

PART SIX

1 July 2015–31 December 2015

**Legislative and General Purpose
Standing Committees
administered by the
Senate Committee Office**

Community Affairs

Community Affairs (Legislation)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 01.07.14)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.11.13
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP)	12.11.15
Senator Jo Lindgren (QLD, LP)	15.06.15
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) <i>(Acting Chair 17.03.14–18.03.14)</i>	13.11.13

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	13.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP)	12.11.13–12.11.15
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.07.14–15.06.15

Former substitute member

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP) ¹	04.08.15–04.08.15
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Replaced Senator Brown on 4 August 2015

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 2 of 2015 tabled 08.09.2015	Ongoing
Budget Estimates 2015–16	12.05.2015 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 92—12 May 2015, p2561)	21–22 October 2015— Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	28.05.2015 <i>(Pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2015)</i>	05.08.2015—Canberra	11.08.2015	No
Medical Research Future Fund Bill 2015 [Provisions] and Medical Research Future Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	16.06.2015 (SB)	04.08.2015—Melbourne	10.08.2015	No
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Amendment Bill 2015 [Provisions]	25.06.2015 (SB)	05.08.2015—Canberra	17.08.2015	No
Fairer Paid Parental Leave Bill 2015 [Provisions]	25.06.2015 (SB)	01.09.2015—Canberra	15.09.2015	No
Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2015 [Provisions]	25.06.2015 (SB)	Nil	18.08.2015	No

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Debit Card Trial) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	20.08.2015 (SB)	11.09.2015—Canberra	12.10.2015	No
Social Services Legislation Amendment (More Generous Means Testing for Youth Payments) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	10.09.2015 (SB)	Nil	09.11.2015	No
Social Services Legislation Amendment (No Jab, No Pay) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	17.09.2015 (SB)	02.11.2015—Brisbane	11.11.2015	No
Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment (Forum on Food Regulation and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	15.10.2015 (SB)	Nil	30.11.2015	No
Health Legislation Amendment (eHealth) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	15.10.2015 (SB)	Nil	09.11.2015	No
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	15.10.2015 (SB)	Nil	30.11.2015	No
Health Insurance Amendment (Safety Net) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	12.11.2015 (SB)	16.11.2015—Canberra	23.11.2015	No

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	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	12.11.2015 (SB)	19.11.2015—Canberra	30.11.2015	No
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Community Affairs (References)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 08.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.11.13
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP)	12.11.15
Senator Jo Lindgren (QLD, LP)	15.06.15

Substitute member

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹	03.12.15

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	13.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP)	12.11.13–12.11.15
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.07.14–15.06.15
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon Lin Thorp (TAS, ALP)	06.03.14–30.06.14
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	12.11.13–06.03.14

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP) ²	21.08.15–21.08.15
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) ³	08.07.14–29.10.14
Senator the Hon Lin Thorp (TAS, ALP) ⁴	04.12.13–26.03.14

¹ Replaces Senator Brown for the committee's inquiry into the future of Australia's aged care sector workforce

² Replaced Senator Brown on 21 August 2015

³ Replaced Senator Reynolds for the committee's inquiry into grandparents raising grandchildren

⁴ Replaced Senator Brown for the committee's inquiry into the care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Out of home care	17.07.2014	Nil	19.08.2015	No
Availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia	03.12.2014	Nil	Interim report presented OOS 04.08.2015; tabled 10.08.2015 Report tabled 17.09.2015	No
Violence, abuse and neglect against people with disability in institutional and residential settings, including the gender and age related dimensions, and the particular situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability, and culturally and linguistically diverse people with disability	11.02.2015	21.08.2015—Canberra 27.08.2015—Sydney 28.08.2015—Adelaide 16.10.2015—Brisbane	25.11.2015	No
Impact on service quality, efficiency and sustainability of recent Commonwealth community service tendering processes by the Department of Social Services	12.02.2015	03.07.2015—Sydney	16.09.2015	No

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Growing evidence of an emerging tick-borne disease that causes a Lyme-like illness for many Australian patients	12.11.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes
Future of Australia's aged care sector workforce	01.12.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes
Indefinite detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment in Australia	02.12.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Economics

Economics (Legislation)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 28.10.15)</i>	01.07.14
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–02.07.14)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(Acting Chair on 04.05.15)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 02.07.14–22.10.15)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	14.11.13

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	13.11.13–14.11.13
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 11.02.14–30.06.14)</i>	11.02.14–30.06.14
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	14.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–11.02.14)</i>	12.11.13–11.02.14
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	13.11.13–01.07.14

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ¹	13.11.14–24.11.14
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP) ²	27.02.14–27.02.14
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ³	06.03.14–24.03.14
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ⁴	02.06.14–06.06.14
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) ⁵	06.03.14–24.03.14

¹ Replaced Senator Dastyari for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014, from 13 November 2014

² Replaced Senator Bishop on 27 February 2014

³ Replaced Senator Pratt for the committee's inquiry into the Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014

⁴ Replaced Senator Pratt for the week beginning 2 June 2014

⁵ Replaced Senator Bishop for the committee's inquiry into the Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 2 of 2015 tabled 08.09.2015	Ongoing
Corporations Amendment (Financial Advice) Bill 2014	05.03.2015 (SB)	Nil	11.08.2015	No
Budget Estimates 2015–16	12.05.2015 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 92—12 May 2015, p2561)	21–22 October 2015— Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Treasury Legislation Amendment (Small Business and Unfair Contract Terms) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	13.08.2015 (SB)	03.09.2015—Melbourne	14.09.2015	No
Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 [Provisions]; Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Bill 2015 [Provisions]; and Register of Foreign Ownership of Agricultural Land Bill 2015 [Provisions]	20.08.2015 (SB)	Nil	14.10.2015	No

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	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill 2015 [Provisions]	20.08.2015 (SB)	14.09.2015—Canberra	15.09.2015	No
Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Better Targeting the Income Tax Transparency Laws) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	10.09.2015 (SB)	22.09.2015—Canberra	12.10.2015	No
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Governance) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	17.09.2015 (SB)	23.10.2015—Sydney 28.10.2015—Melbourne	09.11.2015	No
Tax Laws Amendment (Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	17.09.2015 (SB)	Nil	09.11.2015	No
Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

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

Economics (References)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 22.10.15)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP) <i>(Elected Deputy Chair on 02.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(Acting Deputy Chair on 10.11.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <i>(Chair 02.07.14–22.10.15)</i>	12.11.13
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)	14.05.15
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	14.11.13

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Leyonhjelm (NSW, LDP) ¹	25.06.15
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ²	10.08.15
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ³	30.11.15

Subcommittee members⁴	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Leyonhjelm (NSW, LDP) <i>(Sub-Committee Chair)</i>	08.09.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP)	08.09.15
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	08.09.15

Subcommittee members⁵	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(Sub-Committee Chair)</i>	20.08.15
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP) <i>(Sub-Committee Deputy Chair)</i>	20.08.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP)	20.08.15
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP)	20.08.15

¹ Replaces Senator McAllister for the committee's inquiry into personal choice and community impacts
² Replaces Senator Canavan for the committee's inquiry into cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms
³ Replaces Senator Dastyari for the committee's inquiry into Australia's steel industry
⁴ Inquiry into personal choice and community impacts for the purpose of hearings
⁵ Inquiry into economic security for women in retirement for the purpose of the inquiry

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	14.11.13–30.06.14
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–01.07.14)</i>	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	19.03.14–24.03.14
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	01.07.14–14.05.15
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	12.11.13–14.11.13
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	12.11.13–19.03.14
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	24.03.14–30.06.14
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	13.11.13–01.07.14
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) ⁶ <i>(Acting Deputy Chair on 11.11.14)</i>	11.11.14–11.11.14
Senator the Hon Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) ⁷	24.03.15–14.05.15
Senator the Hon Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) ⁸	01.12.15–03.12.15
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁹	24.03.14–30.06.14
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ¹⁰ <i>(Acting Chair on 01.10.15)</i>	14.05.15–01.12.15
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ¹¹	14.05.15–03.12.15
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) ¹²	12.11.14–12.11.14
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP) ¹³	15.07.14–08.05.15
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹⁴	12.11.14–12.11.14
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS) ¹⁵	07.07.15–07.07.15
Former subcommittee members¹⁶	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <i>(Chair 03.08.15–03.08.15)</i>	03.08.15–03.08.15
Senator Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(Deputy Chair 03.08.15–03.08.15)</i>	03.08.15–03.08.15
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP)	03.08.15–03.08.15

⁶ Replaced Senator Edwards for the committee's inquiry into affordable housing on 11 November 2014

⁷ Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's inquiry into insolvency in the construction industry

⁸ Replaced Senator McAllister for the committee's inquiry into insolvency in the construction industry

⁹ Replaced Senator Pratt for the committee's inquiry into Australia's innovation system

¹⁰ Replaced Senator McAllister for the committee's inquiry into Australia's automotive industry

¹¹ Replaced Senator McAllister for the committee's inquiry into Australia's innovation system

¹² Replaced Senator Canavan for the committee's inquiry into forestry managed investment schemes (MIS) on 12 November 2014

¹³ Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's inquiry into affordable housing

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Ketter for the committee's inquiry into forestry managed investment schemes (MIS) on 12 November 2014

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Canavan for the committee's inquiry into scrutiny of financial advice on 7 July 2015

¹⁶ Inquiry into Australia's innovation system on 3 August 2015

Former subcommittee members¹⁷	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP)	05.08.15–05.08.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹⁸ <i>(Acting Chair 05.08.15–05.08.15)</i>	05.08.15–05.08.15
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) ¹⁹ <i>(Deputy Chair 05.08.15–05.08.15)</i>	05.08.15–05.08.15

Former subcommittee members²⁰	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <i>(Acting Chair 29.10.15–30.10.15)</i>	29.10.15–30.10.15
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)	29.10.15–30.10.15
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	29.10.15–30.10.15

¹⁷ Inquiry into forestry managed investment schemes on 5 August 2015

¹⁸ Replaced Senator McAllister for the committee's inquiry into forestry managed investment schemes on 5 August 2015

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Edwards for the committee's inquiry into forestry managed investment schemes on 5 August 2015

²⁰ Inquiry into co-operative, mutual and member owned firms on 29 and 30 October 2015

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Australia's innovation system	18.03.2014	27.07.2015—Brisbane 03.08.2015—Melbourne 24.08.2015—Perth	Interim report tabled 19.08.2015 Final report 03.12.2015	No
Structure and development of forestry managed investment schemes (MIS)	25.06.2014	04.08.2015—Melbourne 05.08.2015—Launceston, TAS 06.08.2015—Melbourne 14.10.2015—Canberra	Interim report presented OOS 16.12.2015	Yes
Future sustainability of Australia's naval ship building industry	25.06.2014	22.07.2015—Adelaide	Part 3 report presented OOS 01.07.2015; tabled 10.08.2015 Interim report presented OOS 28.08.2015; tabled 07.09.2015	Yes
Scrutiny of financial advice	04.09.2014	07.07.2015—Sydney 03.08.2015—Sydney 04.08.2015—Melbourne 10.08.2015—Canberra 30.09.2015—Melbourne 28.10.2015—Melbourne	Nil	Yes
Digital currency	02.10.2014	Nil	Digital currency—game changer or bit player report presented OOS 04.08.2015; tabled 10.08.2015	No

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	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Corporate tax avoidance	02.10.2014	01.07.2015—Sydney 18.11.2015—Sydney	You cannot tax what you cannot see (part 1) report tabled 18.08.2015	Yes
Future of Australia's automotive industry	25.11.2014	01.10.2015—Adelaide 08.10.2015—Melbourne	Interim report tabled 19.08.2015 Final report 01.12.2015	No
Insolvency in the Australian construction industry	04.12.2014	31.08.2015—Brisbane 21.09.2015—Adelaide 28.09.2015—Sydney 29.09.2015—Melbourne 26.10.2015—Perth 04.11.2015—Canberra	'I just want to be paid': Insolvency in the Australian construction industry report tabled 03.12.2015	No
Role, importance and overall performance of cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms in the Australian economy	02.03.2015	29.10.2015—Sydney 30.10.2015—Melbourne	Nil	Yes
Third party certification of food	13.05.2015	21.08.2015—Canberra 24.09.2015—Sydney 03.11.2015—Parramatta	01.12.2015	No
Non-conforming building products	23.06.2015	13.11.2015—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Matters relating to credit card interest rates	24.06.2015	27.08.2015—Sydney 03.09.2015—Melbourne 22.09.2015—Canberra 16.10.2015—Sydney 09.11.2015—Canberra	Interest rates and informed choice in the Australian credit card market report presented OOS 16.12.2015	No

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Foreign bribery	24.06.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes
Personal choice and community impacts	25.06.2015	11.09.2015—Canberra 03.11.2015—Parramatta 16.11.2015—Melbourne 20.11.2015—Sydney	Nil	Yes

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Economic security for women in retirement	17.08.2015	06.10.2015—Adelaide 19.11.2015—Sydney	Nil	Yes
Development of the bauxite resources near Aurukun in Cape York	24.11.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes
Criminal, civil and administrative penalties for white collar crime	25.11.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes
Foreign investment review framework	25.11.2015	15.12.2015—Canberra	Nil	Yes
The future of Australia's steel industry	26.11.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

- Privatisation of state and territory assets and new infrastructure (presented OOS 01.09.2015; tabled 07.09.2015; report tabled 19.03.2015)

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Education and Employment

Education and Employment (Legislation)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <i>(elected Chair 26.06.14)</i> <i>(Chair 14.11.13–11.02.14)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	15.06.15
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	07.07.14
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	12.10.15
Senator Robert Simms (SA, AG)	14.10.15

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹	15.10.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²	03.12.15

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) <i>(Chair 11.02.14–26.06.14)</i>	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	02.12.13–30.06.14
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	03.03.15–15.04.15
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS)	01.07.14–03.03.15
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	12.11.13–14.10.15
Senator Anne Ruston (SA, LP)	01.07.14–03.03.15
Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos (NSW, LP)	03.03.15–12.10.15
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	13.11.13–02.12.13
Senator Mehmet Tillem (VIC, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ³	17.03.14–16.06.14
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁴	04.09.14–28.10.14

¹ Replaces Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015

² Replaces Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015

³ Replaced Senator Tillem for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014

Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁵	12.02.15–13.03.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ⁶	26.06.14–28.08.14
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ⁷	08.09.14–19.09.14
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ⁸	15.06.15–11.08.15
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁹	02.10.14–24.11.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹⁰	12.10.15–24.11.15
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ¹¹	19.10.15–23.10.15
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹²	01.10.14–28.10.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) ¹³	25.03.14–05.06.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) ¹⁴	16.06.14–08.07.14

⁴ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014

⁵ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Higher Education and Research Reform Bill 2014

⁶ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2014

⁷ Replaced Senator O'Sullivan from 8 to 19 September 2014

⁸ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill [No.2]

⁹ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Job Seeker Compliance Framework) Bill 2014

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Further Strengthening Job Seeker Compliance) Bill 2015; formerly, Senator Rhiannon replaced for the inquiry

¹¹ Replaced Senator Lines from 19 to 23 October 2015

¹² Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014

¹³ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 2 of 2015 tabled 08.09.2015	Ongoing
Budget Estimates 2015–16	12.05.2015 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 92—12 May 2015, p2561)	21–22 October 2015— Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 [No. 2] [Provisions]	14.05.2015 (SB)	Nil	11.08.2015	No

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Further Strengthening Job Seeker Compliance) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	17.09.2015 (SB)	13.11.2015—Canberra	24.11.2015	No
Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015	15.10.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Streamlining Regulation) Bill 2015 [Provisions] and the Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (Streamlining Regulation) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	15.10.2015 (SB)	Nil	30.11.2015	No
Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP Reform) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	12.11.2015 (SB)	Nil	30.11.2015	No
Fair Work Amendment (Remaining 2014 Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Education and Employment (References)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 26.06.14)</i> <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–06.03.14)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	07.07.14
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP)	26.11.15
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	12.10.15
Senator Robert Simms (SA, AG)	14.10.15

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ¹	11.11.15
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ²	02.12.15
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ³	02.12.15

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 06.03.14–26.06.14)</i>	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP)	01.07.14–12.11.15
Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	12.11.15–26.11.15
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	12.11.13–14.10.15
Senator Anne Ruston (SA, LP)	01.07.14–03.03.15
Senator Mehmet Tillem (VIC, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	12.11.13–07.07.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁴	12.02.15–17.03.15
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁵	12.02.15–15.10.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ⁶	12.12.13–16.07.14

¹ Replaces Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into long service standards

² Replaces Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into Australia's temporary work visa programs

³ Replaces Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into students with disability and the schools system

⁴ Replaced Senator Peris for the committee's inquiry into the principles of the Higher Education and Research Reform Bill 2014, and related matters

⁵ Replaced Senator Peris for the committee's inquiry into private vocational education and training providers

Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ⁷	12.12.13–16.07.14
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ⁸	13.05.15–14.10.15
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁹	12.10.15–14.10.15
Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos (NSW, LP)	03.03.15–12.10.15
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) ¹⁰	04.12.13–27.03.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) ¹¹	11.12.13–27.03.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) ¹²	11.12.13–27.03.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) ¹³	24.06.15–10.09.15

⁶ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the immediate future of the childcare sector in Australia

⁷ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the delivery of quality and affordable early childhood education and care services

⁸ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into Australia's temporary work visa programs

⁹ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into students with disability and the schools system

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

¹¹ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the Government's approach to re-establishing the Australian Building and Construction Commission

¹² Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013

¹³ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into students with disability and the schools system

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
The operation, regulation and funding of private vocational education and training (VET) providers in Australia	24.11.2014	16.07.2015—Sydney 02.09.2015—Melbourne	15.10.2015	No
Impact of Australia's temporary work visa programs on the Australian labour market	24.03.2015	10.07.2015—Perth 14.07.2015—Adelaide 17.07.2015—Canberra 24.09.2015—Melbourne 20.11.2015—Melbourne	Interim report tabled 14.10.2015	Yes
Students with disability in the school system	17.06.2015	18.09.2015—Sydney 25.09.2015—Brisbane 29.09.2015—Melbourne 20.11.2015—Melbourne	Nil	Yes

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Creation of a national long service standard and the portability of long service and other entitlements	09.11.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Environment and Communications

Environment and Communications (Legislation)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.10.15)</i>	12.10.15
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	12.10.15
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	12.10.15
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG)	12.11.13

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ¹	15.10.15
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ²	03.12.15
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ³	03.12.15

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	01.07.14–03.03.15
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP)	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator James McGrath (QLD, LP)	01.07.14–12.10.15
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <i>(Chair 01.07.14–12.10.15)</i>	13.11.13–12.10.15
Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos (NSW, LP)	03.03.15–12.10.15
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–01.07.14)</i>	13.11.13–01.07.14

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy (VIC, ALP) ⁴	10.03.15–10.03.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) ⁵	20.11.14–20.11.14

¹ Replaces Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015

² Replaces Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015

³ Replaces Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Access Regime and NBN Companies) Bill 2015

⁴ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 10 March 2015

⁵ Replaced Senator Singh on 20 November 2014

Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) ⁶	19.03.15–19.03.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) ⁷	27.05.15–28.05.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) ⁸	20.10.15–20.10.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) ⁹	30.11.15–30.11.15
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ¹⁰	23.02.15–23.02.15
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ¹¹	10.12.13–28.03.14
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ¹²	26.03.15–29.05.15
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) ¹³	01.07.14–01.07.14
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) ¹⁴	21.07.14–22.08.14
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) ¹⁵	06.03.15–06.03.15
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) ¹⁶	26.06.14–07.07.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ¹⁷	30.09.14–24.11.14
Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos (NSW, LP) ¹⁸	23.02.15–27.02.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹⁹	06.12.13–06.12.13
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ²⁰	27.03.14–16.07.14

⁶ Replaced Senator Singh on 19 March 2015

⁷ Replaced Senator Singh for the consideration of the 2015-16 Budget estimates from 27 to 28 May 2015

⁸ Replaced Senator Singh on 20 October 2015

⁹ Replaced Senator Singh on 30 November 2015

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Urquhart for the consideration of the 2014–15 Additional estimates on 23 February 2015

¹¹ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013

¹² Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of Communications Legislation Amendment (SBS Advertising Flexibility and Other Measures) Bill 2015

¹³ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 1 July 2014

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Urquhart from 21 July to 22 August 2014

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 6 March 2015

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014

¹⁸ Replaced Senator McGrath for the consideration of the 2014–15 Additional estimates from 23 to 27 February 2015

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into Australia Post on 6 December 2013

²⁰ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 2 of 2015 tabled 08.09.2015	Ongoing
Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015	05.03.2015 (SB)	27.07.2015—Brisbane 28.07.2015—Canberra 25.08.2015—Tamworth, NSW 09.09.2015—Canberra	Report presented OOS 30.09.2015; tabled 12.10.2015	No
Budget Estimates 2015–16	12.05.2015 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 92—12 May 2015, p2561)	19–20 October 2015— Canberra (Supplementary) 13.11.2015—Canberra 30.11.2015—Canberra	Nil	No
Water Amendment Bill 2015 [Provisions]	16.06.2015 (SB)	24.08.2015—Canberra 27.08.2015—Adelaide	08.09.2015	No

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014	20.08.2015 (SB)	Nil	Interim report presented OOS 23.10.2015; tabled 09.11.2015 Report tabled 25.11.2015	No

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standing) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	20.08.2015 (SB)	Nil	Report presented OOS 18.11.2015; tabled 23.11.2015	No
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015	15.10.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015	26.11.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Access Regime and NBN Companies) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

- Performance, importance and role of Australia Post in Australian communities and its operations in relation to licensed post offices (tabled 02.12.2015; final report tabled 24.09.2014)

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Environment and Communications (References)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 08.07.14)</i>	07.07.14
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 13.10.15)</i>	12.10.15
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	12.10.15
Senator Joe Bullock (WA, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG)	12.11.13

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ¹	25.06.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ²	10.08.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ³	10.09.15

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator James McGrath (QLD, LP)	01.07.14–12.10.15
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 08.07.14–12.10.15)</i>	13.11.13–12.10.15
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator the Hon Lin Thorp (TAS, ALP) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–01.07.14)</i>	13.11.13–01.07.14

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP), Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP) and Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ⁴	17.03.14–21.03.14
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) ⁵	21.07.14–22.08.14
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) ⁶	11.12.13–26.03.14

¹ Replaces Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the future of Australia's video game development industry

² Replaces Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into marine plastic pollution

³ Replaces Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into large capacity fishing vessels

⁴ Replaced Senators Pratt, Stephens and Thorp from 17 to 21 March 2014

⁵ Replaced Senator Urquhart from 21 July 2014 to 22 August 2014

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) ⁷	17.03.14–15.05.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁸	10.07.14–25.03.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁹	13.05.15–21.08.15

⁶ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the Government's Direct Action Plan

⁷ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area

⁸ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the National Landcare Program

⁹ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the fin-fish aquaculture industry in Tasmania

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Stormwater management in Australia	16.03.2015	26.08.2015—Adelaide	02.12.2015	No
Regulation of the fin-fish aquaculture industry in Tasmania	24.03.2015	15.07.2015—Hobart 16.07.2015—Hobart	Report presented OOS 21.08.2015; tabled 07.09.2015	No
Threat of marine plastic pollution in Australia	18.06.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes
Future of Australia's video game development industry	22.06.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Environmental, social and economic impacts of large-capacity fishing vessels (super trawlers) operating in Australia's marine jurisdiction	07.09.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes
Australian children accessing online pornography	02.12.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

- Recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events (presented OOS 03.08.2015; tabled 10.08.2015; report tabled 07.08.2013)

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

**Finance and
Public Administration**

Finance and Public Administration (Legislation)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 16.11.15)</i>	12.11.15
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	13.11.13
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP)	12.11.15
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)	07.07.14
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	13.11.13

Substitute member

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹	03.12.15

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	01.07.14–06.02.15
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 26.03.15–12.11.15)</i>	26.03.15–12.11.15
Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	12.02.15–12.11.15
Senator the Hon Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–24.03.15)</i>	12.11.13–24.03.15
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	12.11.13–07.07.14
Senator Mehmet Tillem (VIC, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Jo Lindgren (QLD, LP) ²	23.10.15–23.10.15
Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig (QLD, ALP) ³	20.11.14–20.11.14
Senator James McGrath (QLD, LP) ⁴	13.10.14–17.10.14
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ⁵	13.08.15–10.11.15

¹ Replaces Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015

² Replaced Senator Smith on 23 October 2015

³ Replaced Senator Faulkner on 20 November 2014

⁴ Replaced Senator Bernardi from 13 to 17 October 2014

⁵ Replaced Senator Ludwig for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Government Boards (Gender Balanced Representation) Bill 2015

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ⁶	23.10.15–23.10.15
Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP) ⁷	28.02.14–28.02.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁸	22.11.13–22.11.13
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁹	09.12.13–11.12.13
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹⁰	28.02.14–28.02.14
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹¹	25.06.15–10.11.15

⁶ Replaced Senator McKenzie on 23 October 2015

⁷ Replaced Senator Bernardi for the committee's consideration of the 2013–14 Additional estimates on 28 February 2014

⁸ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the consideration of the 2013-14 Supplementary Budget estimates on 22 November 2013

⁹ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of Schedule 2 of the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Rhiannon on 28 February 2014

¹¹ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Government Boards (Gender Balanced Representation) Bill 2015

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 2 of 2015 tabled 08.09.2015	Ongoing
Department of Parliamentary Services	26.06.2014	Nil	Final report tabled 17.09.2015	No
Budget Estimates 2015–16	12.05.2015 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 92—12 May 2015, p2561)	19, 20 and 23 October 2015—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No
Australian Government Boards (Gender Balanced Representation) Bill 2015	25.06.2015 (SB)	12.10.2015—Canberra	10.11.2015	No

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Parliamentary Expenses Amendment (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2015	20.08.2015 (SB)	Nil	26.11.2015	No

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015	12.11.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2015) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	26.11.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

President's Response

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

- Department of Parliamentary Services (tabled 14.10.2015; report tabled 17.09.2015)

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Finance and Public Administration (References)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 16.11.15)</i>	12.11.15
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	13.11.13
Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP)	12.11.15
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)	07.07.14
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	13.11.13

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ¹	05.03.15
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ²	19.03.15
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ³	26.11.15

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	01.07.14–06.02.15
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP) <i>(Chair 26.03.15–12.11.15)</i>	26.03.15–12.11.15
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	12.11.13–07.07.14
Senator the Hon Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–24.03.15)</i>	12.11.13–24.03.15
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	12.02.15–12.11.15
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	12.11.13–07.07.14
Senator Mehmet Tillem (VIC, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ⁴	26.06.14–07.07.14
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ⁵	30.09.14–20.08.15

¹ Replaces Senator Ludwig for the committee's inquiry into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience of law enforcement and justice services

² Replaces Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into Indigenous Advancement Strategy tendering processes

³ Replaces Senator Rice from the committee's inquiry into gender inequality

⁴ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into domestic violence in Australia

⁵ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into domestic violence in Australia

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Prevalence and impact of domestic violence in Australia	26.06.2014	Nil	20.08.2015	No
Access to legal assistance services	04.03.2015	04.08.2015—Perth 23.09.2015—Sydney	Nil	Yes
Commonwealth Indigenous Advancement Strategy tendering processes	19.03.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Domestic violence and gender inequality	25.11.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Legislation)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP)	13.11.13
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	07.07.14
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	06.03.14
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	12.10.15

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	13.11.13–30.06.14
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	12.11.13–06.03.14
Senator James McGrath (QLD, LP)	01.07.14–12.10.15
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	12.11.13–07.07.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ¹	12.12.13–04.03.14
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) ²	20.11.13–21.11.13
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ³	12.08.15–17.09.15
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP) ⁴	26.02.15–27.02.15
Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos (NSW, LP) ⁵	23.02.15–27.02.15
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ⁶	12.02.15–25.02.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁷	06.08.14–06.08.14

¹ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013

² Replaced Senator Stephens for the consideration of the 2013-14 Supplementary Budget estimates on 20 and 21 November 2013

³ Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015

⁴ Replaced Senator McEwen for 26 and 27 February 2015

⁵ Replaced Senator McGrath for the consideration of the 2014–15 Additional estimates from 23 to 27 February 2015

⁶ Replaced Senator McEwen from 12 to 25 February 2015

⁷ Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014 on 6 August 2014

Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG)⁸

27.03.14–14.05.14

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Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2014

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 2 of 2015 tabled 08.09.2015	Ongoing
International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015	12.05.2015 <i>(as recommended by the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee report of 02.04.2015)</i>	14.08.2015—Canberra	17.09.2015	No
Budget Estimates 2015–16	12.05.2015 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 92—12 May 2015, p2561)	21–22 October 2015— Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Schedule 2 of the Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2015 Budget Measures) Bill 2015	07.09.2015	17.09.2015—Canberra	Report presented OOS 25.09.2015; tabled 12.10.2015	No

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Customs Amendment (China-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2015 [Provisions] and Customs Tariff Amendment (China-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	17.09.2015 (SB)	Nil	Report presented OOS 06.11.2015; tabled 09.11.2015	No

Government Responses

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- Implementation of the *Defence Trade Controls Act 2012*–Progress report no. 2 (tabled 18.08.2015; report tabled 14 May 2014)
- Implementation of the *Defence Trade Controls Act 2012*–Progress report no. 3 (tabled 18.08.2015; report tabled 18 March 2015)

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (References)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair 02.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair 02.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <i>(Acting Chair 17.03.14–21.03.14)</i>	12.11.13
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP)	13.11.13
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	07.07.14
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	12.11.13

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ¹	05.12.14
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ²	13.05.15
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ³	01.12.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁴	03.12.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁵	03.12.15

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	13.11.13–30.06.14
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	12.11.13–07.07.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy (VIC, ALP) ⁶	17.03.14–21.03.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ⁷	17.03.14–27.03.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁸	13.02.14–27.03.14

¹ Replaces Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into Australia's bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea

² Replaces Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the mental health of returned Australian Defence Force personnel

³ Replaces Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into Contamination of Australian Defence Force facilities and contamination on sites using firefighting foams

⁴ Replaces Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the operations of Defence Housing Australia

⁵ Replaces Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the planned acquisition of the Joint Strike Fighter

⁶ Replaced Senator Stephens from 17 to 21 March 2014

⁷ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the breach of Indonesian territorial waters

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁹	07.08.14–07.08.14
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹⁰	27.08.14–29.10.14
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹¹	08.09.14–09.09.14
Senator the Hon Penny Wong (SA, ALP) ¹²	04.09.14–01.10.14
Senator the Hon Penny Wong (SA, ALP) ¹³	24.06.15–06.11.15

⁸ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into Australia's overseas aid and development assistance program

⁹ Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into processes to support victims of abuse in Defence on 7 August 2014

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into Australia's future activities and responsibilities in the Southern Ocean and Antarctic waters

¹¹ Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement on 8 & 9 September 2014

¹² Replaced Senator McEwen for the committee's inquiry into the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement

¹³ Replaced Senator McEwen for the committee's inquiry into the proposed China-Australia Free Trade Agreement

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Delivery and effectiveness of Australia's bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea (PNG)	04.12.2014	21.09.2015—Canberra 22.09.2015—Canberra 27.11.2015—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Proposed China-Australia Free Trade Agreement	24.03.2015	Nil	Report presented OOS 06.11.2015; tabled 09.11.2015	No
Mental health of serving Australian Defence Force personnel	25.03.2015	31.08.2015—Canberra 01.09.2015—Brisbane 21.09.2015—Canberra 18.11.2015—Narrabeen, NSW	Nil	Yes

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Australia's relationship with Mexico	20.08.2015	29.10.2015—Canberra	02.12.2015	No
Capability of Defence's physical science and engineering (PSE) workforce	20.08.2015	17.11.2015—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Contamination of Australian Defence Force facilities and contamination on sites using firefighting foams	30.11.2015	03.12.2015—Canberra 22.12.2015—Newcastle	Nil	Yes

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Operations of Defence Housing Australia	02.12.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes
Planned acquisition of the F-35 Lightning II (Joint Strike Fighter)	02.12.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Legislation)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	13.11.13
Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 10.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator Jo Lindgren (QLD, LP)	10.09.15
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	10.09.15
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	12.10.15

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹	15.10.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²	23.11.15

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	13.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–24.02.14)</i>	12.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS) <i>(Acting Chair 20.04.15–15.05.15)</i>	01.07.14–10.09.15
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.07.14–12.10.15
Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP)	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 24.02.14–01.07.14)</i>	12.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG)	12.11.13–10.09.15

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) ³	19.10.15–20.10.15
Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG) ⁴	27.08.14–02.09.14
Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG) ⁵	17.07.14–10.11.14

¹ Replaces Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015

² Replaces Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Cessation of Visa Labels) Bill 2015

³ Replaced Senator Smith on 19 and 20 October 2015

⁴ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Psychoactive Substances and Other Measures) Bill 2014

Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG) ⁶	12.02.15–11.08.15
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP) ⁷	20.11.14–20.11.14
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ⁸	12.10.15–10.11.15
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ⁹	12.10.15–10.11.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹⁰	10.12.13–18.03.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹¹	12.12.13–12.02.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹²	27.03.14–21.08.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹³	16.06.14–25.09.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹⁴	26.06.14–22.09.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹⁵	30.09.14–24.11.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹⁶	17.11.14–24.11.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹⁷	26.06.14–10.02.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹⁸	22.09.14–09.02.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹⁹	05.03.15–05.06.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²⁰	05.03.15–07.05.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²¹	26.03.15–05.06.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²²	12.10.15–10.11.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²³	12.10.15–10.11.15
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) ²⁴	16.07.14–10.11.14
(<i>inquiry Deputy Chair</i>)	
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ²⁵	24.11.14–10.02.15

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- ⁵ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the exposure draft of the Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2014
- ⁶ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014
- ⁷ Replaced Senator Reynolds on 20 November 2014
- ⁸ Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Charging for a Migration Outcome) Bill 2015
- ⁹ Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration and Maritime Powers Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015
- ¹⁰ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia's Protection Obligations) Bill 2013
- ¹¹ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment Bill 2013
- ¹² Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014
- ¹³ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014
- ¹⁴ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014
- ¹⁵ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014
- ¹⁶ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Citizenship and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 and into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014
- ¹⁷ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014
- ¹⁸ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014
- ¹⁹ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into provisions of the Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2015
- ²⁰ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Border Force Bill 2015 and the Customs and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Border Force) Bill 2015
- ²¹ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of Migration Amendment (Strengthening Biometrics Integrity) Bill 2015
- ²² Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Charging for a Migration Outcome) Bill 2015
- ²³ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration and Maritime Powers Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015
- ²⁴ Replaced Senator Bilyk for the committee's inquiry into the exposure draft of the Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2014

Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ²⁶	24.11.14–09.02.15
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ²⁷	17.03.15–05.06.15
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ²⁸	17.03.15–05.06.15
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ²⁹	26.03.15–11.06.15
Senator James McGrath (QLD, LP) ³⁰	20.11.14–20.11.14
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ³¹	27.03.15–27.03.15
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP) ³²	16.07.14–10.11.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ³³	17.11.14–25.11.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ³⁴	19.06.14–27.08.14
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ³⁵	25.06.15–11.08.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ³⁶	18.06.15–18.08.15

25	Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014
26	Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014
27	Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2014
28	Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Strengthening Biometrics Integrity) Bill 2015
29	Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Online Infringement) Bill 2015
30	Replaced Senator Reynolds on 20 November 2014
31	Replaced Senator Collins for the consideration of the 2014–15 Additional estimates on 27 March 2015
32	Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the exposure draft of the Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2014
33	Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of Freedom of Information Amendment (New Arrangements) Bill 2014
34	Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014
35	Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014
36	Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman Bill 2015 and the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2015

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 2 of 2015 tabled 08.09.2015	Ongoing
Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013	12.12.2013 (SB)	Nil	13.08.2015	No
Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013	12.12.2013 (SB)	Nil	13.08.2015	No
Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014	12.02.2015 (SB)	Nil	11.08.2015	No
Budget Estimates 2015–16	12.05.2015 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 92—12 May 2015, p2561)	19–20 October 2015— Canberra (Supplementary)	12.08.2015	No
Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman Bill 2015 and the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2015	18.06.2015 (SB)	Nil	18.08.2015	No

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Migration Amendment (Charging for a Migration Outcome) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	17.09.2015 (SB)	Nil	10.11.2015	No
Migration and Maritime Powers Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015 [Provisions]	17.09.2015 (SB)	Nil	10.11.2015	No
Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	15.10.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Criminology Research) Bill 2015	12.11.2015 (SB)	19.11.2015—Melbourne	26.11.2015	No
Migration Legislation Amendment (Cessation of Visa Labels) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	12.11.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Proceeds of Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

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	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Courts Administration Legislation Amendment Bill 2015	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Family Law Amendment (Financial Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2015	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

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- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Classification Tools and Other Measures) Bill 2014 (tabled 08.09.2015; report tabled 27.08.2014)

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (References)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Glenn Lazarus (QLD, IND) <i>(elected Chair on 25.06.15)</i>	24.06.15
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 10.07.14)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	12.11.13
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	12.10.15

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ¹	13.10.15
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP) ²	10.08.15

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	12.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–01.07.14)</i>	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	12.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.07.14–12.10.15
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–24.06.15)</i>	12.11.13–24.06.15

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ³ <i>(Chair for duration of inquiry)</i>	12.12.13–24.03.15
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) ⁴	18.09.15–18.09.15
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ⁵	31.10.14–31.10.14
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ⁶	20.08.15–07.09.15

¹ Replaces Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea

² Replaces Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into Commonwealth payments relating to asylum seeker boat turn backs

³ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the comprehensive revision of the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979*

⁴ Replaced Senator Ludwig for the committee inquiry into arts programs and funding on 18 September 2015

⁵ Replaced Senator Macdonald from 11am on 31 October 2014

Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)⁷

07.09.15–16.09.15

⁶ Replaced Senator Collins for all References committee inquiries, excluding the committee's inquiry into Commonwealth payments relating to asylum seeker boat turn backs

⁷ Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into a popular vote on the matter of marriage

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Handling of a letter sent by Mr Man Haron Monis to the Attorney-General	16.06.2015	03.08.2015—Canberra	16.09.2015	No
Impact of the 2014 and 2015 Commonwealth Budget decisions on the Arts	16.06.2015	05.08.2015—Melbourne 01.09.2015—Perth 03.09.2015—Hobart 11.09.2015—Brisbane 18.09.2015—Adelaide 27.10.2015—Cairns 29.10.2015—Darwin 04.11.2015—Parramatta 05.11.2015—Sydney 23.11.2015—Canberra	02.12.2015	No
Payment of cash or other inducements by the Commonwealth of Australia in exchange for the turn back of asylum seeker boats	24.06.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes
Use of smoke alarms to prevent smoke and fire related deaths	25.06.2015	26.10.2015—Brisbane 04.12.2015—Canberra	Nil	Yes

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Establishment of a national registration system for Australian paramedics	20.08.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes
A popular vote, in the form of a plebiscite or referendum, on the matter of marriage in Australia	20.08.2015	10.09.2015—Canberra	16.09.2015	No
Regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea	12.10.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes
Revenge pornography	12.11.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes

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Nil

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Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator Joe Bullock (WA, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	13.11.13
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	12.11.13
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.07.14

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	13.11.13–03.03.14
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP)	12.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS)	03.03.14–01.07.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) ¹	20.11.14–20.11.14
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ²	19.10.15–23.10.15
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ³	11.12.13–17.03.14
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ⁴	20.11.14–20.11.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁵	12.02.15–12.06.15
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁶	25.06.15–15.10.15

¹ Replaced Senator Heffernan on 20 November 2014 for the consideration of the 2014-15 Supplementary Budget estimates

² Replaced Senator Sterle from 19 to 23 October 2015

³ Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013

⁴ Replaced Senator Edwards on 20 November 2014 for the consideration of the 2014-15 Supplementary Budget estimates

⁵ Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the Criminal Code Amendment (Animal Protection) Bill 2015

⁶ Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2015

Inquiries

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Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 2 of 2015 tabled 08.09.2015	Ongoing
Performance of Airservices Australia	20.10.2014 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))	18.08.2015—Canberra 09.09.2015—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Budget Estimates 2015–16	12.05.2015 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 92—12 May 2015, p2561)	19–20 October 2015—Canberra (Supplementary) 24 November 2015—Canberra	Nil	No
Shipping Legislation Amendment Bill 2015	25.06.2015 (SB)	07.09.2015—Canberra	12.10.2015	No
Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2015	25.06.2015 (SB)	14.09.2015—Canberra	15.10.2015	No

New References

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Nil

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Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

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Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Joe Bullock (WA, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP)	12.11.13
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	12.11.13
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.07.14

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	12.11.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	13.11.13–01.07.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) ¹	20.02.15–20.02.15
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP) ²	14.03.14–14.03.14
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ³	19.02.14–19.02.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁴	06.03.14–27.03.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁵	12.12.13–05.12.14
Senator Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ⁶	15.04.14–16.04.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁷	12.12.13–31.07.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁸	12.12.13–16.07.14

¹ Replaced Senator Heffernan on 20 February 2015 for the committee's inquiry into industry structures and systems governing the imposition and disbursement of marketing and research and development (R&D) levies in the agricultural sector

² Replaced Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into Qantas' future as a strong national carrier supporting jobs in Australia on 14 March 2014

³ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the role of public transport in delivering productivity outcomes on 19 February 2014

⁴ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into Qantas' future as a strong national carrier supporting jobs in Australia

⁵ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the role of public transport in delivering productivity outcomes

⁶ Replaced Senator Heffernan on 15 April 2014 for the committee's inquiry into the future of the beekeeping and pollination service industries in Australia and on 16 April 2014 for the committee's inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry

⁷ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry

Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)⁹

12.12.13–09.09.14

⁸ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the future of beekeeping and pollination service industries in Australia

⁹ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into levies on grass-fed cattle

Inquiries

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Aspects of road safety in Australia	30.10.2014	02.07.2015—Sydney 03.07.2015—Melbourne 14.08.2015—Canberra 26.10.2015—Adelaide	Nil	Yes
Airport and aviation security	04.12.2014	Nil	Nil	Yes
Future role and contribution of regional capitals to Australia	11.02.2015	21.08.2015—Geelong, VIC 25.09.2015—Launceston, TAS 28.10.2015—Geraldton, WA	Nil	Yes
Effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector	18.03.2015	04.08.2015—Roma, QLD 27.08.2015—Canberra 02.09.2015—Albury-Wodonga, NSW 17.11.2015—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Australian grape and wine industry	25.03.2015	24.09.2015—Adelaide 25.09.2015—Launceston, TAS 27.10.2015—Swan Valley, WA	Nil	Yes
Increasing use of so-called Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia	18.06.2015	04.12.2015—Canberra	Nil	Yes

New References

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	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2015–31.12.2015</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2015</i>
Decision-making process for the Perth Freight Link project	13.08.2015	07.10.2015—Freemantle, WA	Nil	Yes

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- Industry structures and systems governing levies on grass-fed cattle (presented OOS 15.07.2015; tabled 10.08.2015; report tabled 09.09.2014)
- Effect on Australian pineapple growers of importing fresh pineapples from Malaysia; Effect on Australian ginger growers of importing fresh ginger from Fiji; Proposed importation of potatoes from New Zealand (tabled 20.08.2015; final reports tabled 31 March 2014)

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