

Other Committees

1 July 2015–31 December 2015

Regulations and Ordinances (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23.

Current members

Senator Williams (Chair), Senator Marshall (Deputy Chair), and Senators Moore, Peris, Reynolds and Seselja

Secretary

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Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises disallowable instruments of delegated legislation to ensure:

- that it is in accordance with the statute;
- that it does not trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- that it does not unduly make the rights and liberties of citizens dependent upon administrative decisions which are not subject to review of their merits by a judicial or other independent tribunal; and
- that it does not contain matter more appropriate for parliamentary enactment.

Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Delegated legislation monitors tabled <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	No. 8 of 2015 (tabled 12 August 2015) No. 9 of 2015 (tabled 19 August 2015) No. 10 of 2015 (tabled 10 September 2015) No. 11 of 2015 (tabled 17 September 2015) No. 12 of 2015 (tabled 12 October 2015) No. 13 of 2015 (tabled 13 October 2015) No. 14 of 2015 (tabled 11 November 2015) No. 15 of 2015 (tabled 25 November 2015) No. 16 of 2015 (tabled 2 December 2015)
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 9 Briefings: 0 Total: 9
No. of instruments scrutinised	962
Notices of motion to disallow	12
Notices withdrawn	7
Notices pending	5

Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members

Senator Helen Polley (Chair), Senator Williams (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bernardi, Heffernan, Ludwig and Siewert

Former member

Senator the Hon Kate Lundy

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.

New references <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Alert digests tabled <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	No. 7 of 2015 (tabled 12.8.15) No. 8 of 2015 (tabled 19.8.15) No. 9 of 2015 (tabled 9.9.15) No. 10 of 2015 (tabled 16.9.15) No. 11 of 2015 (tabled 14.10.15) No. 12 of 2015 (tabled 11.11.15) No. 13 of 2015 (tabled 25.11.15) No. 14 of 2015 (tabled 2.12.15)

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Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Seventh Report of 2015 (tabled 12.8.15) Eighth Report of 2015 (tabled 19.8.15) Ninth Report of 2015 (tabled 9.9.15) Tenth Report of 2015 (tabled 16.9.15) Eleventh Report of 2015 (tabled 14.10.15) Twelfth Report of 2015 (tabled 11.11.15) Thirteenth Report of 2015 (tabled 25.11.15) Fourteenth Report of 2015 (tabled 2.12.15)
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 15 Briefings: 1 Total: 16

Appropriations, Staffing and Security (Standing)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19.

Current members

The President (Senator the Hon S Parry) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator Marshall), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon G Brandis QC), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator the Hon P Wong), and Senators Back, Collins, Fawcett, Fifield, Madigan and McEwen.

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.

Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	1
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 2 Briefings: 1 Total: 2*

* Private meetings that have been followed by a briefing are counted as a single meeting of the committee

Chairs' (Standing)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25(10).

Current members

Senator Marshall (Deputy President and Chair), and Senators Back, Bernardi, Edwards, Gallacher, Heffernan, Ketter, Lazarus, Leyonhjelm, Lines, Macdonald, McAllister, McKenzie, McLucas, O'Neill, Reynolds, Seselja, Siewert, Sterle, Urquhart and Whish-Wilson

Former members

Senators Dastyari, Gallagher, Madigan and Ruston

Secretary

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Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 1 Briefings: 0 Total: 1
Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil

House (Standing)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21.

Current members

The President (Senator the Hon S Parry) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator G Marshall), and Senators Brown, Bushby, Collins, McEwen and Smith

Secretary

Ms Rachel Callinan

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Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 4* (Includes 2 Joint Sittings) Public: 0 Briefings: 0 Total: 4*

**Sitting jointly with a similar committee of the House of Representatives*

Privileges (Standing)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18.

Current members

Senator Collins (Chair), Senator Macdonald (Deputy Chair) and Senators Ludlam, McEwen, McKenzie, Ronaldson, Smith and Urquhart

Former members

Senator the Hon John Faulkner and Senator Ruston

Secretary

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New references <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Current: Inquiry into possible false or misleading evidence given to the former Nauru Select Committee Completed: Possible imposition of a penalty on a witness before the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	161 st Report – tabled 12 August 2015
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 3 Briefings: 0 Total: 3

Procedure (Standing)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17.

Current members

The Deputy President (Chair), the President, the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Senators Bushby, Fifield, McEwen, Moore, Siewert and Smith

Former members

Senator the Hon John Faulkner, Senators Kroger, Polley and Ruston

Secretary

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Current inquiry <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Current: Nil Completed: Nil
Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Third report of 2015 – tabled November 2015
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 1 Briefings: 0 Total: 1

Publications (Standing)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22.

Current members

Senator Reynolds (Chair) (appointed 10 September 2015), Senator Bilyk (Deputy Chair) and Senators Back, Bushby, Lindgren, Marshall and Peris

Secretary

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Public hearings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	16 th Report (tabled 20.08.2015) 17 th Report (tabled 17.09.2015) 18 th Report (tabled 15.10.2015) 19 th Report (tabled 12.11.2015) 20 th Report (tabled 03.12.2015)
Government response <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 5* Briefings: 0 Total: 5

**All meetings were held as a joint committee with a similar committee of the House of Representatives*

Selection of Bills (Standing)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24A.

Current members

The Government Whip (Senator Bushby) (Chair), the Opposition Whip (Senator McEwen), the Nationals Whip (Senator Canavan from 10 September 2015), the Australian Greens Whip (Senator Siewert), the Palmer United Party Whip (Senator Wang) and Senators Bilyk, Fawcett, Fifield and Moore

Secretary

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Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Report Nos 9 to 16 of 2015
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 8 Briefings: 0 Total: 8

Senators' Interests (Standing)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A.

Current members

Senator Bilyk (Chair), Senators Bernardi, Bushby, Hanson-Young, Johnston, Lines, Marshall and O'Neill

Former members

Senator the Hon John Faulkner and Senator Ruston

Secretary

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Current inquiry <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Register of Senators' Interests <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations lodged between 25 June and 1 December 2015
Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 0 Briefings: 0 Total: 0

Electoral Matters (Joint)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 21 November 2013 and agreed to by the Senate on 2 December 2013; and amended by the Senate on 4 December 2013 and agreed by the House on 5 December 2013.

Current members

Mrs Prentice (Chair—from 14 Oct), Mr Hawke (Chair—from 9 Sep to 12 Oct), Mr Smith (Chair—to 7 Sep), Mr Griffin (Deputy Chair), Senator Brown, Senator Canavan, Mr Goodenough, Mr Gray, Senator Ketter, Senator McGrath (to 12 Oct), Mr Pasin, Senator Reynolds (from 12 Oct) and Senator Rhiannon

Secretary

Ms Samantha Mannette (to 31st July 2015), Phone: (02) 6277 4579 Fax: (02) 6277 4774
Dr Richard Grant (from 3 August 2015), Phone: (02) 6277 4579 Fax: (02) 6277 4774

Current inquiry <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Inquiry into electoral education Inquiry into campaigning at polling places Inquiry into political donations
Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Government responses <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 11 Public hearings: 5 Total: 16

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 21 November 2013 and agreed to by the Senate on 2 December 2013.

Current members

The Hon Teresa Gambaro MP (Chair), Mr Nick Champion MP (Deputy Chair), Senators Sean Edwards (*from 1 July 2014*), David Fawcett, Alex Gallacher (*from 1 July 2014*), the Hon Joseph Ludwig (*from 1 July 2014*), the Hon Ian Macdonald, Anne McEwen, Bridget McKenzie (*from 1 July 2014*), Deborah O'Neill (*from 7 July 2014*), Linda Reynolds (*from 1 July 2014*), the Hon Lisa Singh, Peter Whish-Wilson and Nick Xenophon; the Hon Bob Baldwin MP (*from 19 October 2015*), the Hon Michael Danby MP, the Hon David Feeney MP, Mr Laurie Ferguson MP, the Hon Alan Griffin MP (*from 25 October 2010 to 3 September 2014 and from 10 February 2015*), Mr Alex Hawke MP (*to 12 October 2015*), Dr Dennis Jensen MP, Mr Ewen Jones MP (*to 11 November 2015*), Mr Craig Kelly MP, the Hon Richard Marles MP, Mr Andrew Nikolic MP, the Hon Melissa Parke MP (*from 24 June 2015*), Mr Keith Pitt MP (*from 19 October 2015*), Mrs Jane Prentice MP, Mr Don Randall MP (*to 21 July 2015*), Mr Wyatt Roy MP (*to 12 October 2015*), the Hon Philip Ruddock MP, the Hon Bruce Scott MP, the Hon Dr Sharman Stone MP, Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP and Mr Nickolas Varvaris MP (*from 9 September 2015*)

Secretary

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Current inquiries <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Inquiry into Government Support for Australian Defence Industry Exports Review of the Defence Annual Report 2013-14 Inquiry into Human rights issues confronting women and girls in the Indian Ocean – Asia Pacific region Inquiry into Australia's Advocacy for the Abolition of the Death Penalty Inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relationships with countries of the Middle East Review of the Defence Annual Report 2014-15 Inquiry into the role of development partnerships in agriculture and agribusiness in promoting prosperity, reducing poverty and enhancing stability in the Indo-Pacific region
Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Principles and Practice – Australian Defence Industry and Exports - Presented 1 December 2015 Review of the Defence Annual Report 2013-14 – Presented 1 December 2015 Empowering women and girls – Presented 3 December 2015

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Government responses <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 36 Public Hearings: 7 Briefings: 39 Inspections: 2 Total: 56

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

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Mr Jerome Brown (Defence Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4629
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Migration (Joint)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 21 November 2013 and the Senate on 2 December 2013.

Current members

Mrs Louise Markus MP (Chair), Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP (Deputy Chair), the Hon Kevin Andrews MP (*from 19/10/2015*), Senator Chris Back, Senator Sam Dastyari, Senator Sean Edwards, Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Mr Craig Kelly MP, Mr Craig Laundry MP (*to 13/10/15*), Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP, Mr Tony Zappia MP

Secretary

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Current inquiries <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Inquiry into the Seasonal Worker Programme
Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Government responses <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 8 Public: 6 Briefings: 2 Inspections: 1 Total: 10

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

National Capital and External Territories (Joint)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 21 November 2013 and agreed to by the Senate on 2 December 2013.

Current members

Mr Simpkins MP (Chair), Senator C Brown (Deputy Chair), Deputy President (Senator Marshall), Deputy Speaker (Mr B C Scott MP), Senators Back, Gallagher, Hanson-Young and Seselja, and Ms Brodtmann MP, Mrs B K Bishop MP (from 20 August 2015), Mrs Griggs MP (to 20 August 2015), Mr Snowdon MP and Mr Vasta MP

Former members

Senators Kroger, Lundy, Parry and Peris

Secretary

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Current inquiries <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Inquiry into Governance in the Indian Ocean Territories Review of the National Capital Authority: biannual public briefings (ongoing activity)
Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Government responses <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 8 Briefings: 0 Public: 9 Total: 9*

** The sum of individual meetings does not equal the total, as private meetings and public hearings are sometimes grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee*

Northern Australia (Joint Select)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 21 November 2013 and agreed to by the Senate on 4 December 2013.

Current members

Hon Warren Entsch MP (Chair), Hon Alannah MacTiernan MP (Deputy Chair), and Senators Canavan, McLucas, O'Neill, Siewert and Smith; Mr G Christensen MP, Hon G Gray MP, Mrs N Griggs MP, Ms Melissa Price MP, Hon W Snowdon MP

Participating members

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz, Senator Chris Back, Senator Cory Bernardi, Senator Catryna Bilyk, Senator Carol Brown, Senator David Bushby, Senator the Hon Doug Cameron, Senator the Hon Kim Carr, Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins, Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy, Senator Sam Dastyari, Senator Sean Edwards, Senator David Fawcett, Senator Alex Gallacher, Senator Katy Gallagher, Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan, Senator the Hon David Johnston, Ms Michelle Landry MP, Senator David Leyonhjelm, Senator Joanna Lindgren, Senator Sue Lines, Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig, Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald, Senator John Madigan, Senator Gavin Marshall, Senator Jenny McAllister, Senator Anne McEwen, Senator Bridget McKenzie, Senator Claire Moore, Senator Barry O'Sullivan, Senator Nova Peris, Senator Helen Polley, Senator Linda Reynolds, Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, Senator Zed Seselja, Senator the Hon Lisa Singh, Senator Glenn Sterle, Senator Anne Urquhart, Senator Larissa Waters, Senator John Williams, Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Former Participating members

Senators Birmingham, Brandis, Cash, Colbeck, Cormann, Faulkner, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Johnston, Mason, McGrath, Nash, Payne, Ronaldson, Ruston, Ryan, Scullion and Sinodinos

Secretary

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Current inquiry <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Inquiry into Opportunities for Expanding the Aquaculture Industry in Northern Australia
Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Government responses <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 5 Public: 7 Total: 12

Parliamentary Library (Joint)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 21 November 2013 and agreed to by the Senate on 2 December 2013.

Current members

Senator Zed Seselja (Joint Chair) and Ms Gai Brodtmann MP (Joint Chair) and Senators Back, Lines, Lindgren (*from 12 Oct.*), McGrath (*to 12 October*) and Moore, and Mr Broadbent MP, the Hon Mr Danby MP, Ms Hall MP, Mr Irons MP, Mr Taylor MP and Mr Wilson MP

Secretary

Dr Dianne Heriot

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Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 1
	Public: 0
	Total: 1

Trade and Investment Growth (Joint Select)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the Senate of 4 September 2014 and agreed to by the House of Representatives on 23 September 2014.

Current members

Mr Ken O'Dowd MP (Chair), Mr Pat Conroy MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Joe Bullock, Ms Terri Butler MP, Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald, Senator Dean Smith and Senator Zhenya Wang, Mr Clive Palmer MP, Mr Tony Pasin MP

Participating Members

Senator Eric Abetz, Senator Chris Back, Senator Cory Bernardi, Senator Catryna Bilyk, Senator Carol Brown, Senator David Bushby, Senator the Hon Doug Cameron, Senator Matthew Canavan, Senator the Hon Kim Carr, Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins, Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy, Senator Sam Dastyari, Senator Sean Edwards, Senator David Fawcett, Senator Katy Gallagher, Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan, Senator the Hon David Johnston, Senator Joanna Lindgren, Senator Sue Lines, Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig, Senator Gavin Marshall, Senator Jenny McAllister, Senator Anne McEwen, Senator Bridget McKenzie, Senator Claire Moore, Senator Ricky Muir, Senator Barry O'Sullivan, Senator Nova Peris, Senator Helen Polley, Senator Linda Reynolds, Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, Senator Zed Seselja, Senator the Hon Lisa Singh, Senator Glenn Sterle, Senator Anne Urquhart, Senator John Williams, Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Former members

Senator Glenn Lazarus, Mr Angus Taylor MP, Dr Jim Chalmers MP (Former Deputy Chair)

Former Participating Members

Senator James McGrath, Senator Anne Ruston

Secretary

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Current inquiry <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Inquiry into Australia's Future in Research and Innovation
Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Report on the Inquiry into Business Utilisation of Australia's Free Trade Agreements – Tabled, 15 October 2015
Government responses <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 6 Public: 3 Briefings: 1 Total: 10

Treaties (Joint)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 21 November 2013 and the Senate on 2 December 2013.

Current members

Mr Angus Taylor MP (Chair from 15 October 2015), The Hon Kelvin Thomson MP (Deputy Chair), Senators Back, Fawcett, Johnston (from 12 October 2015), Lines, Ludwig, Sterle and Whish-Wilson; and Mr Broad MP, Mr O'Dowd MP, the Hon Parke MP, Mr Watts MP, Mr Whiteley MP, Mrs Lucy Wicks MP (19 October 2015)

Former members

Senator Ludlam, Mr Wyatt Roy MP (Chair to 15 October 2015), Senator McGrath (to 12 October 2015), Dr Jensen MP (to 19 October 2015), the Hon Dr Stone MP (to 11 November 2015)

Secretary

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Current inquiries <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Treaties tabled on 10 November 2015 Treaties tabled on 1 December 2015 Treaties tabled on 3 December 2015
Documents tabled <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Report 151 - Treaty tabled on 28 October 2014 (tabled on 8 Sep) Report 152 - Treaty tabled on 16 June 2015 (tabled on 18 Aug) Report 153 - Treaties tabled on 16 June and 23 June 2015 (tabled on 14 Sep) Report 154 - Treaty tabled on 17 June 2015 (tabled on 19 Oct) Report 155 - Treaties tabled on 11 August and 12 August 2015 (tabled on 19 Oct) Report 156 - Treaties tabled on 8 September 2015 (tabled on 23 Nov) Report 157 - Treaties tabled on 13 October 2015 (tabled on 2 Dec)
Government responses <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Report 149: Treaty tabled on 10 February 2015: Amendments to Appendices I and II to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn, 23 June 1979) (Quito, 9 November 2014) Report 151: Treaty tabled on 28 October 2014: Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of India on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy

Other Committees

Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 17 Public: 12 Briefings: 2 Total: 18
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Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*.

Current members

The Speaker (the Hon A.D.H. Smith MP), the President (Senator the Hon S Parry) and Senator Marshall, Ms Bird MP, Mr Coulton MP, Mr Griffin MP, Ms Henderson MP and Mr Tehan MP

Secretary

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Documents tabled <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Nil
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 0 Public: 0 Total: 0

Human Rights (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Current members

The Hon P. Ruddock MP (*Chair*), Mr L. Ferguson MP (*Deputy Chair*), Senators Brown, Canavan, McKim, Moore and Smith, and Dr D. Gillespie MP, Ms C. McGowan MP and Mr M. Sukkar MP

Former members

Senator Wright, Mr T. Pasin MP and the Hon K. Wyatt AM MP

Secretary

Mr Ivan Powell

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Current inquiries <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Review of Stronger Futures in the <i>Northern Territory Act 2012</i> and related legislation
Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Twenty-fifth report of the 44th Parliament: Human rights scrutiny report (tabled 11.08.15) Twenty-sixth report of the 44th Parliament: Human rights scrutiny report (tabled 18.08.15) Twenty-seventh report of the 44th Parliament: Human rights scrutiny report (tabled 8.09.15) Twenty-eighth report of the 44th Parliament: Human rights scrutiny report (tabled 17.09.15) Twenty-ninth report of the 44th Parliament: Human rights scrutiny report (tabled 13.10.15) Thirtieth report of the 44th Parliament: Human rights scrutiny report (tabled 10.11.15) Thirty-first report of the 44th Parliament: Human rights scrutiny report (tabled 24.11.15) Thirty-second report of the 44th Parliament: Human rights scrutiny report (tabled 1.12.15)
Government responses <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	1
Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Private: 9 Public: 0 Briefings: 0 Total: 9

Intelligence and Security (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*.

Current members

Mr Dan Tehan MP (Chair), Hon Anthony Byrne MP (Deputy Chair), Senators David Bushby, the Hon Stephen Conroy, David Fawcett, Katy Gallagher and the Hon Penny Wong; and Mr Andrew Nikolic MP, the Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP, the Hon Philip Ruddock MP and the Hon Bruce Scott MP

Former members

Senators Mark Bishop, Alan Eggleston, John Williams, the Hon John Faulkner and the Hon Joe Ludwig; and the Hon Jason Clare MP and the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP

Secretary

Dr Anna Dacre

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Current inquiries <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2015 Review of Administration and Expenditure No.14 (2014-2015) Review of the re-listing of Al-Shabaab, Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), Lashkar-e-Tayyiba and Palestinian Islamic Jihad as terrorist organisations Review of Administration and Expenditure No.13 (2013-2014) Review of the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Allegiance to Australia) Bill 2015
Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Annual Report of Committee Activities 2014-2015 Review of the re-listing of Al-Shabaab, Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), Lashkar-e-Tayyiba and Palestinian Islamic Jihad as terrorist organisations Review of Administration and Expenditure No.13 (2013-2014) Advisory report on the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Allegiance to Australia) Bill 2015

<p>Government responses received 1 July 2015–31 December 2015</p>	<p>Review of the re-listing of Hizballah’s External Security Organisation (<i>Presented to the House on 9 November 2015 and Senate on 10 November 2015</i>)</p> <p>Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, and Jaish-e-Mohammad (<i>Presented to the House on 9 November 2015 and the Senate on 10 November 2015</i>)</p> <p>Review of the declaration of Mosul District, Ninewa province, Iraq (<i>Presented to the Senate on 23 July 2015 and the House on 11 August 2015</i>)</p> <p>Review of the declaration of al-Raqqa, Syria (<i>Presented to the Senate on 23 July 2015 and the House on 11 August 2015</i>)</p> <p>Inquiry into potential reforms of Australia’s National Security Legislation – Chapters 2 and 3 (<i>Presented to the Senate on 1 July 2015 and the House on 11 August 2015</i>)</p>
<p>Meetings 1 July 2015–31 December 2015</p>	<p>Private (meetings): 11 Public (hearings): 5 In camera (hearings): 0 Classified hearings: 2 Briefings: 2 Total: 20</p>

* Private meetings that have been followed by a hearing or briefing are counted as a single meeting of the committee

Public Accounts and Audit (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*.

Current members

Mr Ian Macfarlane (from 13 Oct 2015, Chair from 15 Oct 2015), Dr Andrew Southcott MP (Chair to 15 Oct 2015), Mr Pat Conroy MP (Deputy Chair), the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Senator Cory Bernardi, Ms Gai Brodtmann MP, Senator Katy Gallagher (to 12 Nov 15), Mr Andrew Giles MP, Dr David Gillespie (from 22 Oct 2015), Dr Peter Hendy MP (to 12 Oct 2015), Senator Chris Ketter, Mr Craig Laundry MP, Senator Jenny McAllister (from 12 Nov 2015), Senator Bridget McKenzie, Mrs Jane Prentice MP, Senator Dean Smith, Mr Angus Taylor MP and Mr Ken Wyatt MP (to 12 Oct 2015)

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Current inquiries <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Review of Auditor-General's Reports 19, 20 and 23 (2014-15) Review of Auditor-General's Reports 52 (2014-2015), 3 and 9 (2015-16)
Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i>	Report 449: Regional Development Australia Fund, Military Equipment Disposal and Tariff Concessions— Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 1-23 (2014-15) (<i>presented 11 August 2015</i>) Report 450: Annual Report 2014-15 (<i>presented 7 September 2015</i>) Report 452: Natural Disaster Recovery; Centrelink Telephone Services; and Safer Streets Program (<i>presented 7 December 2015</i>) Report 453: Development of Commonwealth Performance Framework (<i>presented 18 December 2015</i>)

<p>Government responses received <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i></p>	<p>Public Accounts and Audit – Joint Committee Report 445: Auditor-General’s Reports 10-31 (2013-14) Recommendation 1 –Finance – 7 September 2015 Recommendation 3, 4 – Social Services – 7 September 2015 Recommendation 4 - Social Services (rec 4 6 monthly) - 23 November 2015 Recommendation 3 – Environment – 7 September 2015 Recommendation 5, 6 , 7 – Human Services – 7 September 2015 Report 447: Auditor-General’s Reports Nos 32-54 (2013-14) Recommendation 1 – Finance – 23 November 2015 Recommendation 2 – Agriculture 23 November 2015 Recommendation 4, 6 – Environment – 23 November 2015 Recommendation 5, 9 – ANAO – 23 November 2015 Recommendation 7, 8 – ATO – 23 November 2015 Recommendation 8 – ABS – 23 November 2015 Recommendation 8 – AFSA – 23 November 2015 Recommendation 8 – DFAT – 23 November 2015 Recommendation 8 – Human Services – 23 November 2015 Recommendation 8 – IP Australia – 23 November 2015 Recommendation 10 – DMO – 7 September 2015</p>
<p>Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i></p>	<p>Private: 3 Public: 10 Briefings: 5 Total: 13</p>

Public Works (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Appointment

Pursuant to *Public Works Act 1969*.

Current members

Senator Smith (Chair), Mr Perrett MP (Deputy Chair), Senators Canavan and Gallacher, Ms Claydon MP, Mr Goodenough MP, Ms Ryan MP, Ms Scott MP and Dr Southcott MP

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Current inquiries

1 July 2015–31 December 2015

Sir John Monash Centre, Australian National Memorial Villers-Bretonneux, France
Fit-out of leased premises for the Administrative Appeals Tribunal at 83 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW
Fit-out of existing leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at 121-125 Henry Street, Penrith, NSW
Royal Australian Air Force Base Williamtown
Redevelopment Stage 2 Project
REDFIN Phase 1B Infrastructure - Facilities required for the new fleet of Special Operations Vehicles
OneSKY Equipment Rooms Project in Melbourne and Brisbane
OneSKY Perth Air Traffic Services Centre - Modernisation Works
Campbell Barracks Redevelopment Project, Swanbourne, Western Australia
Brisbane and Cairns Control Tower Life Extensions
Growler Airborne Electronic Attack Capability Facilities Project
HMAS Stirling Redevelopment, Stage 3A, Garden Island, Western Australia
Melbourne and Brisbane Air Traffic Services Centre - Extension Works
AIR5431 Phases 2 & 3 Air Traffic Management and Control System Facilities and Australian Defence Force Air Traffic Control Complex Infrastructure Project
Battlefield Airlifter Facilities Project, Royal Australian Air Force Base Amberley, Queensland
Land 121 - Unit Sustainment Facilities Project

	<p>Delamere Air Weapons Range Redevelopment Project, Northern Territory</p> <p>Fit-out of existing leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office located in Northbridge, Western Australia</p> <p>Australian Chancery Project Paris, France - Base Building Refurbishment, International Energy Agency Tenancy Fit-out</p>
<p>Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i></p>	<p>Report 6/2015: Referrals made May and June 2015; Sir John Monash Centre, Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France; Royal Australian Air Force Base Williamtown Redevelopment Stage Two Project (tabled 18 Aug 15)</p> <p>Report 7/2015: Referrals made June 2015; Campbell Barracks Redevelopment Project, Swanbourne, Western Australia; REDFIN Phase 1B Infrastructure – Facilities required for the new fleet of Special Operations Vehicles; OneSKY Perth Air Traffic Services Centre – Modernisation Works (tabled 8 Sep 15)</p> <p>Report 8/2015: Referrals made June 2015; Fit-out of existing leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at 121-125 Henry Street, Penrith, NSW; Fit-out of leased premises for the Administrative Appeals Tribunal at 83 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW; OneSKY Equipment Rooms Project in Melbourne and Brisbane (tabled 15 Sep 15)</p> <p>Report 9/2015: Referrals made August 2015; HMAS Stirling Redevelopment, Stage 3A, Garden Island, Western Australia; Brisbane and Cairns Control Tower Life Extensions; Melbourne and Brisbane Air Traffic Service Centre – Extension Works (tabled 24 Nov 15)</p> <p>Report 10/2015: Referrals made August and September 2015; Battlefield Airlifter Facilities Project, Royal Australian Air Force Base Amberley, Queensland; Growler Airborne Electronic Attack Capability Facilities Project; Delamere Air Weapons Range Redevelopment Project, Northern Territory (tabled 1 Dec 15)</p>
<p>Meetings <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i></p>	<p>Private: 24</p> <p>Public: 16</p> <p>Inspections: 5</p> <p>Total: 24*</p>

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