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FORMAT OF THIS REPORT

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

- the half year (1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015);
- the year (1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015)

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

This report is available on the Internet at:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/woc/index. Additional hard copies may be obtained from the Office of the Senior Clerk of Committees, Senate Committee Office. Telephone: (02) 6277 3555.

ABBREVIATIONS

Committees

Budget Cuts	Abbott Government's Budget Cuts
Budget Measures	Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures
ACLEI	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
CA	Community Affairs
CFS	Corporations and Financial Services
ECO	Economics
EE	Education and Employment
EC	Environment and Communications
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
FPA	Finance and Public Administration
GAS	Unconventional Gas Mining
Health	Health
LCA	Legal and Constitutional Affairs
LE	Law Enforcement
Murray-Darling	Murray-Darling Basin Plan
NBN	National Broadband Network
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme
Nauru	Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
Wind Turbines	Wind Turbines

Political Affiliations

AG	Australian Greens
ALP	Australian Labor Party
AMEP	Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party
CLP	Country Liberal Party
FFP	Family First Party
IND	Independent
LDP	Liberal Democratic Party
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
NATS	The Nationals
PUP	Palmer United Party

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Other publications available from the Committee Office:

Committee Reports*

Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970–2015)

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/register

The First 20 Years (History of Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees 1970–1990)

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Significant_Reports/first20years/contents

Business of Committees (Program of committee public hearings held in Canberra and/or interstate)

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Todays_Public_Hearings

Public Hearings/Meetings list (list of all forthcoming public hearings published every Friday)

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Upcoming_Public_Hearings

Bills to Committees Update (providing details on the progress of legislation through Senate committees)

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation#a7

- Information pamphlets
- No. 1 Notes to assist in the preparation of submissions to Senate Committee inquiries
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/How_to_make_a_submission
 - No. 2 Information for witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (general information and notes to assist with the preparation of oral evidence before Senate committees)
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Notes_for_guidance_for_witnesses
 - No. 3 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
 - No. 4 Government Guidelines for official witnesses before Parliamentary Committees and related matters (Extract)
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/Guidelines_for_official_witness

** a selection of reports presented prior to June 1997 and all reports tabled thereafter are available on the Internet*

DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Administered</i>	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Appropriations, Staffing and Security	Standing	S	6277 3015	6277 5784
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5809
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4888	6277 4204
Chairs	Standing	S	6277 3371	6277 3199
Community Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3518	6277 5829
Corporations and Financial Services	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3583	6277 5719
Economics*	LGPS	S	6277 3540	6277 5719
Electoral Matters	Joint	H	6277 4564	6277 4710
Education and Employment*	LGPS	S	6277 3521	6277 5706
Environment and Communications*	LGPS	S	6277 3526	6277 5818
Finance and Public Administration*	LGPS	S	6277 3439	6277 5809
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint	H	6277 4629	6277 2221
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade*	LGPS	S	6277 3535	6277 5818
Health	Select	S	6277 3419	6277 5809
House	Standing	S	6277 3398	6277 3199
Human Rights	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3823	6277 5767
Intelligence and Security	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4629	6277 2067
Law Enforcement	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5809
Legal and Constitutional Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3594	6277 5794
Migration	Joint	H	6277 4642	6277 4827
Murray-Darling Basin Plan	Select	S	6277 3269	6277 5829
National Broadband Network	Select	S	6277 3535	6277 5818
National Capital and External Territories	Joint	H	6277 4564	6277 8478
National Disability Insurance Scheme	Joint Standing	S	6277 3518	6277 5829
Northern Australia	Joint Select	H	6277 4162	6277 4427
Parliamentary Library	Joint	DPS	6277 7102	6277 2403
Privileges	Standing	S	6277 3360	6277 3199
Procedure	Standing	S	6277 3350	6277 3199
Public Accounts and Audit	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4615	6277 2220
Public Works	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4636	6277 4426
Publications	Standing	S	6277 3037	6277 5784
Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru	Select	S	6277 3555	6277 3899
Regulations and Ordinances	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3066	6277 5881
Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport*	Standing			
Scrutiny of Bills	LGPS	S	6277 3511	6277 5811
	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3051	6277 5881
	Standing			
Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures	Select	S	6277 3439	6277 5809
Selection of Bills	Standing	S	6277 3020	6277 3098
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3360	6277 3199
Trade and Investment Growth	Joint Select	H	6277 4562	6277 4427
Treaties	Joint	H	6277 4642	6277 2219
Unconventional Gas Mining	Select	S	6277 3583	6277 5719
Wind Turbines	Select	S	6277 3555	6277 3899

Code

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 and Joint Standing 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:

Community Affairs

- Legislation
- References

- Health
- Social Services (including Human Services)

Economics

- Legislation
- References

- Industry, Innovation and Science
- Treasury

Education and Employment

- Legislation
- References

- Education and Training
- Employment

Environment and Communications

- Legislation
- References

- Communications and the Arts
- Environment

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
- Immigration and Border Protection

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport

- Legislation
- References

- Agriculture and Water Resources
- Infrastructure and Regional Development

Joint Statutory Committees

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office also administered three Joint Statutory Committees comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators. These are:

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
- Corporations and Financial Services, and
- Law Enforcement

Joint Standing Committee

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

- National Disability Insurance Scheme

Senate Select Committees

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

- Health (appointed 25 June 2014)
- Murray-Darling Basin Plan (appointed 24 June 2015)
- National Broadband Network (appointed 14 November 2013)
- Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru (appointed 26 March 2015; re-appointed 10 August 2015)
- Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures (appointed 25 June 2014, as Abbott Government's Budget Cuts)
- Unconventional Gas Mining (appointed 12 November 2015)
- Wind Turbines (appointed 24 November 2014)

Joint Select Committees

There were no Joint Select Committees appointed during the reporting period.