50 years of the modern Senate committee system*)  
[Navigate Senate Committees](#)

\*A selection of reports presented prior to June 1997 and all reports tabled thereafter are available online.

**Information on getting involved in Senate committee inquiries:**

Making a Submission

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Making\\_a\\_submission](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Making_a_submission)

Attending a public hearing

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Attending\\_a\\_public\\_hearing](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Attending_a_public_hearing)

Protection of witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (Senate Privilege Resolution No. 1 on procedures to be observed by Senate committees for the protection of witnesses)

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Procedures\\_to\\_be\\_observed](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Procedures_to_be_observed)

Government Guidelines for official witnesses before Parliamentary Committees and related matters

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/Guidelines\\_for\\_official\\_witness](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/Guidelines_for_official_witness)

## DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Administered</b>	<b>Phone (02)</b>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs	Joint Standing	H	6277 4559
Appropriations, Staffing and Security	Standing	S	6277 3398
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4888
Chairs'	Standing	S	6277 3371
Community Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3515
Corporations and Financial Services	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3583
Economics*	LGPS	S	6277 3540
Electoral Matters	Joint	H	6277 4104
Education and Employment*	LGPS	S	6277 3521
Environment and Communications*	LGPS	S	6277 3526
Finance and Public Administration*	LGPS	S	6277 3846
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint	H	6277 4574
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade*	LGPS	S	6277 3535
House	Standing	S	6277 3398
Human Rights	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3823
Implementation of the National Redress Scheme	Joint Standing	H	6277 4549
Intelligence and Security	Joint Statutory	H	6277 2360
Law Enforcement	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3419
Legal and Constitutional Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3560
Measuring Outcomes for First Nations Communities	Select	S	6277 3555
Migration	Joint	H	6277 4776
National Anti-Corruption Commission	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3419
National Capital and External Territories	Joint	H	6277 4609
National Disability Insurance Scheme	Joint Standing	S	6277 3083
Northern Australia	Joint Select	S	6277 3547
Parliamentary Library	Joint	DPS	6277 7102
Parliamentary Standards	Joint Statutory	H	6277 8787
PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances)	Select	S	6277 3247
Privileges	Standing	S	6277 3360
Procedure	Standing	S	6277 3350
Public Accounts and Audit	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4615
Public Works	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4636
Publications	Standing	S	6277 3728
Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport*	LGPS	S	6277 3511
Scrutiny of Bills	Legislative	S	6277 3050
Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation	Scrutiny Standing		
	Legislative	S	6277 3066
Selection of Bills	Scrutiny Standing		
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3020
Trade and Investment Growth	Standing	S	6277 3020
Treaties	Joint Standing	H	6277 2233
	Joint	H	6277 4002

**H** Department of the House of Representatives

**DPS** Department of Parliamentary Services

**LGPS** Legislative and General Purpose Standing

**S** Department of the Senate

\* Legislation and References Committees

# COMMITTEES ADMINISTERED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE OFFICE

## Introduction

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office provided staffing and resources for the following committees:

- Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees;
- Certain Joint Statutory, Joint Standing and Joint Select Committees; and
- Senate Select Committees.

## Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees

The Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees and the relevant portfolio/subject areas allocated to them are as follows:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Portfolio/subject area</i>
Community Affairs Legislation References	Health and Aged Care Social Services
Economics Legislation References	Industry, Science and Resources Treasury
Education and Employment Legislation References	Education Employment and Workplace Relations
Environment and Communications Legislation References	Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts <i>(Communications, Sport and the Arts functions only)</i>
Finance and Public Administration Legislation References	Finance Parliament Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Indigenous Affairs)
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation References	Defence (including Veterans' Affairs) Foreign Affairs and Trade
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation References	Attorney-General's Home Affairs
Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation References	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sports and the Arts <i>(Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development functions only)</i>

### **Joint Statutory Committees**

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office administered the following Joint Statutory Committees comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators:

- Corporations and Financial Services
- Law Enforcement
- National Anti-Corruption Commission.

### **Joint Standing Committees**

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office administered the following Joint Standing Committee comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators:

- National Disability Insurance Scheme.

### **Joint Select Committees**

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office administered the following Joint Select Committee comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators:

- Northern Australia.

### **Senate Select Committees**

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office administered the following Select Committees:

- Measuring Outcomes for First Nations Communities
- PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances).



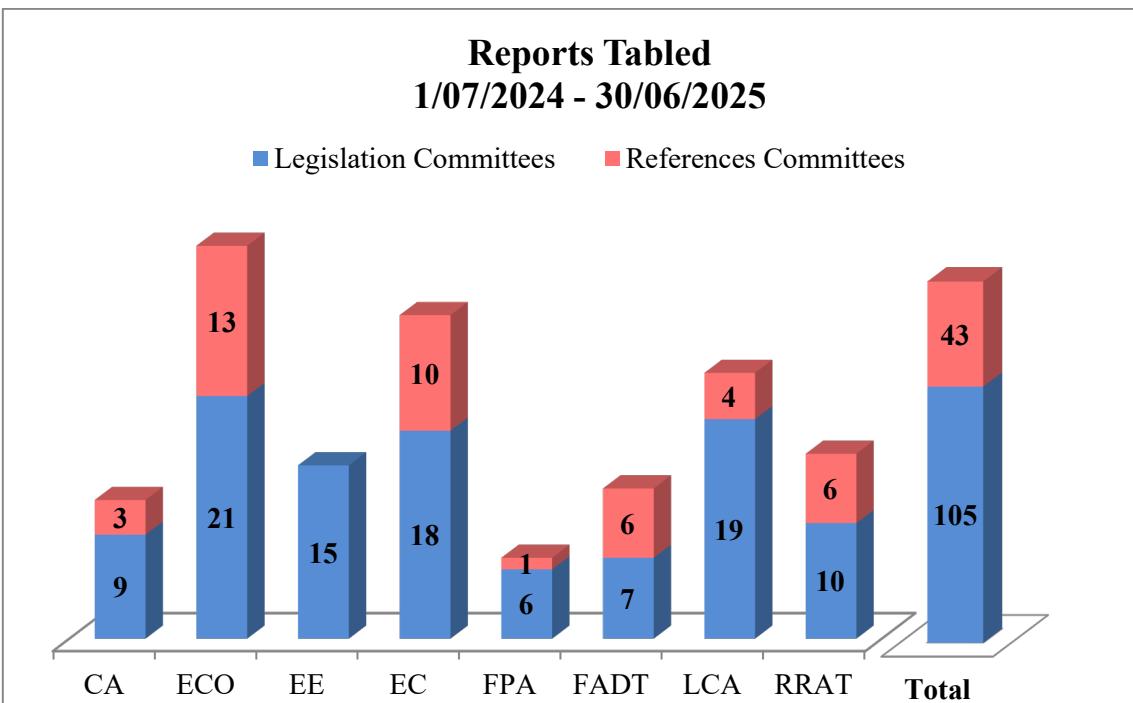
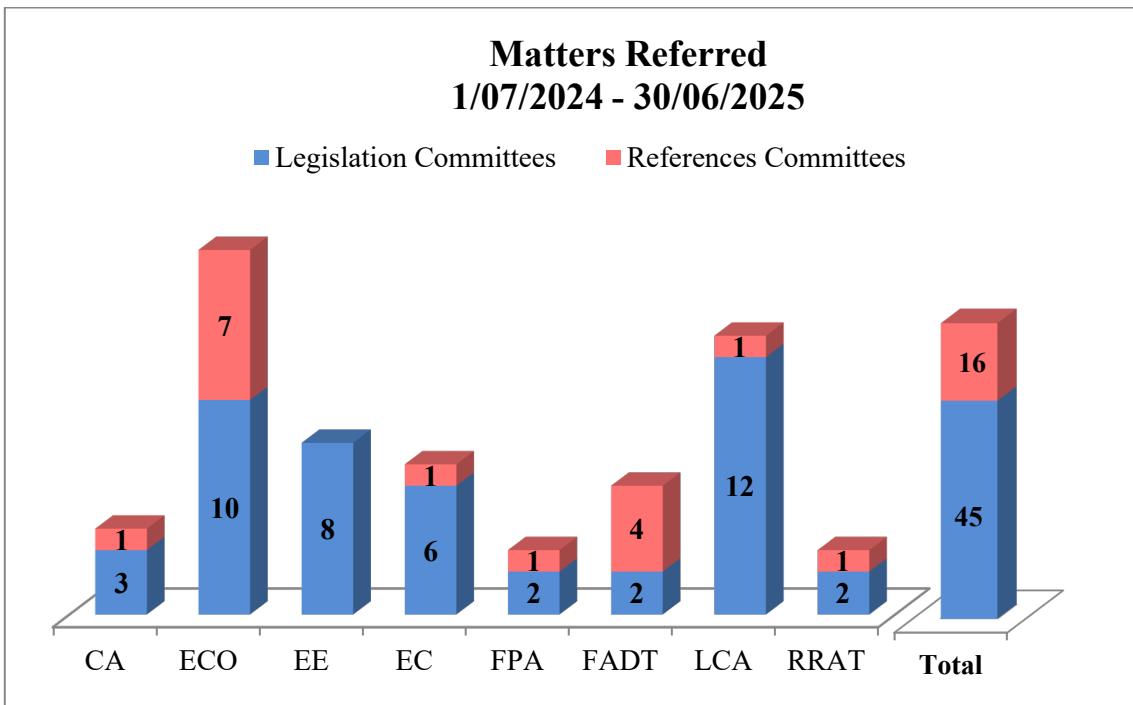
## **PART ONE**

**Legislation and References Committees  
at a glance 1 July 2024–30 June 2025**



# Senate Committees at a glance

## Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees



CA (Community Affairs), ECO (Economics), EE (Education & Employment), EC (Environment & Communications), FPA (Finance & Public Administration), FADT (Foreign Affairs, Defence & Trade), LCA (Legal & Constitutional Affairs), RRAT (Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport)



## **PART TWO**

**Consolidated Statistical Overview  
(Financial Year) 1 July 2024–30 June 2025**



# Financial Year Statistical Overview of Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

*1 July 2024–30 June 2025*

	Matters current as at 1 July 2024	Matters referred (including estimates, annual reports and statutory oversight obligations)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Inquiries lapsed at prorogation of the 47 <sup>th</sup> Parliament	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2025
Legislation	12	77 (A)	91 + 1# + (13**) (B)	0	5
References	18	16 (A)	27 + (16**) (B)	0	8
Joint>Select	19	9	16 + (7**) (C)	11	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>134 + 1#</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>

Number of Meetings						
	Public Hearings	Public Estimates	Private Meetings	Site Visits	Total Meetings	
Legislation	42	43	170	0	255	
References	39	0	107	1	147	
Joint>Select	44	0	55	4	103	
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>505</b>	

Meetings by State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	223	5	2	1	2	2	2	1
References	133	3	2	2	1	1	0	1
Joint>Select	73	13	4	5	2	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

	Witnesses		No. of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General	
Legislation	1718	804	15	2497
References	0	44	615	916
Joint>Select	0	0	524	468
<b>Total</b>	<b>1718</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>1154</b>	<b>3881</b>
				<b>66</b>

(A) 16 Annual Reports and 16 Estimates references; 43 Individual/Packages of Bills; 1 Legislation matter; 17 other references

(B) 16 Reports on Annual Reports; 32 Estimates reports; 51 bills reports; 27 references reports

\*\*Progress/Interim reports & reports on statutory obligations

# Inquiries into Capital Works (Build to Rent Misuse Tax) Bill 2024 [Provisions] and Treasury Laws Amendment (Build to Rent) Bill 2024 were reported together by the Economics Legislation Committee



## **PART THREE**

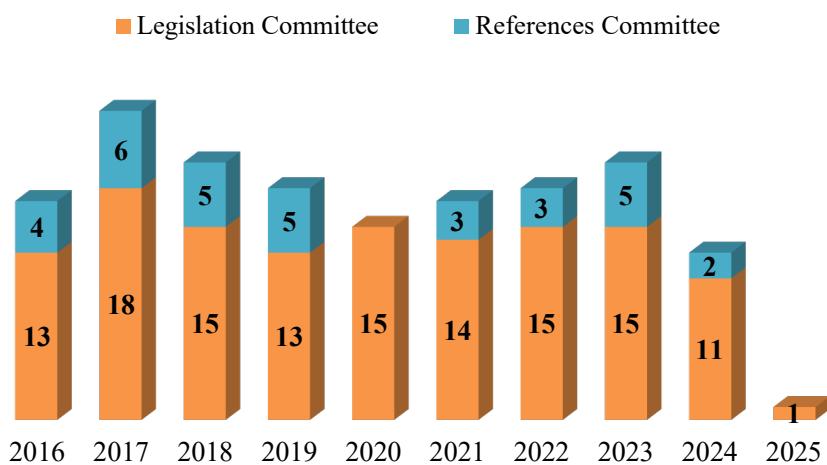
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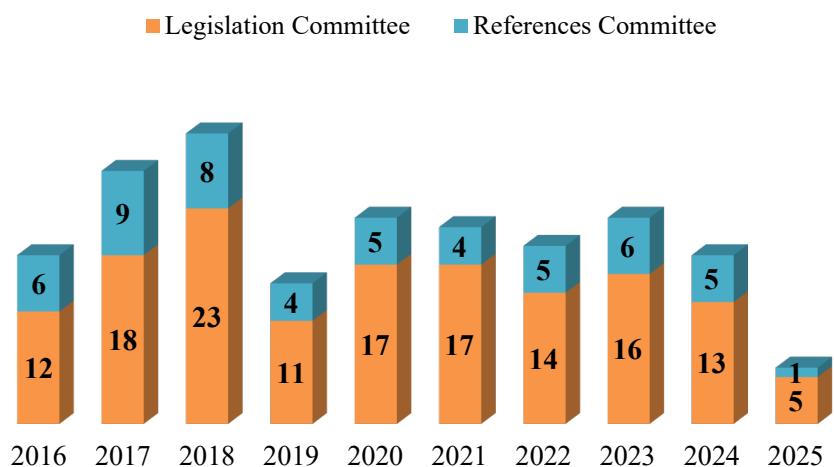
# Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees

Matters referred and Reports tabled annually  
1 January 2016–30 June 2025

## Matters Referred



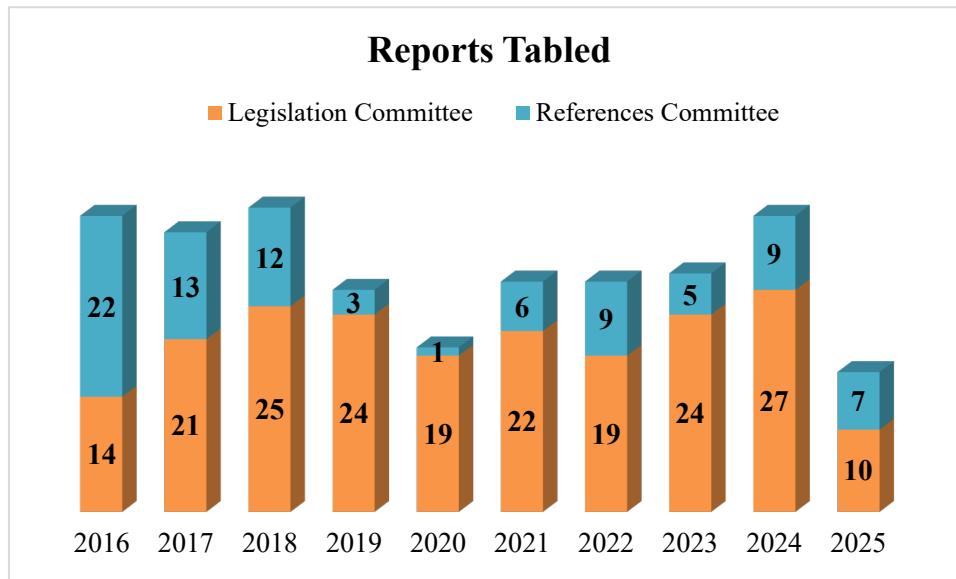
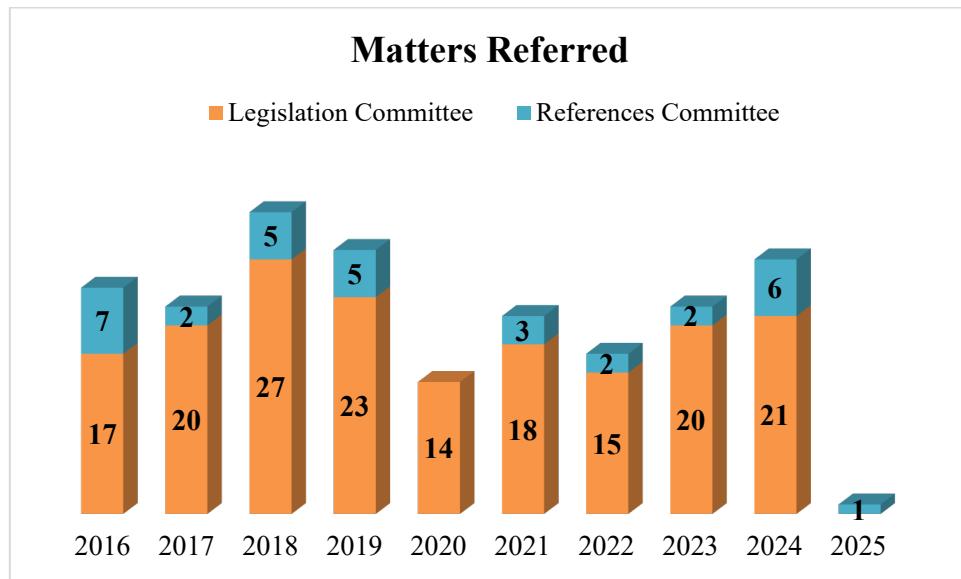
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# Economics

## Legislation and References Committees

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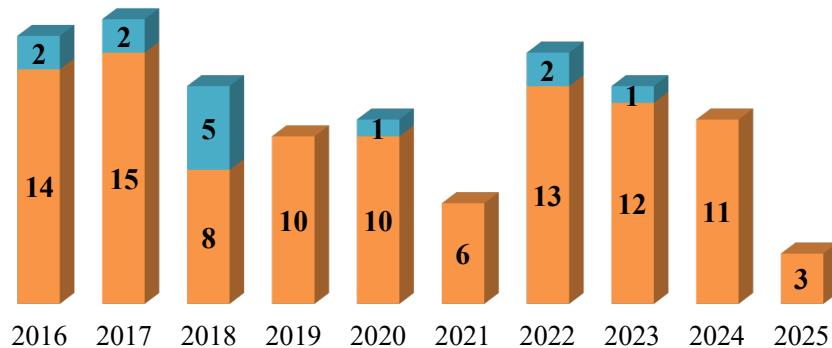


# **Education and Employment Legislation and References Committees**

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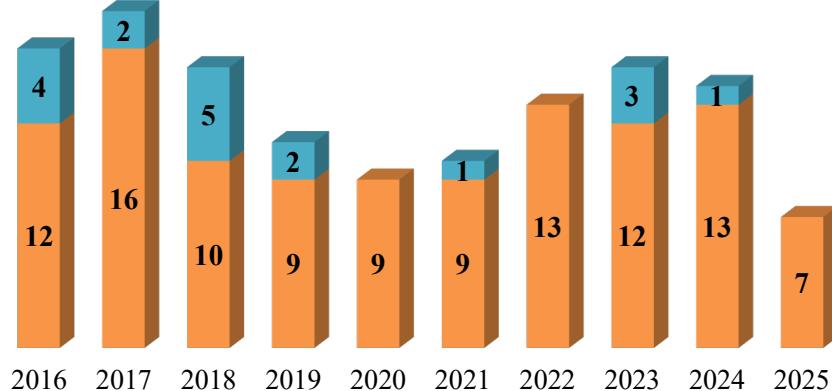
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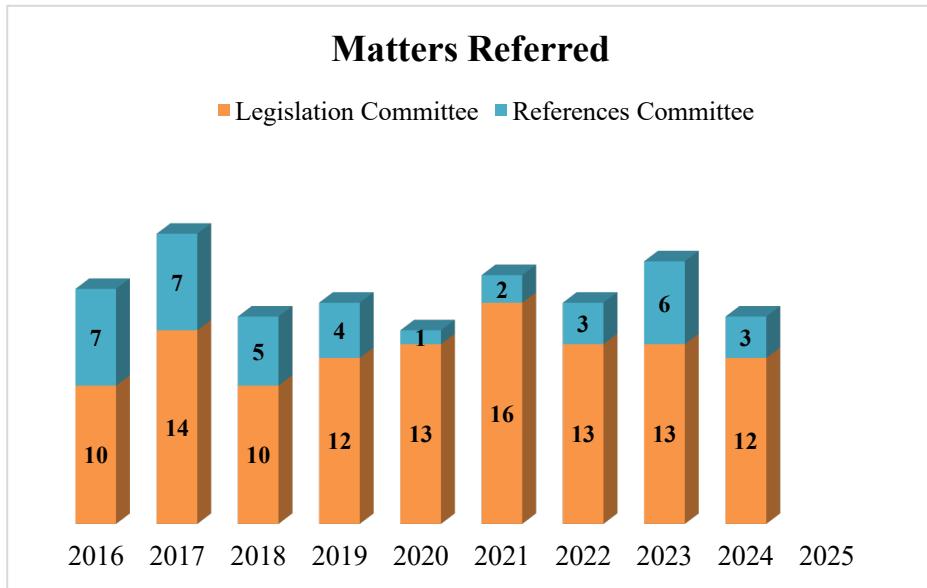
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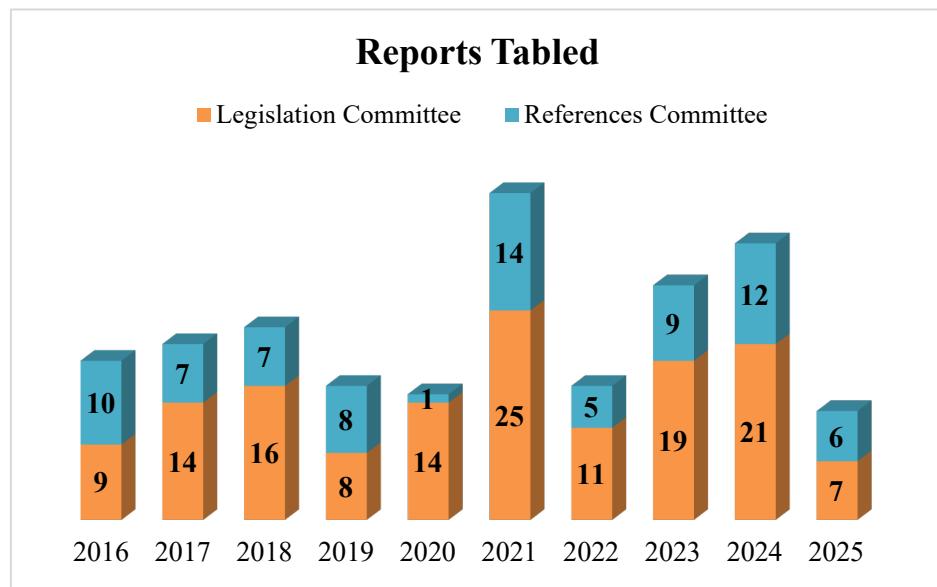


# Environment and Communications Legislation and References Committees

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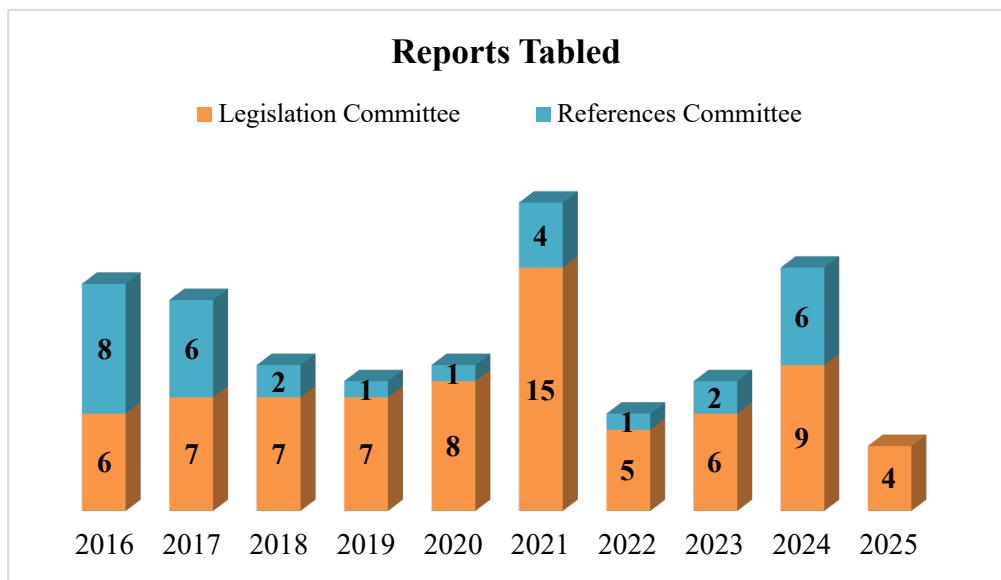
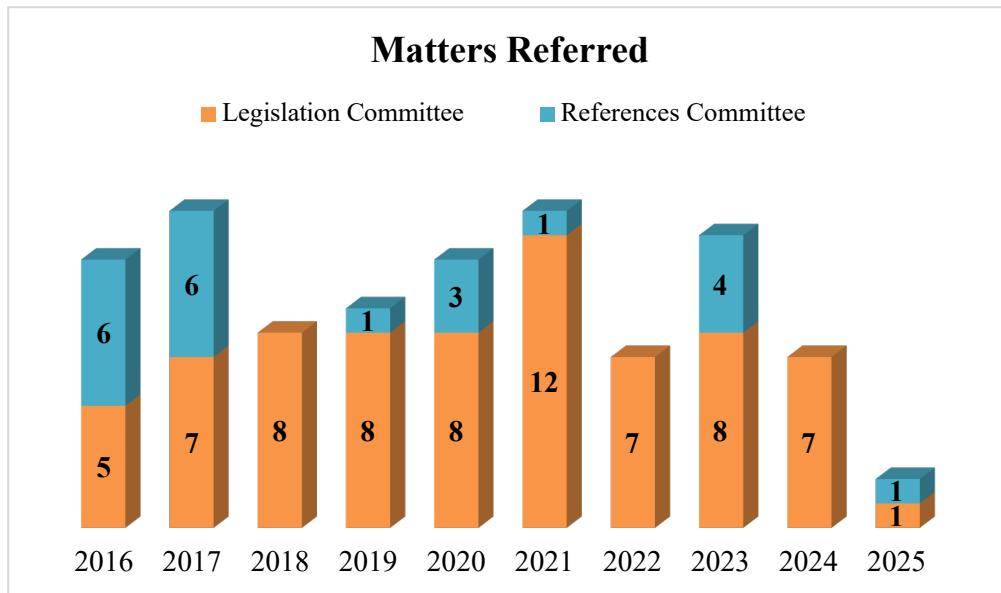


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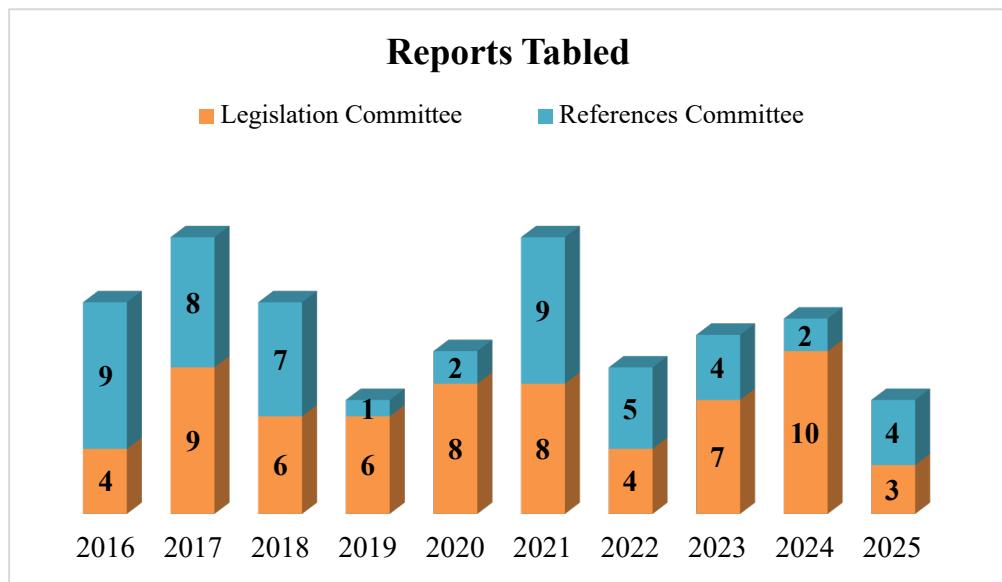
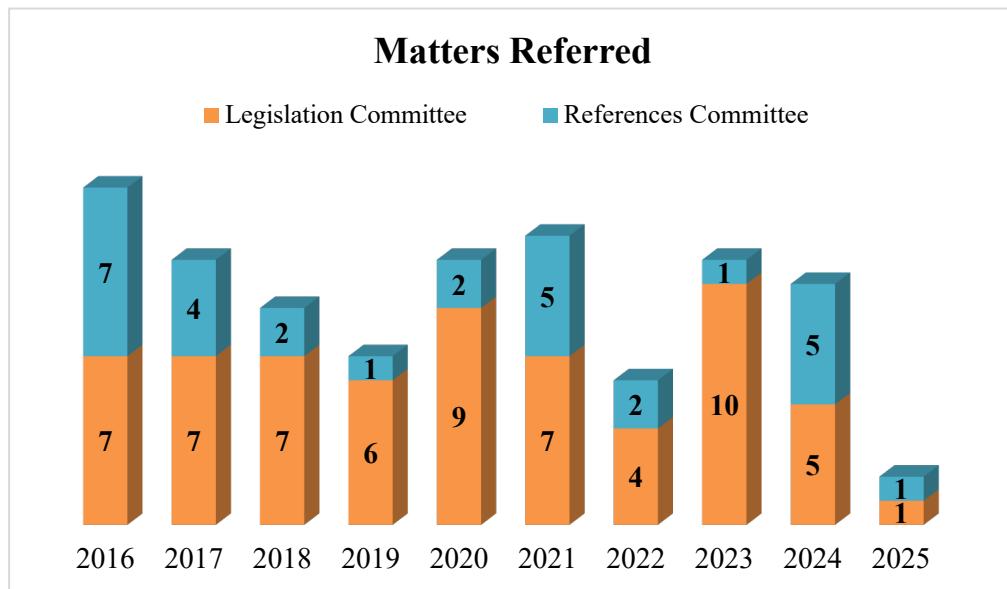
# Finance and Public Administration Legislation and References Committees

Matters referred and Reports tabled annually  
1 January 2016–30 June 2025



# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation and References Committees

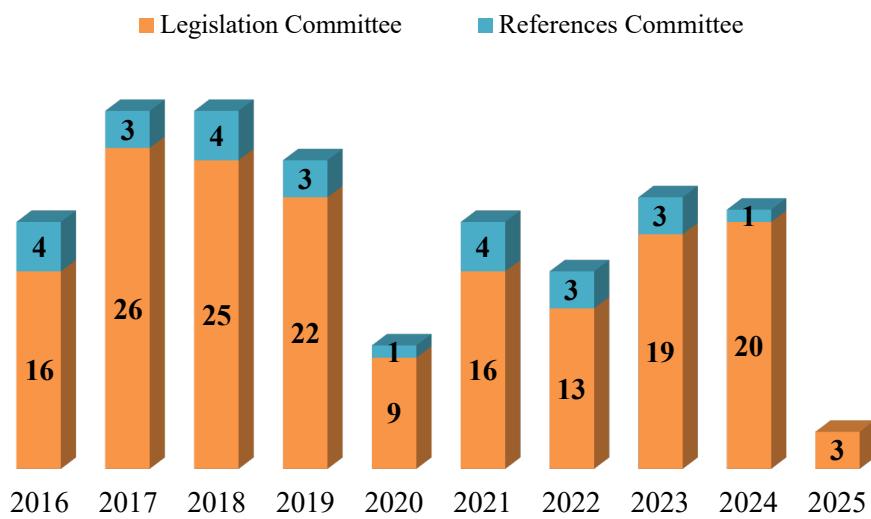
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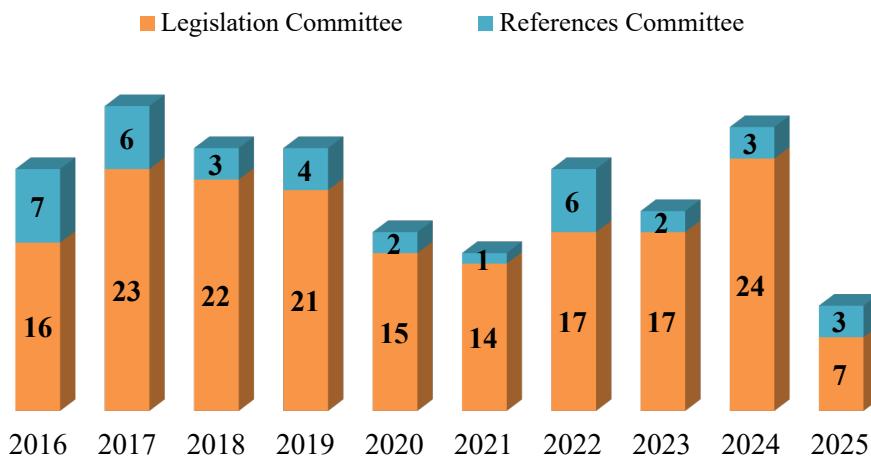
# Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation and References Committees

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**Matters Referred**



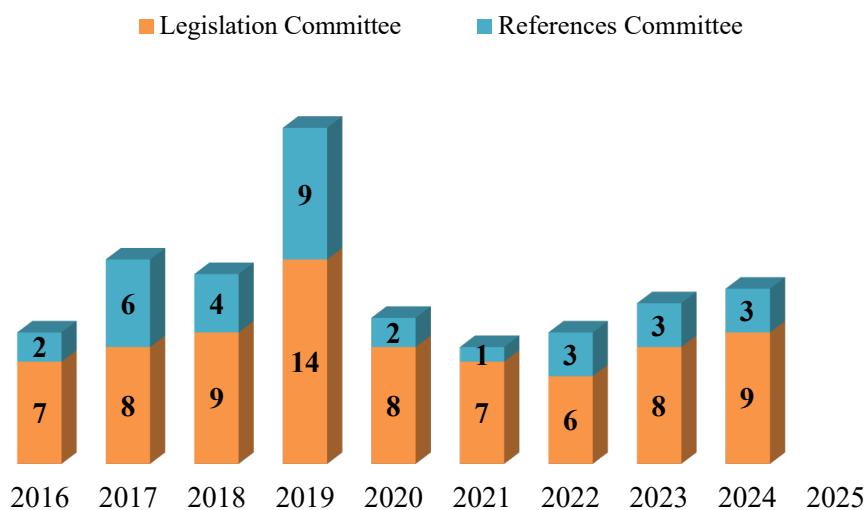
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# Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation and References Committees

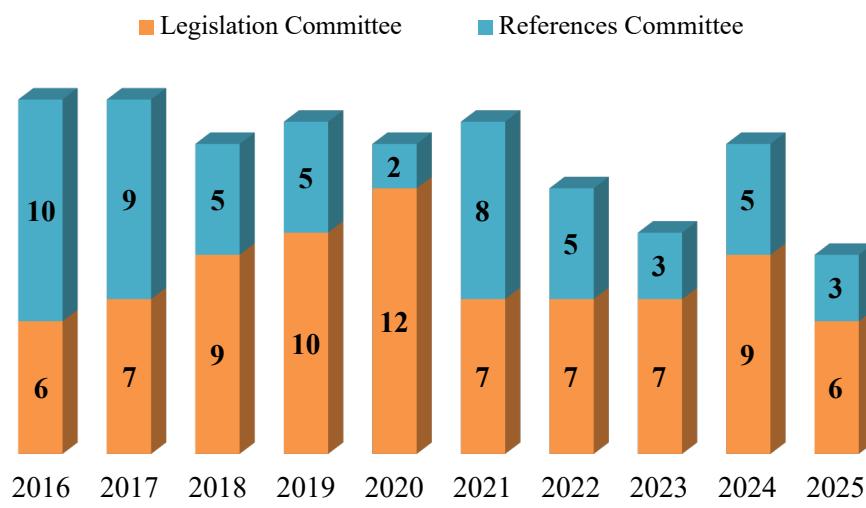
Matters referred and Reports tabled annually  
1 January 2016–30 June 2025

## Matters Referred



\*No matters were referred to Legislation or References Committees in January–June 2025.

## Reports Tabled



## **PART FOUR**

**Consolidated Statistical Overview  
(Half Year) 1 January 2025–30 June 2025**



# Half-Year Statistical Overview of Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

*1 January 2025–30 June 2025*

	Current inquiries as at 1 January 2025	Matters referred (including estimates, annual reports and statutory oversight obligations)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Inquiries lapsed at prorogation of the 47 <sup>th</sup> Parliament	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2025
Legislation	12	33 (A) 3 (A)	40 + (5**) (B) 12 + (10**) (B)	0	5
References	17	0	6 + (2**)	0	8
Joint>Select	19	0	6 + (2**)	11	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>

	Number of Meetings				
	Public Hearings	Public Estimates	Private Meetings	Site Visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	7	22	55	0	84
References	11	0	36	0	47
Joint>Select	12	0	18	3	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>103</b>

	Meetings by State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	83	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
References	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joint>Select	23	6	2	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

	Witnesses			No. of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Legislation	988	90	15	555	4
References	0	44	124	278	4
Joint>Select	0	0	112	172	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>10</b>

(A) 8 Annual Reports and 16 Estimates references; 7 Individual/Packages of Bills; 1 Legislation matter; 4 other references

(B) 8 Reports on Annual Reports; 16 Estimates Reports; 16 bills reports; 16 references reports

\*\* Interim reports, progress reports or reports on statutory obligations



## **PART FIVE**

**Statistics on  
2024–25 Additional Estimates  
(February 2025) and 2025–26  
Budget Estimates (March 2025)**



## Statistics on 2024–25 Additional Estimates (February 2025) and 2025–26 Budget Estimates (March 2025)

<b>Community Affairs</b>	<b>2024–25 Additional Estimates (February 2025)</b>	<b>2025–26 Budget Estimates (March 2025)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	2 (26–27 February 2025)	0	2
Hours by portfolio:			
- Health and Aged Care	11:02	—	11:02
- Social Services	11:05	—	11:05
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	<b>22:07</b>	—	<b>22:07</b>

<b>Economics</b>	<b>2024–25 Additional Estimates (February 2025)</b>	<b>2025–26 Budget Estimates (March 2025)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	2 (26–27 February 2025)	0	2
Hours by portfolio:			
- Industry, Science and Resources	06:21	—	06:21
- Treasury	14:07	—	14:07
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	<b>20:28</b>	—	<b>20:28</b>

<b>Education and Employment</b>	<b>2024–25 Additional Estimates (February 2025)</b>	<b>2025–26 Budget Estimates (March 2025)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	2 (26–27 February 2025)	0	2
Hours by portfolio:			
- Education	09:55	—	09:55
- Employment and Workplace Relations	10:49	—	10:49
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	<b>20:44</b>	—	<b>20:44</b>

<b>Environment and Communications</b>	<b>2024–25 Additional Estimates (February 2025)</b>	<b>2025–26 Budget Estimates (March 2025)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	3 (24–25 and 28 February 2025)	1 (27 March 2025)	4
Hours by portfolio:			
- Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	10:17	06:33	16:50
- Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts <i>(Communications, Sport and the Arts functions only)</i>	10:08	02:22	12:30
- Cross portfolio Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters	05:07	00:43	05:50
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	<b>25:32</b>	<b>09:38</b>	<b>35:10</b>

<b>Finance and Public Administration</b>	<b>2024–25 Additional Estimates (February 2025)</b>	<b>2025–26 Budget Estimates (March 2025)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	3 (24–25 and 28 February 2025)	1 (27 March 2025)	4

Hours by portfolio:			
- Finance	07:10	06:02	13:12
- Parliament	02:36	00:57	03:33
- Prime Minister and Cabinet	09:53	02:58	12:51
- Cross portfolio Indigenous matters	06:05	00:00	06:05
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	<b>25:44</b>	<b>09:57</b>	<b>35:41</b>

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	2024–25 Additional Estimates (February 2025)	2025–26 Budget Estimates (March 2025)	Total
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (26–27 February 2025)	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
- Defence	10:02	—	10:02
- Foreign Affairs and Trade	10:22	—	10:22
- Veterans' Affairs	00:44	—	00:44
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	<b>21:08</b>	—	<b>21:08</b>

Legal and Constitutional Affairs	2024–25 Additional Estimates (February 2025)	2025–26 Budget Estimates (March 2025)	Total
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (24–25 February 2025)	<b>1</b> (27 March)	<b>3</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
- Attorney-General's	11:38	04:24	16:02
- Home Affairs	10:41	06:15	16:56
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	<b>22:19</b>	<b>10:39</b>	<b>32:58</b>

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport	2024–25 Additional Estimates (February 2025)	2025–26 Budget Estimates (March 2025)	Total
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (24–25 February 2025)	<b>1</b> (27 March)	<b>3</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	07:36	03:13	10:49
- Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts ( <i>Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development functions only</i> )	11:05	05:41	16:46
<b>Hours of public meetings</b>	<b>18:41</b>	<b>8:54</b>	<b>27:35</b>

The number of days the committees met to consider estimates:

**2024–25 Additional Estimates:**

5 days (24–28 February 2025)

**2025–26 Budget Estimates:**

1 day (27 March 2025)\*

\*The 2025–26 Budget Estimates hearings were interrupted by the prorogation of the 47<sup>th</sup> Parliament on 28 March 2025.

## **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	Private meetings	Site visits
Legislation 0	2	6	0
References 1	0	4	0
Total 1	2	10	0

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

Witnesses			
Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions
Legislation 101	0	0	29
References 0	0	20	159
Total 101	0	20	188

\* 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

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Kerrynne 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
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) <sup>1</sup>	22.08.2022–22.08.2022
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) <sup>2</sup>	30.05.2023–02.06.2023
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) <sup>3</sup>	05.06.2024–06.06.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	22.11.2023–22.11.2023
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS) <sup>5</sup>	02.11.2023–02.11.2023

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman on 22 August 2022

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart on 22 November 2023

<sup>5</sup> 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) <sup>6</sup>	27.03.2024–08.05.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>7</sup>	16.07.2024–22.07.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>8</sup>	25.07.2024–25.07.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>9</sup>	10.11.2024–27.11.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>10</sup>	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>11</sup>	08.07.2024–22.07.2024
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>12</sup>	30.10.2024–30.10.2024
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <sup>13</sup>	23.07.2024–24.07.2024
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <sup>14</sup>	26.07.2024–26.07.2024
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <sup>15</sup>	12.07.2024–23.07.2024
Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP) <sup>16</sup>	06.08.2024–06.08.2024
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP) <sup>17</sup>	01.11.2023–01.11.2023
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP) <sup>18</sup>	13.11.2023–13.11.2023
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>19</sup>	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP) <sup>20</sup>	18.08.2022–18.08.2022
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>21</sup>	09.11.2022–09.11.2022
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>22</sup>	31.05.2023–31.05.2023

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

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt from 16 to 22 July 2024

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt on 25 July 2024

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt from 10 to 27 November 2024

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

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator Marielle Smith from 8 to 22 July 2024

<sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart on 30 October 2024

<sup>13</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt from 23 to 24 July 2024

<sup>14</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt on 26 July 2024

<sup>15</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt on 26 July 2024

<sup>16</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Reynolds on 6 August 2024

<sup>17</sup> 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

<sup>18</sup> Replaced Senator Liddle on 13 November 2023

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

<sup>20</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman on 18 August 2022

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

<sup>22</sup> 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) <sup>23</sup>	03.06.2024–04.06.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>24</sup>	04.07.2024–09.08.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>25</sup>	06.11.2024–06.11.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>26</sup>	12.12.2024–12.12.2024
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>27</sup>	17.08.2022–18.08.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>28</sup>	25.08.2022–25.08.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>29</sup>	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>30</sup>	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>31</sup>	30.10.2024–30.10.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>32</sup>	29.09.2022–29.09.2022
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) <sup>33</sup>	24.03.2023–01.09.2023
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) <sup>34</sup>	14.09.2023–09.11.2023
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) <sup>35</sup>	14.09.2023–22.11.2023
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) <sup>36</sup>	27.03.2024–08.05.2024
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) <sup>37</sup>	27.03.2024–20.06.2024
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>38</sup>	30.11.2023–05.02.2024

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

<sup>24</sup> 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

<sup>25</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for a private meeting on 6 November 2024

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

<sup>27</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman on 17 and 18 August 2022

<sup>28</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman on 25 August 2022

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

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

<sup>31</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes on 30 October 2024

<sup>32</sup> Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 29 September 2022

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

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

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

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

<sup>37</sup> 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

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

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<sup>39</sup> 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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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	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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Kerrynne 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

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	11.07.2023–11.07.2023
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	08.07.2024–22.07.2024
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	30.01.2023–31.01.2023
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>4</sup>	20.10.2022–20.10.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	29.09.2022–29.09.2022

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 11 July 2023

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Marielle Smith from 8 to 22 July 2024

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt on 30 and 31 January 2023

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman on 20 October 2022

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 29 September 2022

**Inquiries**  
*as at 30.06.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
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 hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings
Legislation	0	4	6
References	1	0	7
Total	1	4	13
			Site visits
			Total Meetings
			10
			8
			18

	Meetings by State				
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA
Legislation	10	0	0	0	0
References	8	0	0	0	0
Total	18	0	0	0	0
					WA
					NT
					QLD

	Witnesses		
	Estimates	Bills	General
Legislation	165	0	0
References	0	0	10
Total	165	0	10
			Submissions
			Government Responses
			1
			1
			5
			1
			6
			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

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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

<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>1</sup>	28.09.2022–24.03.2023
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>2</sup>	01.12.2022–10.03.2023
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	09.11.2022–09.11.2022
Senator Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <sup>4</sup>	27.02.2025–27.02.2025
Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG) <sup>5</sup>	26.09.2022–04.11.2022
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) <sup>6</sup>	09.02.2023–22.03.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) <sup>7</sup>	26.02.2024–18.04.2024
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <sup>8</sup>	30.05.2023–30.05.2023

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2024-2025 Additional estimates on 27 February 2025 from 4pm

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from 7pm

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 30 May 2023 from the dinner break

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from the dinner break

<sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from the dinner break

<sup>13</sup> 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

<sup>14</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 1 July 2024

<sup>15</sup> Replaced Senator Bragg for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 1 December 2022

<sup>16</sup> Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023

<sup>17</sup> Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 26 October 2023 from 4pm

<sup>18</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 6.30pm

<sup>19</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022

<sup>20</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 11.45am to 1.45pm

<sup>21</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 and 26 October 2023

<sup>22</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022 from 6pm

<sup>23</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022

<sup>24</sup> Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022 from 6pm until 8pm

<sup>25</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the Digital ID Bill 2023 and related bill

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

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

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

<sup>28</sup> 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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
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 <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Reports Tabled <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>	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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	29.11.2024–29.11.2024
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) <sup>2</sup>	10.10.2024–28.11.2024
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) <sup>3</sup>	28.09.2022–30.11.2023

<sup>1</sup> 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

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

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

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
Australia's residential electrification efforts	14.06.2023	Nil	No Progress report presented OOS 31.01.2025; tabled 04.02.2025 Report presented OOS 31.03.2025	
Improving consumer experiences, choice, and outcomes in Australia's retirement system	27.11.2023	20.02.2025—Canberra	No Third interim report—superannuation fund governance arrangements tabled 13.02.2025 Final report—challenges in obtaining evidence from certain witnesses presented OOS 30.06.2025	
'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	No Presented OOS 29.05.2025	
Wealth Management Companies	17.09.2024	Nil	Nil	Yes

**New References**  
*01.01.2025–30.06.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.01.2025–30.06.2025</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2025</b>
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
Total	1	6	5 2

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

Meetings by State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
Legislation	13	0	0	0	1	0
References	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	13	0	0	0	1	0

Witnesses			Government Responses
Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions
Legislation	60	31	15 374 0
References	0	0	0 0 0
Total	60	31	15 374 0

\* 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

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kerrynne 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

<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>1</sup>	10.10.2024–18.11.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	12.09.2024–12.09.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	02.10.2024–02.10.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>4</sup> <i>(Acting Chair from 11.10.2024–03.11.2024)</i>	11.10.2024–03.11.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	13.11.2024–13.11.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>6</sup>	12.03.2025–12.03.2025

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

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan for a private meeting on 12 September 2024

<sup>3</sup> 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

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Sheldon between 11 October 2024 and 3 November 2024

<sup>5</sup> 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

<sup>6</sup> 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) <sup>7</sup>	20.03.2025–20.03.2025
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <sup>8</sup>	02.08.2022–02.08.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <sup>9</sup>	02.05.2023–03.05.2023
Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash (WA, LP) <sup>10</sup>	06.10.2023–06.10.2023
Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash (WA, LP) <sup>11</sup>	22.01.2024–22.01.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>12</sup>	06.08.2024–06.08.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>13</sup>	23.10.2024–23.10.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>14</sup>	18.11.2024–18.11.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>15</sup>	05.04.2023–05.04.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>16</sup>	26.10.2023–26.10.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>17</sup>	03.06.2024–03.06.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>18</sup>	04.06.2024–05.06.2024
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) <sup>19</sup>	04.11.2022–04.11.2022
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) <sup>20</sup>	17.04.2023–17.04.2023
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) <sup>21</sup>	03.10.2023–03.10.2023
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>22</sup>	19.09.2024–19.09.2024
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>23</sup>	02.10.2024–02.10.2024

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan for a private meeting on 20 March 2025

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 August 2022

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator O’Sullivan on 2 and 3 May 2023

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman on 6 October 2023

<sup>11</sup> 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

<sup>12</sup> 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

<sup>13</sup> 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

<sup>14</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Brown for a private meeting on 18 November 2024

<sup>15</sup> 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

<sup>16</sup> 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

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

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

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

<sup>20</sup> Replaced Senator Liddle on 17 April 2023

<sup>21</sup> 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

<sup>22</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Brown for a private meeting on 19 September 2024

<sup>23</sup> 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) <sup>24</sup>	29.01.2025–29.01.2025
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>25</sup>	20.03.2025–20.03.2025
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>26</sup>	01.09.2023–01.09.2023
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>27</sup>	26.10.2023–26.10.2023
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>28</sup>	06.06.2024–06.06.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>29</sup>	06.08.2024–06.08.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>30</sup>	06.09.2024–06.09.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>31</sup>	24.09.2024–24.09.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>32</sup>	27.09.2024–27.09.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>33</sup>	23.10.2024–23.10.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>34</sup>	12.03.2025–12.03.2025
Senator Steph Hodgins-May (VIC, AG) <sup>35</sup>	19.09.2024–30.10.2024
Senator Steph Hodgins-May (VIC, AG) <sup>36</sup>	11.02.2025–14.03.2025
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) <sup>37</sup>	31.10.2023–31.10.2023
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) <sup>38</sup>	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) <sup>39</sup>	04.11.2022–04.11.2022

<sup>24</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Brown for a private meeting on Wednesday 29 January 2025

<sup>25</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Brown for a private meeting on Wednesday 20 March 2025

<sup>26</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Brockman on 1 September 2023

<sup>27</sup> 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

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

<sup>29</sup> 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

<sup>30</sup> 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

<sup>31</sup> 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

<sup>32</sup> Replaced Senator O’Sullivan for a private meeting on 27 September 2024

<sup>33</sup> 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

<sup>34</sup> 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

<sup>35</sup> 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

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

<sup>37</sup> 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

<sup>38</sup> Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 November 2022

<sup>39</sup> Replaced Senator Liddle on 4 November 2022 from 8am until 11am

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

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

<sup>41</sup> Replaced Senator Faruqi for a private meeting on 13 March 2024

<sup>42</sup> Replaced Senator Payman on 17 March 2023

<sup>43</sup> 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

<sup>44</sup> 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

<sup>45</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan on 28 April 2023

<sup>46</sup> 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

<sup>47</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan on 20 June 2023

<sup>48</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan for a private meeting on 29 October 2024

<sup>49</sup> 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

<sup>50</sup> Replaced Senator Payman on 3 October 2023

<sup>51</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan on 6 October 2023

<sup>52</sup> Replaced Senator Grogan on 31 October 2023

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
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 <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
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

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kerrynne 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

<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>1</sup>	27.10.2022–10.08.2023
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>2</sup>	29.11.2022–07.02.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>3</sup> <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 11.10.2024)</i>	11.10.2024–03.11.2024
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <sup>4</sup>	02.08.2022–02.08.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	08.05.2023–08.05.2023
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>6</sup>	10.05.2023–31.08.2023

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Sheldon between 11 October 2024 and 3 November 2024

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 August 2022

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Payman on 8 May 2023

<sup>6</sup> 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	0
References	5	0	3
Total	7	3	3

Number of Meetings				
Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	0	4	6	10
References	1	0	7	8
Total	1	4	13	18

Meetings by State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses		
Estimates	Bills	General
Legislation	165	0
References	0	0
Total	165	0

\* 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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) (elected Chair on 04.08.2022)	28.07.2022
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) (elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)	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) <sup>1</sup>	11.10.2023–11.10.2023
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <sup>2</sup>	15.05.2023–15.05.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>3</sup>	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>4</sup>	26.05.2023–26.05.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>5</sup>	11.09.2023–10.11.2023

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Payman for a private meeting on 11 October 2023

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell on 15 May 2023

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

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

<sup>5</sup> 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) <sup>6</sup>	24.10.2023–24.10.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>7</sup>	27.10.2023–27.10.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>8</sup>	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>9</sup>	31.05.2024–31.05.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>10</sup>	07.06.2024–07.06.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>11</sup>	05.11.2024–05.11.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>12</sup>	08.11.2024–08.11.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>13</sup>	28.02.2025–28.02.2025
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>14</sup>	28.11.2022–28.11.2022
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>15</sup>	28.02.2023–28.02.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>16</sup>	16.06.2023–04.12.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>17</sup>	26.07.2023–26.07.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>18</sup>	23.10.2023–23.10.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>19</sup>	01.12.2023–01.12.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>20</sup>	27.02.2024–27.02.2024
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>21</sup>	29.05.2024–29.05.2024
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>22</sup>	26.07.2024–26.07.2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>15</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell on 28 February 2023

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

<sup>17</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for a private meeting on 26 July 2023

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

<sup>19</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for a private meeting on 1 December 2023

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

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

<sup>22</sup> 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) <sup>23</sup>	06.09.2024–06.09.2024
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>24</sup>	24.02.2025–24.02.2025
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>25</sup>	12.02.2024–13.02.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>26</sup>	07.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>27</sup>	21.11.2022–21.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>28</sup>	23.11.2022–23.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>29</sup>	29.11.2022–29.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>30</sup>	01.12.2022–01.12.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>31</sup>	14.12.2022–14.12.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>32</sup>	15.12.2022–15.12.2022
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <sup>33</sup>	18.08.2022–18.08.2022
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <sup>34</sup>	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) <sup>35</sup>	26.05.2023–26.05.2023
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) <sup>36</sup>	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, NP) <sup>37</sup>	14.05.2024–28.04.2025
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>38</sup>	26.07.2023–26.07.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>39</sup>	02.02.2024–02.02.2024
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>40</sup>	22.02.2024–22.02.2024

<sup>23</sup> Replaced Senator Sharma for a private meeting on 6 September 2024

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

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

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

<sup>27</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes on 21 November 2022 from 10.30am until 11am

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

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

<sup>30</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes on 1 December 2022 from 1.15pm

<sup>31</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes on 14 December 2022 from 3.30pm until 4pm

<sup>32</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes on 15 December 2022 from 11.30am until 12pm

<sup>33</sup> 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

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

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

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

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

<sup>38</sup> Replaced Senator Sheldon for a private meeting on 26 July 2023

<sup>39</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 2 February 2024

<sup>40</sup> 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) <sup>41</sup>	23.02.2024–23.02.2024
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>42</sup>	06.09.2024–06.09.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>43</sup>	10.04.2024–11.04.2024
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>44</sup>	08.11.2024–08.11.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>45</sup>	23.10.2023–23.10.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>46</sup>	24.10.2023–24.10.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>47</sup>	09.11.2023–09.11.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>48</sup>	30.11.2023–30.11.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>49</sup>	01.12.2023–01.12.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>50</sup>	08.02.2024–08.02.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>51</sup>	28.05.2024–29.05.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>52</sup>	31.05.2024–31.05.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>53</sup>	04.11.2024–05.11.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>54</sup>	24.02.2025–25.02.2025
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) <sup>55</sup>	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) <sup>56</sup>	26.02.2024–26.02.2024
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <sup>57</sup>	31.10.2023–31.10.2023

<sup>41</sup> 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

<sup>42</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 6 September 2024

<sup>43</sup> Replaced Senator Sharma on 10 and 11 April 2024

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

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

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

<sup>47</sup> Replaced Senator Payman for a private meeting on 9 November 2023

<sup>48</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 30 November 2023

<sup>49</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 1 December 2023

<sup>50</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 8 February 2024

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>56</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 26 February 2024

<sup>57</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk on 31 October 2023

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

<sup>58</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk on 1 November 2023

<sup>59</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 26 March 2024

<sup>60</sup> 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

<sup>61</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk on 16 November 2022

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

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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)	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

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)  
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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	04.07.2024–04.07.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	05.08.2024–05.08.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>3</sup>	16.04.2024–16.04.2024
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS) <sup>4</sup>	14.05.2024–21.08.2024
Senator Fatima Payman (NSW, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	31.10.2023–31.10.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (NSW, ALP) <sup>6</sup>	21.05.2024–21.05.2024

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 4 July 2024

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

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell on 16 April 2024

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Cadell for the committee's inquiry into the Middle Arm Industrial Precinct

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 31 October 2023

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk on 21 May 2024

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

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk for a private meeting on 2 November 2023

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

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

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

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
Australia's extinction crisis ( <i>terms of reference and title updated; previously known as Australia's faunal extinction crisis</i> )	04.08.2022	Nil	Nil	Yes
National Cultural Policy released on 30 January 2023 Greenwashing	08.02.2023	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	No
				Third progress report presented OOS 14.04.2025 No time to waste: Waste reduction and recycling policies presented OOS 24.04.2025

Inquiry Detail	Date Referred <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
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

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



## **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	1	4	6	0	11
References	0	0	1	0	1
Total	1	4	7	0	12

Meetings by State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
Legislation	11	0	0	0	0	0
References	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General
Legislation	145	0	0
References	0	0	0
Total	145	0	0
			Number of Submissions
			Government Responses

\*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

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	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

<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>1</sup>	27.03.2024–13.05.2024
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	28.10.2022–28.10.2022
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	08.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	24.05.2023–24.05.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>6</sup>	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>7</sup>	07.06.2024–07.06.2024
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <sup>8</sup>	12.12.2022–12.12.2022
Senator Kerrynne Liddle (SA, LP) <sup>9</sup>	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Kerrynne Liddle (SA, LP) <sup>10</sup>	27.10.2023–27.10.2023

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Colbeck on 11 November 2022, for any private meeting

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Sheldon for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 7 June 2024

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

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Colbeck for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon McGrath for the consideration of the 2023-24 supplementary Budget estimates on 27 October 2023

Senator Kerrynne Liddle (SA, LP) <sup>11</sup>	16.02.2024–16.02.2024
Senator Kerrynne Liddle (SA, LP) <sup>12</sup>	07.06.2024–07.06.2024
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>13</sup>	23.05.2023–23.05.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>14</sup>	22.05.2023–22.05.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>15</sup>	25.05.2023–25.05.2023
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) <sup>16</sup>	07.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) <sup>17</sup>	09.03.2023–31.07.2023
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>18</sup>	11.09.2023–04.03.2024
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>19</sup>	28.11.2024–30.01.2025

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

<sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon McGrath for the consideration of the 2024-25 Budget estimates on 7 June 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>19</sup> 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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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)	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

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

# Finance and Public Administration (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 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	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	01.08.2022–18.03.2024

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	07.06.2023–07.06.2023
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	13.06.2023–12.06.2024
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) <sup>3</sup>	08.04.2024–08.04.2024
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) <sup>4</sup>	07.12.2023–28.06.2024
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>5</sup>	07.12.2023–07.05.2024

<sup>1</sup> 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

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

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's public hearing into access to Australian Parliament House by lobbyists

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

<sup>5</sup> 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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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
References	3	1	2 + (2**)
Total	3	5	5

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

Meetings by State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
Legislation	7	0	0	0	0	0
References	8	0	0	0	0	0
Total	15	0	0	0	0	0

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

\* 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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) (elected Chair on 03.08.2022)	28.07.2022
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair on 05.02.2025)	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	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP) (elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)	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	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Ross Cadell (SA, LP) <sup>1</sup>	27.02.2025–27.02.2025
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NP) <sup>2</sup>	02.07.2024–02.07.2024
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	04.04.2024–04.04.2024
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	28.03.2025–28.03.2025
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	02.06.2023–02.06.2023
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <sup>6</sup>	28.05.2024–24.06.2024

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Green on 4 April 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator White from 8–18 March 2024

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Chandler on 4 April 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>17</sup> Replaced Senator Chandler on 22 March 2024

<sup>18</sup> 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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2024–31.12.2024</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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—	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 ( <i>pursuant to section 5 of the 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)*  
*OOS (Out of session)*

# 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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
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 hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Legislation	0	3	8	0
References	1	0	4	0
Total	1	3	12	0

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

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

\* 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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) (elected Chair on 03.08.2022)	28.07.2022
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP) (elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)	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
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## Former substitute members

*Term of appointment*

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

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

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Polley for a private meeting on 12 November 2024

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> 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) <sup>7</sup>	20.09.2024–20.09.2024
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>8</sup>	30.09.2024–30.09.2024
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) <sup>9</sup>	09.02.2023–07.03.2023
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) <sup>10</sup>	09.03.2023–13.06.2023
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) <sup>11</sup>	22.06.2023–31.08.2023
Senator Deborah O’Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>12</sup>	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Deborah O’Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>13</sup>	30.09.2024–30.09.2024
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG) <sup>14</sup>	06.02.2025–14.03.2025
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>15</sup>	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>16</sup>	16.11.2022–16.11.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) <sup>17</sup>	31.05.2024–31.05.2024
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) <sup>18</sup>	14.08.2024–14.08.2024
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <sup>19</sup>	23.07.2024–23.07.2024
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>20</sup>	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>21</sup>	12.05.2023–14.06.2023
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>22</sup>	12.05.2023–24.08.2023

<sup>7</sup> 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

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Antic for a private meeting on 30 September 2024

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Evacuation to Safety) Bill 2023

<sup>10</sup> 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

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Strengthening Employer Compliance) Bill 2023

<sup>12</sup> 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

<sup>13</sup> Replaced Senator Polley for a private meeting on 30 September 2024

<sup>14</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2024

<sup>15</sup> 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

<sup>16</sup> Replaced Senator Polley for the committee’s inquiry into the Parliamentary Privileges Amendment (Royal Commission Response) Bill 2022 on 16 November 2022

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

<sup>18</sup> Replaced Senator Polley for a private meeting on 14 August 2024

<sup>19</sup> Replaced Senator Polley for a private meeting on 23 July 2024

<sup>20</sup> 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

<sup>21</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023

<sup>22</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment Bill 2023

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

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

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

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

<sup>26</sup> Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the Family Law Bill 2024

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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)	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	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP) (elected Chair on 03.08.2022)	01.08.2022
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)	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
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## Former substitute members

*Term of appointment*

Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG) <sup>1</sup>	05.09.2022–15.08.2024
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) <sup>2</sup>	07.12.2023–06.12.2024
Senator Kerrynne Liddle (SA, LP) <sup>3</sup>	16.09.2024–03.06.2025
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>4</sup>	30.11.2022–14.09.2023

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

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

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

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

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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 hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	1	3	7	0
References	5	0	5	0
Total	6	3	12	0
				21

Meetings by State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
Legislation	11	0	0	0	0	0
References	10	0	0	0	0	0
Total	21	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General
Legislation	142	18	0
References	0	0	57
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) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	20.08.2024
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <i>(Acting Chair 23.04.2024–23.04.2024)</i> <i>(Acting Chair 29.05.2024–31.05.2024)</i> <i>(Acting Chair 25.02.2025–25.02.2025)</i>	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) <sup>1</sup>	30.03.2023–04.05.2023
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <sup>2</sup>	05.11.2024–05.11.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	21.03.2025–21.03.2025

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

<sup>2</sup> 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

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Ciccone for a private meeting on 21 March 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 7pm until 11pm

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

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

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

<sup>13</sup> 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

<sup>14</sup> 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

<sup>15</sup> 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

<sup>16</sup> 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

<sup>17</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Brown for a private meeting on 21 March 2025

<sup>18</sup> Replaced Senator White for a private meeting on 7 February 2023

<sup>19</sup> 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) <sup>20</sup>	12.02.2024–13.02.2024
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>21</sup>	07.11.2022–07.11.2022
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>22</sup>	05.11.2024–05.11.2024
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>23</sup>	29.05.2024–29.05.2024
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) <sup>24</sup>	25.02.2025–25.02.2025
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <sup>25</sup>	30.05.2024–30.05.2024
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <sup>26</sup>	31.05.2024–31.05.2024
Senator David Van (VIC, LP) <sup>27</sup>	07.11.2022–07.11.2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>27</sup> 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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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)	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

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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

<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) <sup>1</sup>	30.03.2023–17.04.2025
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <sup>2</sup> <i>(Acting Deputy Chair 15.04.2024–17.04.2024)</i>	15.04.2024–15.04.2024
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <sup>3</sup> <i>(Acting Deputy Chair 15.04.2024–17.04.2024)</i>	16.04.2024–16.04.2024
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <sup>4</sup> <i>(Acting Deputy Chair 15.04.2024–17.04.2024)</i>	17.04.2024–17.04.2024

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> 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) <sup>5</sup>	29.05.2024–29.05.2024
Senator Lisa Darmanin (VIC, ALP) <sup>6</sup>	28.08.2024–28.08.2024
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <sup>7</sup>	31.07.2024–31.07.2024
Senator Steph Hodgins-May (VIC, AG) <sup>8</sup>	14.05.2024–25.10.2024
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <sup>9</sup>	01.08.2023–09.09.2024
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <sup>10</sup>	09.08.2023–09.08.2024
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <sup>11</sup>	10.09.2024–17.04.2025
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) <sup>12</sup>	07.02.2023–07.02.2023
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>13</sup>	11.12.2024–12.12.2024

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Sterle for a private meeting on 29 May 2024

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Brown on 28 August 2024

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Colbeck for a private meeting on 31 July 2024

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee’s inquiry into the impact and mitigation of aircraft noise

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Rennick for the committee’s inquiry into Australia’s preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Colbeck on 9 August 2024

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator the Hon Reynolds for the committee’s inquiry into Australia’s preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games

<sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator White for a private meeting on 7 February 2023

<sup>13</sup> 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*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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
Australian winegrape purchases code of conduct	19.09.2024	07.02.2025—Canberra 12.02.2025—Canberra	Report presented OOS 28.02.2025; tabled 25.03.2025	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)*

**Joint Committees administered by the  
Senate Committee Office  
1 January 2025–30 June 2025**



**Corporations and Financial Services  
(Joint Statutory)**

**Corporations and Financial Services**  
**(Joint Statutory)**  
*1 January 2025 to 28 March 2025*

Matters current as at 1 January 2025	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Inquiries lapsed as at 28 March 2025
Joint Statutory	4	0	1
			3

Number of Meetings				
Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Joint Statutory	1	0	0	1

Meetings by State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
Joint Statutory	0	1	0	0	0	0
						0
						0

Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General
Joint Statutory	0	0	10
			4
			2

# **Corporations and Financial Services**

## **(Joint Statutory)**

*1 January 2025 to 28 March 2025*

### **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
The Hon Alex Hawke MP (Mitchell, NSW, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)	02.08.2022
Mr Steve Georganas MP (Adelaide, SA, ALP)	28.07.2022
The Hon Luke Howarth MP (Petrie, QLD, LP)	20.03.2024
Ms Zaneta Mascarenhas MP (Swan, WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Dr Daniel Mulino MP (Fraser, VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG)	31.07.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP)	01.08.2022

<b>Former member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022–31.07.2023
The Hon Keith Pitt MP (Hinkler, QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022–20.03.2024

**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.01.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
Oversight of ASIC, the Takeovers Panel and the corporations legislation	Ongoing	04.03.2025—Sydney	Nil	Ongoing
Examination of annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	Ongoing	Nil	Nil	Ongoing
ASIC's capacity and capability to respond to reports of alleged misconduct	27.10.2022 <i>(adopted by the committee)</i>	Nil	Nil	No
Wholesale investor and wholesale client tests	05.03.2024 <i>(adopted by the committee)</i>	Nil	13.02.2025	No

**New References**  
*01.01.2025–28.03.2025*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.01.2025–30.06.2025*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
2019-2020 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	23.01.2025 OOS Senate	25.08.2024
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	27.02.2025 OOS Senate	24.04.2024 OOS

*OOS (Out of session)  
HoR (House of Representatives)*

**Law Enforcement  
(Joint Statutory)**

# Law Enforcement (Joint Statutory)

*1 January 2025 to 28 March 2025*

	Matters current as at 1 January 2025	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Inquiries lapsed as at 28 March 2025
Joint Statutory	5	0	2	3

Number of Meetings				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
				Total Meetings
Joint Statutory	2	0	2	0
				4

Meetings by State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
						NT
Joint Statutory	4	0	0	0	0	0
						0

Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General
			Number of Submissions
Joint Statutory	0	0	0
			0

# Law Enforcement (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2025 to 28 March 2025

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to the *Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Act 2010*

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) (elected Chair on 03.08.2022)	28.07.2022
Mr Llew O'Brien MP (Wide Bay, QLD, LNP) (elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)	01.08.2022
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Mr Sam Lim MP (Tangney, WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP (Boothby, SA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Mr Dan Repacholi MP (Hunter, NSW, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	04.12.2023
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
The Hon Jason Wood MP (La Trobe, VIC, LP)	01.08.2022

Former member	Term of appointment
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP)	01.08.2022–04.12.2023

**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.01.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
Performance of statutory duties	Ongoing	Nil	Nil	Ongoing
Capability of law enforcement to respond to cybercrime	16.10.2023 <i>(adopted by the committee)</i>	Nil	Nil	No
Capability of law enforcement to respond to money laundering and financial crime	19.06.2024 <i>(adopted by the committee)</i>	Nil	Nil	No
Examination of the Australian Federal Police Annual Report 2023–24	28.10.2024 <i>(adopted by the committee)</i>	06.02.2025—Canberra OOS	Presented 27.03.2025	No
Examination of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission Annual Report 2023–24	31.10.2024 <i>(adopted by the committee)</i>	06.02.2025—Canberra OOS	Presented 27.03.2025	No

**New References**  
*01.01.2025–28.03.2025*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.01.2025–30.06.2025*

Nil

*OOS (Out of session)  
HoR (House of Representatives)*

**National Anti-Corruption Commission  
(Joint Statutory)**

# National Anti-Corruption Commission (Joint Statutory)

*1 January 2025 to 28 March 2025*

	Matters current as at 1 January 2025	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Inquiries lapsed as at 28 March 2025
Joint Statutory	3	0	2	1

	Number of Meetings			
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Joint Statutory	0	0	2	0

	Meetings by State				
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA
Joint Statutory	2	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses			Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions
Joint Statutory	0	0	0	0

# National Anti-Corruption Commission

## (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2025 to 28 March 2025

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to the *National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022*

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) (elected Chair on 15.02.2024)	08.02.2024
Dr Helen Haines MP (Indi, VIC, IND) (elected Deputy Chair on 15.02.2023)	13.02.2023
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	09.02.2023
Mr Josh Burns MP (Macnamara, VIC, ALP)	15.12.2023
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP)	27.03.2024
Mr Jerome Laxale MP (Bennelong, NSW, ALP)	12.08.2024
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP)	19.10.2023
Mr Llew O'Brien MP (Wide Bay, QLD, LNP)	13.02.2023
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)	09.02.2023
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	09.02.2023
Mr Keith Wolahan MP (Menzies, VIC, LP)	13.02.2023
Mr Tony Zappia MP (Makin, SA, ALP)	09.02.2023
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	09.02.2023–29.03.2023
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	30.03.2023–27.03.2024
Mr Josh Burns MP (Macnamara, VIC, ALP)	09.02.2023–07.12.2023
Mr Luke Gosling MP (Solomon, NT, ALP)	07.12.2023–15.12.2023
Mr Julian Hill MP (Bruce, VIC, ALP)	07.12.2023–07.02.2024
Ms Peta Murphy MP (Dunkley, VIC, ALP)	09.02.2023–04.12.2023
Senator the Hon Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	09.02.2023–30.09.2023
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	29.03.2023–30.03.2023

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Ms Kate Thwaites MP (Jagajaga, VIC, ALP)	07.02.2024–29.07.2024
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) <i>(Chair 15.02.2023–08.02.2024)</i>	09.02.2023–08.02.2024

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**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.01.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>	<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
Performance of statutory duties	Ongoing Nil	Ongoing Nil	Nil	Ongoing
Examination of the National Anti-Corruption Commission Annual Report 2023–24	05.11.2024 (adopted by the committee)	Nil	Presented 27.03.2025 OOS	No
Examination of the Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission Annual Report 2023–24	14.11.2024 (adopted by the committee)	Nil	Presented 27.03.2025 OOS	No

**New References**  
*01.01.2025–28.03.2025*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.01.2025–30.06.2025*

Nil

*OOS (Out of session)  
HoR (House of Representatives)*



**National Disability Insurance Scheme  
(Joint Standing)**

**National Disability Insurance Scheme**  
**(Joint Standing)**  
*1 January 2025 to 28 March 2025*

	Matters current as at 1 January 2025	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Inquiries lapsed as at 28 March 2025
Joint Standing	2	0	0	2

Number of Meetings				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
				Total Meetings
Joint Standing	0	0	1	0
				1

Meetings by State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
	Joint Standing	1	0	0	0	0
						0

Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General
			Number of Submissions
Joint Standing	0	0	0
			1
			0

# National Disability Insurance Scheme

## (Joint Standing)

*1 January 2025 to 28 March 2025*

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Ms Libby Coker MP (Corangamite, VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 09.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP)	04.02.2025
Mr Pat Conaghan MP (Cowper, NSW, NP)	20.03.2024
Dr Mike Freelander MP (Macarthur, NSW, ALP)	28.07.2022
Ms Alicia Payne MP (Canberra, ACT, ALP)	28.07.2022
Dr Monique Ryan MP (Kooyong, VIC, IND)	01.08.2022
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG)	28.07.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kerrynne Liddle (SA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	13.06.2023–04.12.2023
Senator Dave Sharma (NSW, LP)	04.12.2023–04.02.2025
Ms Jenny Ware MP (Hughes, NSW, LP)	01.08.2022–20.03.2024

**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.01.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
General issues related to the administration and operation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme	27.07.2022	Nil	Nil	Ongoing
NDIS participant experience in rural, regional and remote Australia	18.10.2023 <i>(adopted by the committee)</i>	Nil	Nil	No

**New References**  
*01.01.2025–28.03.2025*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.01.2025–30.06.2025*

Nil

*OOSS (Out of session)  
HoR (House of Representatives)*

**Northern Australia  
(Joint Select)**

**Northern Australia  
(Joint Select)  
1 January 2025 to 28 March 2025**

	Matters current as at 1 January 2025	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Inquiries lapsed as at 28 March 2025
Joint Select Committee	3	0	1	2

Number of Meetings				
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Joint Select Committee	1	0	3	0

Meetings by State					
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	WA
Joint Select Committee	4	0	0	0	0

Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General
Joint Select Committee	0	0	13

# Northern Australia (Joint Select)

*1 January 2025 to 28 March 2025*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the Senate on 3 August 2022 and agreed to by the House of Representatives on 4 August 2022

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Ms Marion Scrymgour MP (Lingiari, NT, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 08.09.2022)</i>	05.09.2022
The Hon Warren Entsch MP (Leichhardt, QLD, LNP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 08.09.2022)</i>	05.09.2022
Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG)	25.03.2024
Mr Luke Gosling MP (Solomon, NT, ALP)	05.09.2022
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	06.09.2022
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP)	04.08.2022
The Hon Shayne Neumann MP (Blair, QLD, ALP)	05.09.2022
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	04.08.2022
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	13.06.2023
Mr Andrew Willcox MP (Dawson, QLD, LNP)	05.09.2022

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG)	04.08.2022–25.03.2024
Senator Patrick Dodson (WA, ALP)	06.09.2022–13.06.2023

**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.01.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
Report on such matters relating to the development of Northern Australia as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister	04.08.2022	Nil	Nil	No
Operation and implementation of the Cyclone Reinsurance Pool	11.10.2022	07.02.2025—Canberra	26.03.2025 HoR Presented OOS 27.03.2025 Senate	No
Energy, food and water security	21.08.2024	Nil	Nil	No

**New References**  
*01.01.2025–28.03.2025*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.01.2025–30.06.2025*

Nil

OOS (*Out of session*)  
HoR (*House of Representatives*)

**Senate Select Committees  
administered by the  
Senate Committee Office  
1 January 2025–30 June 2025**



## **Measuring Outcomes for First Nations Communities**

# Measuring Outcomes for First Nations Communities

*1 January 2025 to 30 May 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
Select Committee	1	0	0 + (1**)	0

	Number of Meetings			
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Select Committee	2	0	4	0

	Meetings by State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses			
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions
Select Committee	0	0	0	58

\*\*Interim report

# Select Committee on Measuring Outcomes for First Nations Communities

*1 January 2025 to 30 May 2025*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 28 November 2024

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 06.12.2024)</i>	28.11.2024
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair 06.12.2024)</i>	28.11.2024
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	28.11.2024
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, CLP)	05.02.2025
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)	05.02.2025

**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.01.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b> <i>As at 01.01.2025</i>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.05.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.05.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
The current regression of the Closing the Gap targets on the rates of suicide, the number of children in out-of-home care, adult incarceration and the number of children commencing school who are developmentally on track	28.11.2024	19.02.2025—Sydney 06.03.2025—Canberra	Interim report presented OOS 14.04.2025	No

**New References**  
*01.01.2025–30.05.2025*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.01.2025–30.06.2025*

Nil

*OOS (Out of session)*

**PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances)**

# PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances)

*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
Select Committee	1	0	0 + (1**)	1

	Number of Meetings			
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Select Committee	6	0	6	3
				15

	Meetings by State				
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA
Select Committee	8	3	2	2	0
					0
					0

	Witnesses		
	Estimates	Bills	General
Select Committee	0	0	89
			54
			0

\*Interim report

# Select Committee on PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances)

*1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 22 August 2024

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lidia Thorpe (VIC, IND) <i>(elected Chair on 03.09.2024)</i>	22.08.2024
Senator Varun Ghosh (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.09.2024)</i>	22.08.2024
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	22.08.2024
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NP)	22.08.2024
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	22.08.2024
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	22.08.2024

**Inquiries**  
*As at 01.01.2025*

<b>Inquiry Detail</b>	<b>Date Referred</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2025</i>
The extent, regulation and management of PFAS	22.08.2024	21.01.2025—Nowra, NSW 22.01.2025—Penrith, NSW 12.03.2025—Launceston, TAS 04.06.2025—Melbourne 10.06.2025—Canberra 11.06.2025—Canberra	Interim report presented OOS 14.03.2025; tabled 25.03.2025	Yes

**New References**  
*01.01.2025–30.06.2025*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.01.2025–30.06.2025*

Nil

*OOS (Out of session)*

**Other Committees  
on which senators serve  
1 January 2025–30 June 2025**



# **Scrutiny of Bills**

## **(Legislative Scrutiny Standing)**

*1 January 2025–30 June 2025*

### **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24

### **Current members**

Senator Dean Smith (Chair), Senator Raff Ciccone (Deputy Chair), Senator Nick McKim, Senator Paul Scarr, Senator Tony Sheldon, Senator Jess Walsh

### **Former members**

Nil

### **Secretary**

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### **Principles of the committee**

The committee scrutinises bills and Acts of Parliament and reports to the Senate whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:

- trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
- inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

<b>Scrutiny digests tabled</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	3
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Private: 3 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 3

*\* The sum of individual meetings may not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections) and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee.*

# **Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)**

*1 January 2025–30 June 2025*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23

## **Current members**

Senator Deborah O'Neill (Chair), Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (Deputy Chair), Senator Catriona Bilyk, Senator David Pocock, Senator Louise Pratt, Senator Paul Scarr

## **Former members**

Senator Linda White, Senator David Van

## **Secretary**

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## **Principles of the committee**

The committee scrutinises each legislative instrument subject to disallowance, disapproval or affirmative resolution by the Senate as to whether:

- it is in accordance with its enabling Act and otherwise complies with all legislative requirements;
- it appears to be supported by a constitutional head of legislative power and is otherwise constitutionally valid;
- it makes rights, liberties, obligations or interests unduly dependent on insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- those likely to be affected by the instrument were adequately consulted in relation to it;
- its drafting is defective or unclear;
- it, and any document it incorporates, may be freely accessed and used;
- the accompanying explanatory material provides sufficient information to gain a clear understanding of the instrument;
- it trespasses unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- it unduly excludes, limits or fails to provide for independent review of decisions affecting rights, liberties, obligations or interests;
- it contains matters more appropriate for parliamentary enactment;
- in the case of an instrument exempt from sunsetting, it is appropriate for the instrument to be exempt from sunsetting;
- in the case of an instrument that amends or modifies the operation of primary legislation, or exempts persons or entities from the operation of primary legislation, the instrument is in force only for as long as is strictly necessary; and
- it complies with any other ground relating to the technical scrutiny of delegated legislation that the committee considers appropriate.

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The committee also scrutinises each instrument to determine whether the attention of the Senate should be drawn to the instrument on the ground that it raises significant issues, or otherwise gives rise to issues that are likely to be of interest to the Senate.

<b>Reports presented</b> 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	1
<b>Delegated legislation monitors tabled</b> 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	3
<b>Private meetings</b> 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	4
<b>No. of instruments scrutinised</b>	590
<b>Notices of motion to disallow</b>	1
<b>Notices withdrawn</b>	2
<b>Notices pending</b>	0

\* The sum of individual meetings may not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections) and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee.

# Appropriations, Staffing and Security (Standing)

1 January 2025–30 June 2025

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19

## Current members

The President (Senator the Hon Sue Lines) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator Andrew McLachlan) (Deputy Chair), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon Penny Wong), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash), Senator Raff Ciccone, Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam, Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister, Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Senator Marielle Smith

## Former members

Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Senator the Hon Anne Ruston

## Secretary

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## Role of the Committee

The Standing Committee on Appropriations, Staffing and Security determines the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills and reports to the Senate on its determinations prior to the Senate's consideration of those bills. The committee also examines matters affecting the staffing and administration of the Department of the Senate, including proposals to vary the staffing structure, and other matters referred to it by the Senate. It makes an annual report to the Senate on the operations of the Senate's appropriations and staffing and related matters (Standing Order 19(3)). The committee has the explicit capacity to scrutinise security funding and administration and to advise the President and the Senate as appropriate. Under a resolution of the Senate agreed to in 1987 the committee also examines proposed changes in the structure and responsibilities of the parliamentary departments.

<b>Reports presented</b> 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	2 (Progress reports)	
<b>Meetings</b> 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Private:	0
	Briefings:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>

# **Chairs' (Standing)**

*1 January 2025–30 June 2025*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25(10)

## **Current members**

The Deputy President (Senator Andrew McLachlan) (Chair), Senator Penny Allman-Payne, Senator Andrew Bragg, Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Senator Raff Ciccone, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Senator Dorinda Cox, Senator Nita Green, Senator Karen Grogan, Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator Matt O'Sullivan, Senator Louise Pratt, Senator Paul Scarr, Senator Dave Sharma, Senator Tony Sheldon, Senator Marielle Smith, Senator Glenn Sterle, Senator Lidia Thorpe, Senator Jess Walsh

## **Former members**

Senator Claire Chandler (ceased 04.02.2025), Senator Mehreen Faruqi, Senator the Hon Jane Hume, Senator Jacqui Lambie, Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Senator Nick McKim, Senator James Paterson, Senator Barbara Pocock, Senator Janet Rice, Senator Dean Smith, Senator Jordon Steele-John, Senator Tammy Tyrrell, Senator David Van

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<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Private:	0
	Briefings:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>

# **House (Standing)**

*1 January 2025–30 June 2025*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21

## **Current members**

The President (Senator the Hon Sue Lines) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator Andrew McLachlan), Senator Wendy Askew, Senator Raff Ciccone, Senator Anne Urquhart

## **Former members**

Nil

## **Secretary**

Mr John Begley                                  Phone: (02) 6277 3398

<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Private:	0
	Briefings:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>

# Privileges (Standing)

1 January 2025–30 June 2025

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18

## Current members

Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (Chair), Senator Deborah O'Neill (Deputy Chair), Senator Claire Chandler, Senator the Hon David Fawcett, Senator Nick McKim, Senator Helen Polley, Senator Anne Urquhart, Senator Jess Walsh

## Former members

Nil

## Secretary

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<b>New references</b> 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	2
<b>Reports presented</b> 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	1
<b>Meetings</b> 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Private: 1 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 1

\* The sum of individual meetings may not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections) and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee.

# Procedure (Standing)

*1 January 2025–30 June 2025*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17

## Current members

The Deputy President (Senator Andrew McLachlan) (Chair), the President (Senator the Hon Sue Lines), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon Penny Wong), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash), Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm, Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie

## Former members

Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham – discharged 28 January 2025

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston – discharged 4 February 2025

Senator Anne Urquhart – discharged 28 March 2025

## Secretary

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<b>New references</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	0
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	1 (Progress report)
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Private: 0 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 0

# Publications (Standing)

*1 January 2025–30 June 2025*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22

## Current members

Senator Wendy Askew (Deputy Chair), Senator Alex Antic, Senator Leah Blyth, Senator the Hon Carol Brown, Senator Lisa Darmanin, Senator Helen Polley

## Former members

Senator the Hon Slade Brockman, Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, Senator Fatima Payman, Senator Gerard Rennick

## Secretary

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<b>Public hearings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	0
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	0
<b>Presiding officers responses presented</b>	0
<b>Government responses presented</b>	0
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2025–30.06.2025</i>	Private: 0 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 0

# Selection of Bills (Standing)

1 January 2025–30 June 2025

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24A

## Current members

Government Whip (Senator Anne Urquhart) (Chair), Opposition Whip (Senator Wendy Askew), The Nationals Whip (Senator Ross Cadell), Australian Greens Whip (Senator Nick McKim), Jacqui Lambie Network Whip (Senator Jacqui Lambie), Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip (Senator Pauline Hanson), United Australia Party Whip (Senator Ralph Babet), Independent (ACT) Whip (Senator David Pocock), Independent (QLD) Whip (Senator Gerard Rennick), Independent (TAS) Whip (Senator Tammy Tyrrell), Independent (VIC) Whip (Senator Lidia Thorpe), Independent (VIC) Whip (Senator David Van), Independent (WA) Whip (Senator Fatima Payman), Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, Senator Maria Kovacic, Senator Matt O'Sullivan

## Former members

Senator Paul Scarr

## Secretary

Mr Tim Bryant

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<b>Reports presented</b> 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	2
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<b>Meetings</b> 01.01.2025–30.06.2025	Private: 2
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Briefings:	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>

\* The sum of individual meetings may not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections) and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee.

# **Senators' Interests**

## **(Standing)**

*1 January 2025–30 June 2025*

### **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A

### **Current members**

Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (Chair), Senator the Hon Tim Ayres, Senator Andrew Bragg, Senator Maria Kovacic, Senator Matt O'Sullivan, Senator Glenn Sterle, Senator Anne Urquhart, Senator Larissa Waters

### **Former members**

Senator Wendy Askew, Senator Kerrynne Liddle

### **Secretary**

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**Reports presented**  
*01.01.2025–30.06.2025*

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**Meetings**  
*01.01.2025–30.06.2025*

Private:	0
Briefings:	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (Joint Standing)

1 January 2025–28 March 2025

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

## Current members

Senator Jana Stewart (Chair), the Hon Ms Melissa Price MP (Deputy Chair), Mr Matt Burnell MP, Ms Kate Chaney MP, Ms Sharon Claydon MP, Senator Dorinda Cox, Senator Kerrynne Liddle, Mr Llew O'Brien MP, Mr Graham Perrett MP, Dr Gordon Reid MP, Ms Marion Scrymgour MP, Senator Varun Ghosh, Senator Lidia Thorpe

## Former members

Senator Patrick Dodson (Chair)

## Secretary

Mr Paul Zinkel Phone: (02) 6277 4559

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 28.03.2025</i>	Lapsed – Truth and Justice Commission Bill 2024	
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	0	
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	0	
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Private:	1
	Public:	1
	Briefings:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>2</b>

\* The sum of individual meetings may not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections) and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee.

# Electoral Matters (Joint Standing)

1 January 2025–28 March 2025

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

## Current members

Senator the Hon Carol Brown (Chair), Senator the Hon James McGrath (Deputy Chair), Senator Ross Cadell, Ms Kate Chaney MP, the Hon Darren Chester MP, Ms Tania Lawrence MP, Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP, the Hon Shayne Neumann MP, Mr Sam Rae MP, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds, Senator Marielle Smith, Ms Anne Stanley MP, Mr James Stevens MP, Senator Larissa Waters

## Former members

Senator Karen Grogan, Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Ms Kate Thwaites MP

## Secretary

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 28.03.2025</i>	0	
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	From Classroom to Community: Civics education and political participation in Australia – Presented 5 February 2025	
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Government response - Conduct of the 2022 federal election and other matters – Final Report – Tabled 6 March 2025	
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Private:	2
	Public:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>2</b>

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# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint Standing)

1 January 2025–28 March 2025

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

## Current members

The Hon Shayne Neumann MP (Chair), Senator the Hon David Fawcett (Deputy Chair), Senator Ralph Babet, Mr Colin Boyce MP, the Hon Scott Buchholz MP, Mr Josh Burns MP, Senator Raff Ciccone, Ms Zoe Daniel MP, Senator Lisa Darmanin, Mr Steven Georganas MP, Senator Nita Green, Mr Peter Khalil MP, the Hon Michael McCormack MP, Senator Andrew McLachlan, Mr Rob Mitchell MP, the Hon Brendan O'Connor MP, Senator Deborah O'Neill, Mr Gavin Pearce MP, Mr Graham Perrett MP, Mrs Fiona Phillips MP, the Hon Melissa Price MP, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds, Senator Dave Sharma, Senator Tony Sheldon, Senator Dean Smith, Senator Jordon Steele-John, Ms Meryl Swanson MP, Ms Susan Templeman MP, Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP, Mr Andrew Wallace MP, Mr Terry Young MP, Mr Tony Zappia MP

## Former members

Senator Claire Chandler, the Hon David Colman MP, Senator Mehreen Faruqi, Mr Luke Gosling MP, Mr Julian Hill MP, Senator Jim Molan, Senator Fatima Payman, Ms Kate Thwaites MP, Senator David Van, Mr Josh Wilson MP

## Secretary

Ms Kate Portus

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 28.03.2025</i>	Lapsed – Inquiry into the Department of Defence Annual Report 2024-25	
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Australia's thematic sanctions framework: A legislated review of the operation of the Autonomous Sanctions Amendment (Magnitsky-style and other Thematic Sanctions) Act 2021	
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	The Defence Industry Security Program. Review of Auditor-General Report 4 of 2021-22 4 February 2025	
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Private: Public: Briefings: Inspections: <b>Total:</b>	10 2 4 1 <b>12</b>

## Secretaries of Sub-Committees

Ms Kate Portus (Defence Sub-Committee) (02) 6277 4574

Dr Ashley Clements (Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee) (02) 6277 2096

Ms Kimberlee Armstrong (Human Rights Sub-Committee) (02) 6277 4590

Ms Antonia Shuttleworth (Trade Sub-Committee) (02) 6277 4036

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# **Implementation of the National Redress Scheme**

## **(Joint Standing)**

**1 January 2025–28 March 2025**

### **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

### **Current members**

Senator Catryna Bilyk (Chair), Senator Dean Smith (Deputy Chair), Mrs Bridget Archer MP, Mr Henry Pike MP, Senator David Shoebridge, Ms Meryl Swanson MP, Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP, Mr Tony Zappia MP

### **Former members**

Senator Janet Rice, Ms Marion Scrymgour MP, Senator Linda White

### **Secretary**

Mr Andrew Bray                                  Phone: (02) 6277 4549

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 28.03.2025</i>	0	
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	0	
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	0	
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Private:	3
	Public:	0
	In camera:	0
	Briefings:	1
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>4</b>

\* The sum of individual meetings may not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections) and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee.

# Migration

## (Joint Standing)

1 January 2025–28 March 2025

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

### Current members

Ms Maria Vamvakou MP (Chair), Dr Anne Webster MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Andrew Bragg, Mr Cameron Caldwell MP, Senator Raff Ciccone, Ms Cassandra Fernando MP, Senator Louise Pratt, Senator David Shoebridge, Ms Allegra Spender MP, Ms Anne Stanley MP

### Former members

The Hon Jason Wood MP, Senator Nick McKim, Senator Fatima Payman, Mr Josh Wilson MP

### Secretary

Mr Jeff Norris                                  Phone: (02) 6277 4776

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 28.03.2025</i>	Ending Indefinite and Arbitrary Immigration Detention Bill 2022	
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	0	
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	0	
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Private:	3
	Public:	0
	Briefings:	0
	Inspections:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>3</b>

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# National Capital and External Territories

## (Joint Standing)

1 January 2025–28 March 2025

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

### Current members

Ms Alicia Payne MP (Chair), the Hon Nola Marino MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Alex Antic, the Hon Linda Burney MP (*from 12 August 2024*), Mr Cameron Caldwell MP (*from 5 February 2025*), Ms Sharon Claydon MP, Mr Luke Gosling MP, Senator Karen Grogan (*from 14 August 2024*), Senator Andrew McLachlan, Senator Matt O’Sullivan (*from 20 June 2023*), Senator David Pocock, Senator Helen Polley

### Former members

Mr Ian Goodenough (*to 5 February 2025*), The Hon Julian Hill MP (*to 29 July 2024*), Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy (*to 14 August 2024*), Senator David Van (*to 20 June 2023*)

### Secretary

Ms Fran Denny                          Phone: (02) 6277 4609

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 28.03.2025</i>	Review of the National Capital Authority: Bi-annual Briefings 47 <sup>th</sup> Parliament	
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Australia's Antarctic Territory – Inquiry into the importance of Antarctica to Australia's national interests – 10 February 2025	
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Nil	
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Private:	1
	Public:	0
	Briefings:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>

\* The sum of individual meetings may not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections) and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee.

# Parliamentary Library (Joint Standing)

1 January 2025–28 March 2025

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

## Current members

Senator Maria Kovacic (Joint Chair from 24 March 2025), Ms Anne Stanley MP (Joint Chair), Ms Jodie Belyea, Senator Catryna Bilyk, Senator Leah Blyth, Mr Cameron Caldwell, Ms Cassandra Fernando MP, Senator Karen Grogan, Mr Rob Mitchell MP, Mr Rowan Ramsey MP, Senator Glenn Sterle, Ms Kylea Tink MP, Senator Larissa Waters

## Former members

Mr Russell Broadbent MP, Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, Senator Fatima Payman (*to 4 July 2024*), Ms Kate Thwaites MP (*to 29 July 2024*), Senator Linda White (*to 29 February 2024*), Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (*Joint Chair to 10 February 2025*)

## Secretary

Mr Steven Fox                          Phone: (02) 6277 7102

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<b>Meetings</b> 01.01.2025–28.03.2025	Private:	1
	Public:	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>

\* *The sum of individual meetings may not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections) and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee.*

# Trade and Investment Growth (Joint Standing)

1 January 2025–28 March 2025

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

## Current members

Mr Steve Georganas MP (Chair), the Hon Scott Buchholz MP (Deputy Chair), Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Senator Dorinda Cox, the Hon Dr David Gillespie MP, Ms Tania Lawrence MP, Mr Jerome Laxale MP, Senator Helen Polley, Senator Jess Walsh

## Former members

The Hon Andrew Gee MP

## Secretary

Mr Andrew Bray                              Phone: (02) 6277 2233

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 28.03.2025</i>	0
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Final Report: Inquiry into the understanding and utilisation of benefits under Free Trade Agreements
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	0
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Private: 3 Public: 0 Briefing 1 <b>Total:</b> 4

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# Treaties (Joint Standing)

1 January 2025–28 March 2025

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2022 and agreed to by the Senate on 27 July 2022

## Current members

Ms Lisa Chesters MP (Chair), Mr Phillip Thompson MP (Deputy Chair), Mr Sam Birrell MP, Mr Matt Burnell MP, Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Dr Andrew Charlton MP, Senator Dorinda Cox, Senator the Hon David Fawcett, Senator Varun Ghosh, Senator Nita Green, Ms Zaneta Mascarenhas MP, Dr Daniel Mulino MP, Mr Henry Pike MP, Senator Dave Sharma, Senator Marielle Smith

## Former members

Senator Claire Chandler, Senator Raff Ciccone, Mr Luke Gosling MP, Senator Deborah O'Neill, Ms Kate Thwaites MP, Senator David Van, Mr Josh Wilson MP

## Secretary

Ms Klara Fay                          Phone: (02) 6277 4002

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## Current inquiries as at 28.03.2025

Lapsed – Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Colombia relating to Air Services

Lapsed – Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia on Cooperation in the Field of Defence

Lapsed – Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Peru relating to Air Services

Lapsed – Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Defence and Security Cooperation

Lapsed – Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia relating to Air Services

Lapsed – Agreement on the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity

Lapsed – Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

Lapsed – Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity Agreement Relating to a Clean Economy

Lapsed – Indo-Pacific Framework for Prosperity Agreement relating to a Fair Economy

Lapsed – Nauru - Australia Treaty

	Lapsed – Partial Revision of the 2019 Radio Regulations, as incorporated into the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2023
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	<p><b>Report 226</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convention between Australia and the Portuguese Republic for the Elimination of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Tax Evasion and Avoidance</li> </ul> <p><b>Report 225</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between Australia and the United Arab Emirates</li> <li>Agreement between the United Arab Emirates and Australia on the Promotion and Protection of Investments</li> </ul>
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	

<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Private: 3
	Public: 3
	Briefings: 0
	Inspections: 0
	<b>Total:</b> 6

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# Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings

## (Joint Statutory)

*1 January 2025–28 March 2025*

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*

### Current members

The Speaker (the Hon Milton Dick MP), the President (Senator the Hon Sue Lines), Senator Leah Blyth, Mr Jerome Laxale MP, Mr Rowan Ramsey MP, Ms Joanne Ryan MP, Mr James Stevens MP, Senator Jana Stewart, Ms Susan Templeman MP

### Former members

Senator the Hon Slade Brockman

### Secretary

Mr Andrew House

Mr Chris Gahan  
(from 02.05.2025)

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### Meetings

*01.01.2025–28.03.2025*

Private:	0
Briefings:	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>

\* The sum of individual meetings may not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections) and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee.

# **Human Rights (Joint Statutory)**

*1 January 2025–28 March 2025*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*

## **Current members**

Mr Josh Burns MP (Chair), Mr Henry Pike MP (Deputy Chair), Ms Jodie Belyea MP, Senator Ross Cadell, Senator Lisa Darmanin, Senator Matt O’Sullivan, Ms Alicia Payne MP, Mr Graham Perrett MP, Senator David Shoebridge, Senator Jana Stewart, Senator Lidia Thorpe and Ms Kylea Tink MP

## **Former members**

Mr Russell Broadbent MP, the Hon David Coleman MP, Senator Karen Grogan, Mr Peter Khalil MP, Ms Peta Murphy MP, Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, Senator Gerard Rennick

## **Secretary**

Ms Rebecca Preston (Acting)      Phone: (02) 6277 3823

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 28.03.2025</i>	
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Report 1 of 2025 (5 February 2025) Inquiry into antisemitism at Australian Universities (12 February 2025) Report 2 of 2025 (3 March 2025) Report 3 of 2025 (26 March 2025) Annual Report 2024 (26 March 2025)
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Private: 6 Public: 2 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 8

\* The sum of individual meetings may not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections) and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee.

# Intelligence and Security (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2025–28 March 2025

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Intelligence Services Act 2001*

## Current members

Senator Raff Ciccone (Chair) (*from 8 October 2024*), Mr Andrew Wallace MP (Deputy Chair), Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham (*to 28 January 2025*), Ms Sharon Claydon MP (*from 12 August 2024*), Mr Luke Gosling MP, the Hon Andrew Hastie MP, Ms Zoe McKenzie MP, Mr Brendan O'Connor MP (*from 12 August 2024*), Senator James Paterson, Senator Marielle Smith, Ms Meryl Swanson MP (*from 9 October 2024*), Senator Jess Walsh

## Former members

The Hon Karen Andrews MP (*to 22 June 2023*), Mr Julian Hill MP (*to 29 July 2024*), Mr Peter Khalil MP (*9 October 2024*), Mr Josh Wilson MP (*to 29 July 2024*)

## Secretary

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## Current inquiries as at 28.03.2025

Review of the Intelligence Services legislation Amendment Bill 2023  
Review of post-sentence terrorism orders: Division 105A of the Criminal Code Act 1995  
Review of Division 3 Part III of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979  
Review of the Administration and Expenditure No. 23 (2023-24) - Australian Intelligence Agencies  
Review of the Migration Amendment (Clarifying International Obligations for Removal) Act 2021

## Reports presented 01.01.2025–28.03.2025

Review of Administration and Expenditure – No. 22 2022-2023 – Australian Intelligence Agencies  
Advisory report on the Transport Security Amendment (Security of Australia's Transport Sector) Bill 2024

## Government responses 01.01.2025–28.03.2025

### Meetings\*

01.01.2025–28.03.2025

Private:	3
Public:	1
Classified hearings:	2
Briefings:	0
Inspections:	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7</b>

\* The sum of individual meetings may not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections) and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee.

# Parliamentary Standards (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2025–28 March 2025

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Workplace Support Service Act 2023*

## Current members

Senator Anne Urquhart (Chair), Senator the Hon. Slade Brockman (Deputy Chair), Senator Claire Chandler, the Hon. Darren Chester MP, Senator Nick McKim, Ms Alicia Payne MP, Senator Helen Polley, Ms Joanne Ryan MP, Ms Anne Stanley MP, Mr James Stevens MP, Senator Jess Walsh, Mr Andrew Wilkie MP

## Former members

Nil

## Secretary

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 28.03.2025</i>	0
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	0
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Private: 0 Public: 0 In-camera: 0 Briefings: 0 Inspections: 0 <b>Total:</b> 0

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# Public Accounts and Audit (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2025–28 March 2025

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*

## Current members

The Hon Linda Burney MP (Chair), Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (Deputy Chair), Dr Michelle Ananda-Rajah MP, Senator Catryna Bilyk, Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Senator Lisa Darmanin, Dr Carina Garland MP, Mr Ian Goodenough MP, Mr Brian Mitchell MP, Dr Daniel Mulino MP, Mr Henry Pike MP, Senator Barbara Pocock, Mr Sam Rae MP, Senator Tony Sheldon, Mr Aaron Violi MP

## Former members

Mr Julian Hill MP (Chair), the Hon David Coleman MP, the Hon Dr David Gillespie MP, Senator Karen Grogan, Ms Peta Murphy MP, Mr Graham Perrett MP, Mr Josh Wilson MP

## Secretary

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<b>Current inquiries</b> as at 28.03.2025	1
<b>Reports presented</b> 01.01.2025–28.03.2025	0
<b>Documents presented</b> 01.01.2025–28.03.2025	0
<b>Government responses</b> 01.01.2025–28.03.2025	0
<b>Meetings</b> 01.01.2025–28.03.2025	Private: 0 Public: 0 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 0

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# Public Works (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2025–28 March 2025

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Public Works Committee Act 1969*

## Current members

Mr Graham Perrett MP (Chair), Mr Andrew Willcox (Deputy Chair), the Hon Karen Andrews MP, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Senator Maria Kovacic, Senator Louise Pratt, Ms Tracey Roberts MP, Mr David Smith MP, Mr Tony Zappia MP

## Former members

The Hon Darren Chester MP, The Hon Keith Pitt MP, Senator Fatima Payman, Mr Gavin Pearce MP, Senator Gerard Rennick, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds, Senator David Van

## Secretary

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>as at 28.03.2025</i>	Lapsed - Airservices Australia — Aviation rescue Fire Fighting services NexGen Project for End-of-life Facilities Upgrades – Phase 1A (Queensland and Victoria)  Lapsed - Airservices Australia — PFAS Remediation of Former Fire Training Ground at Rockhampton Airport, Queensland  Lapsed - Australian Institute of Marine Science — Remediation of AIMS Cape Cleveland Wharf, Queensland
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Eighty Eighth Annual Report  Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water—Davis Station Critical Infrastructure Works and other works (Report 1/2025)  Department of Defence—Facilities to Support LAND 8113 Phase 1 Long Range Fires and other works (Report 2/2025)
<b>Meetings*</b> <i>01.01.2025–28.03.2025</i>	Private:    7 Public:    3 In-camera:    3 Briefings:     3 Inspections:    3 <b>Total:</b> 9

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## **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)
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	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)
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	Health Legislation Amendment (Improved Medicare Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2025 [Provisions]	06.02.2025
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Early Childhood Education and Care (Three Day Guarantee) Bill 2025 [Provisions]	(3)
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2025 [Provisions]	
<b>FPA (Ref)</b>	The operation and appropriateness of the superannuation and pension schemes for current and former members of the Australian Defence Force	11.02.2025 (1)
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Tertiary Education Legislation Amendment (There For Education, Not Profit) Bill 2025	12.02.2025 (3)
<b>FPA (Leg)</b>	Remuneration Tribunal Amendment (There For Public Service, Not Profit) Bill 2025	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Micro-competition opportunities in the Australian economy in relation to e-conveyancing	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	AusCheck Amendment (Global Entry Program) Bill 2025 [Provisions]	13.02.2025 (3)
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill 2025 (No. 2)	
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	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	
<b>FADT (Leg)</b>	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)
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	Financial abuse: an insidious form of domestic violence (presented OOS 05.12.2024)	Presented OOS
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	Right wing extremist movements in Australia (presented OOS 06.12.2024)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Australia's taxation system—Progress report (presented OOS 10.12.2024)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Australia's taxation system (presented OOS 11.12.2024)	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Reconsideration of Decisions) Bill 2024 (presented OOS 11.12.2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 12.12.2024)	
<b>Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (Select)</b>	Report (presented OOS 19.12.2024)	
<b>Energy Planning and Regulation in Australia (Select)</b>	Final report (presented OOS 20.12.2024)	
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	Health Legislation Amendment (Modernising My Health Record—Sharing by Default) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 30.01.2025)	04.02.2025 (11)
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	*Future Made in Australia (Production Tax Credits and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]—Progress report (presented OOS 30.01.2025)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	*Treasury Laws Amendment (Fairer for Families and Farmers and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]—Progress report (presented OOS 30.01.2025)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Incentives and Integrity) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 30.01.2025)	
<b>FPA (Leg)</b>	Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill 2024 [Provisions] (presented OOS 30.01.2025)	

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

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

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

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

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>Date Tabled (Daily Total)</b>
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	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
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Funding for public research into foreign policy issues (response presented OOS 05.12.2024; report tabled 17.08.2021)	
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Assessment and support services for people with ADHD (response presented OOS 12.12.2024; report tabled 06.11.2023)	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equity) Bill 2023 (response presented OOS 12.12.2024; report tabled 26.06.2024)	
<b>Australia's Disaster Resilience (Select)</b>	Boots on the ground: Raising resilience—Report (response presented OOS 19.12.2024; report tabled 08.08.2024)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill 2022 [Provisions] (response presented OOS 19.12.2024; report tabled 03.05.2023)	
<b>FADT (Leg)</b>	Migration Amendment (Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure and Other Measures) Bill 2023 (response presented OOS 19.12.2024; report tabled 14.05.2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	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)	
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	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)
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Optus Network Outage (response presented OOS 23.01.2025; report tabled 27.09.2024)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Migration Amendment (Strengthening Employer Compliance) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (response presented OOS 23.01.2025; report tabled 31.08.2023)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions] (response presented OOS 30.01.2025; report tabled 13.11.2024)	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>Date Tabled (Daily Total)</b>
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Family Law Amendment Bill 2024 (response presented OOS 30.01.2025; report tabled 31.10.2024)	04.05.2025 <i>continued</i>
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Ending the postcode lottery: Addressing barriers to sexual, maternity and reproductive healthcare in Australia (report tabled 25.05.2023)	11.02.2025 (2)
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Issues related to menopause and perimenopause (report tabled 18.09.2024)	
<b>Job Security (Select)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> interim report: on-demand platform work in Australia (report tabled 24.06.2021) 2 <sup>nd</sup> interim report: insecurity in publicly-funded jobs (report tabled 19.10.2021) 3 <sup>rd</sup> interim report: labour hire and job contracting (report tabled 30.11.2021) 4 <sup>th</sup> 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)
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Interactive Gambling Amendment (Credit and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions] (response presented OOS 20.02.2025; report tabled 12.10.2023)	25.03.2025
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Australian support for Ukraine (response presented OOS 20.02.2025; report tabled 16.09.2024)	(4)
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	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)	
<b>Parliamentary Standards (Joint Select)</b>	Final report (response presented OOS 27.02.2025; report tabled 29.11.2022)	

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

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