

WORK OF COMMITTEES

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

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

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ABBREVIATIONS

Committees

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

Political Affiliations

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

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Other publications available from the Committee Office:

Committee Reports*

Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970–2015)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

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

Code

H	Department of the House of Representatives
DPS	Department of Parliamentary Services
LGPS	Legislative and General Purpose Standing
S	Department of the Senate
*	Legislation and References Committees

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

Introduction

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

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

Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees

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

Community Affairs

- Legislation
- References

Economics

- Legislation
- References

Education and Employment

- Legislation
- References

Environment and Communications

- Legislation
- References

Finance and Public Administration

- Legislation
- References

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

- Legislation
- References

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

- Legislation
- References

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport

- Legislation
- References

- Health
- Social Services (including Human Services)

- Industry, Innovation and Science
- Treasury

- Education and Training
- Employment

- Communications and the Arts
- Environment

- Finance
- Parliament
- Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Indigenous Affairs)

- Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)
- Foreign Affairs and Trade

- Attorney-General's
- Immigration and Border Protection

- Agriculture and Water Resources
- Infrastructure and Regional Development

Joint Statutory Committees

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

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

Joint Standing Committee

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

- National Disability Insurance Scheme

Senate Select Committees

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

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

Joint Select Committees

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

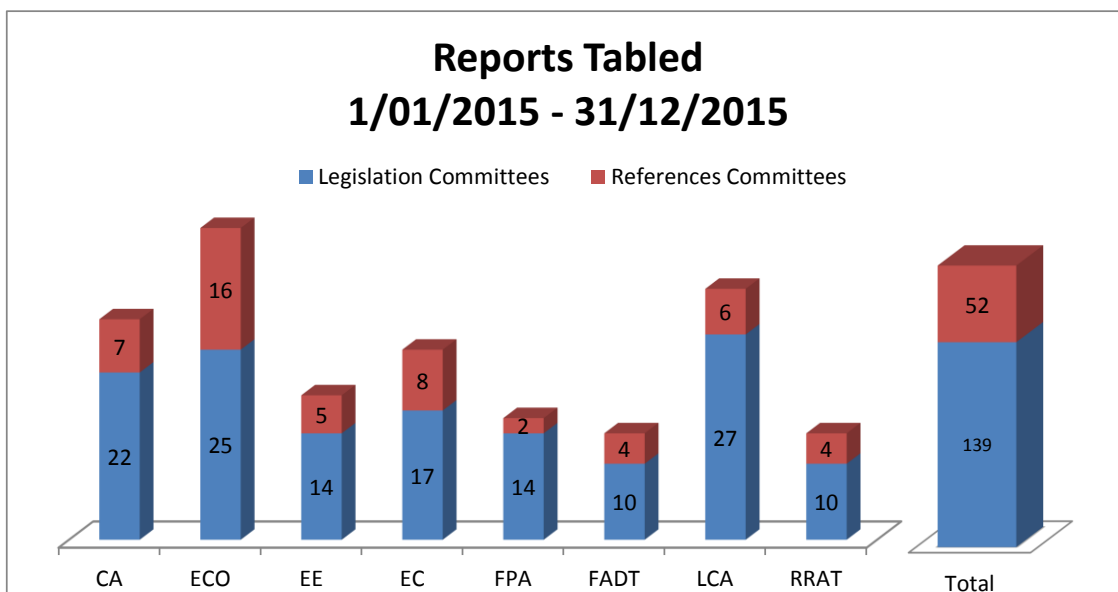
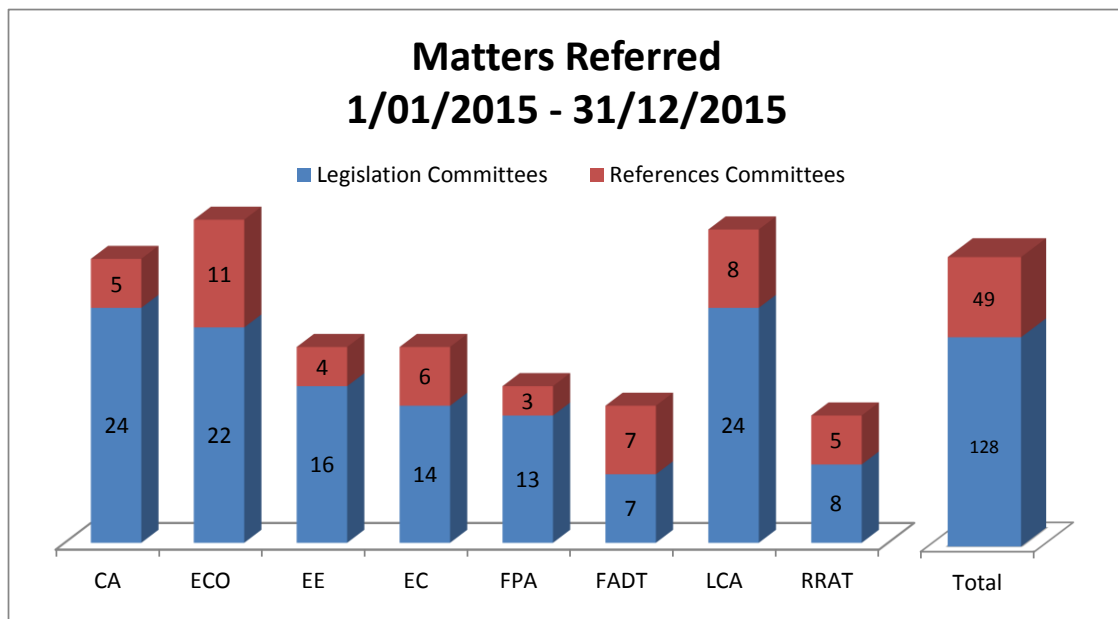
PART ONE

**Legislation and References Committees
at a glance**

1 January 2015–31 December 2015

Senate Committees at a glance

Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees



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

PART TWO

Consolidated Statistical Overview (Year)

1 January 2015–31 December 2015

Calendar Year Statistical Overview of Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office: 1 January 2015–31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 January 2015	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Legislation	21	128 (A)	128 + (11**) (B)	21
References	32	49 (A)	37 + (15**) (B)	44
Select/Joint	14	9	7 + (12**) (B)	16
Total	67	186	172	81

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	54	177:50	78	711:32	221	31:30	1	0:40	354	921:32
References	179	823:28	0	0:00	225	62:13	5	16:08	409	901:49
Select/Joint	97	452:14	0	0:00	152	69:35	12	46:47	261	568:36
Total	330	1453:32	78	711:32	598	163:18	18	63:35	1024	2391:57

	Meetings by State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	329	8	7	0	4	0	0	6
References	245	50	44	13	16	14	6	21
Select/Joint	174	27	23	3	8	5	5	16
Total	748	85	74	16	28	19	11	43

	Broadcast Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	132	3835	659	37	9083	1914	181	4186	17559	4
References	178	0	0	2765	0	0	9601	8159	52525	18
Select/Joint	96	0	0	1512	0	0	4788	1312	16680	2
Total	406	3835	659	4314	9083	1914	14570	13657	86764	24

(A) 16 Annual Reports and 16 estimates references; 94 Individual/Packages of Bills referred; 2 Legislation matters referred; 49 other matters referred

(B) 16 Reports on Annual Reports; 17 Estimates reports; 92 bills reports; 3 Legislation Committee reports; 37 references reports

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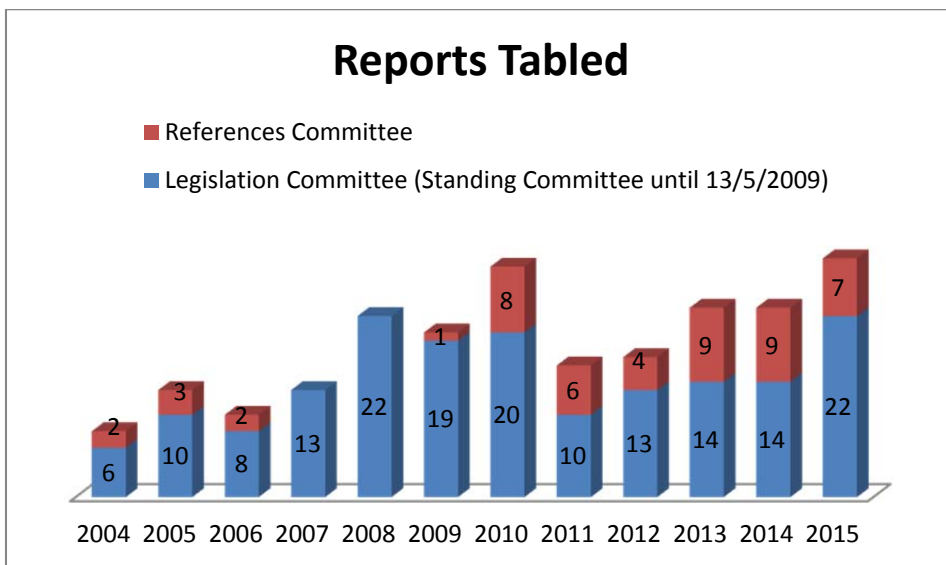
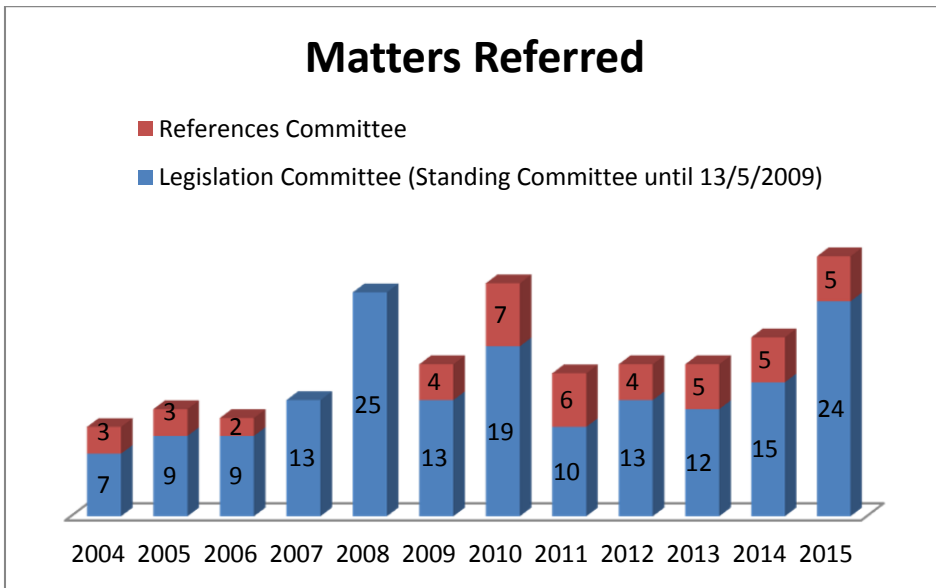
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Community Affairs Legislation & References Committees

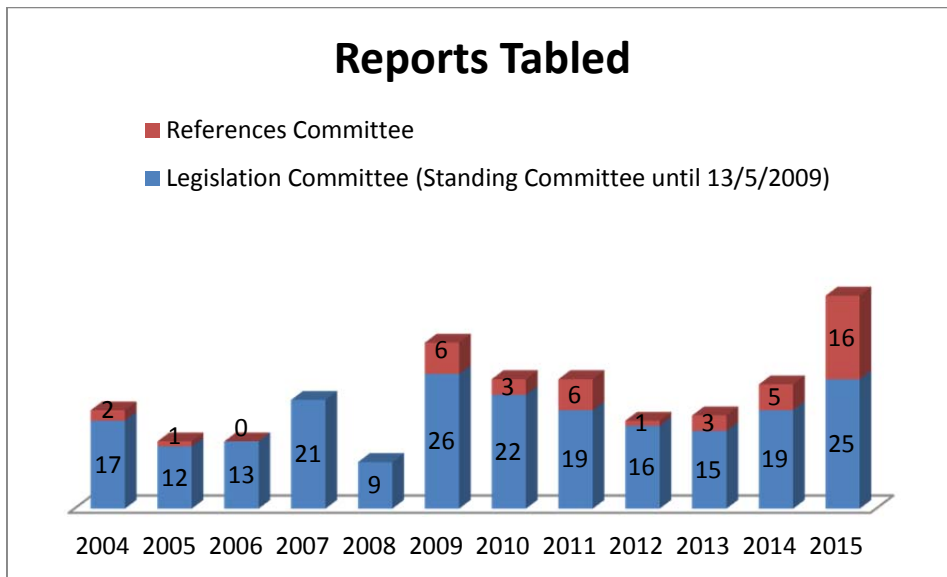
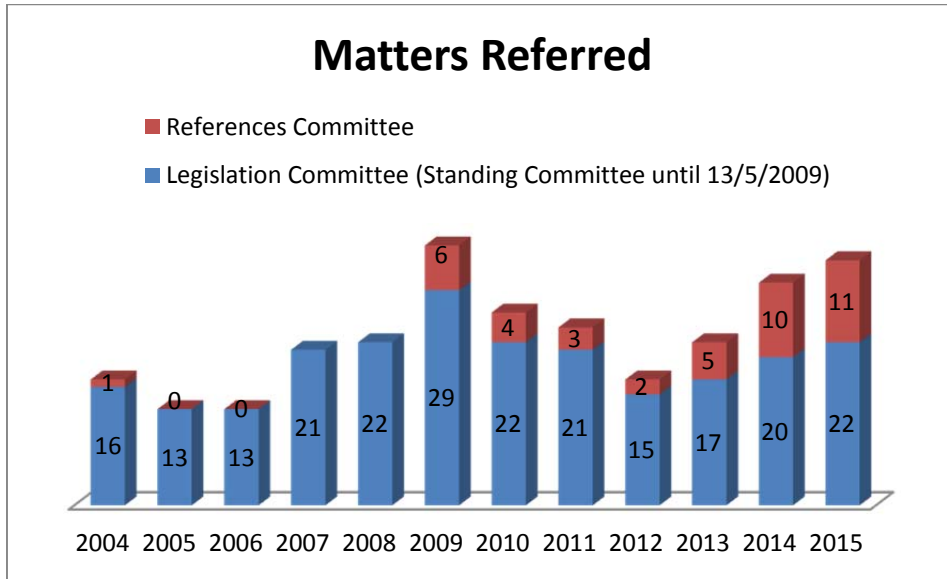
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Economics

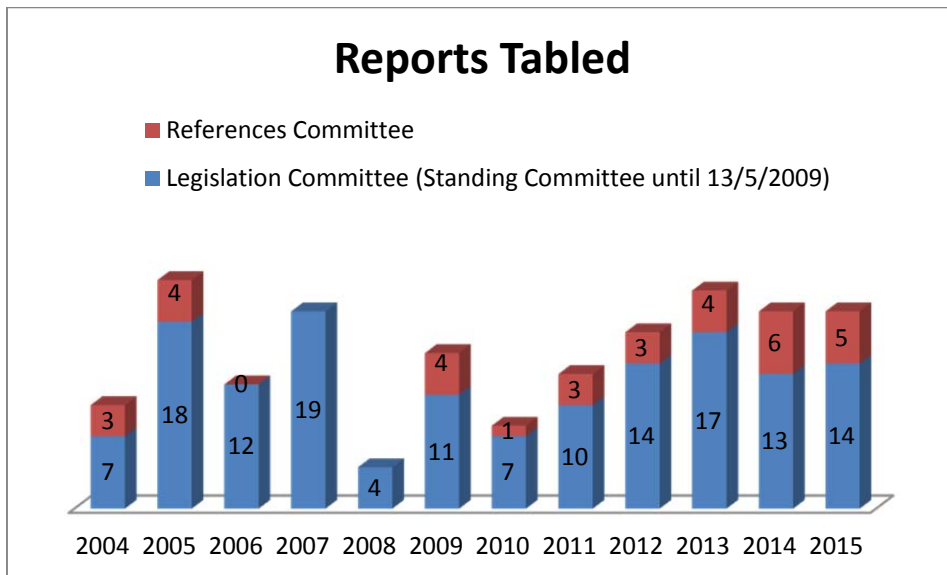
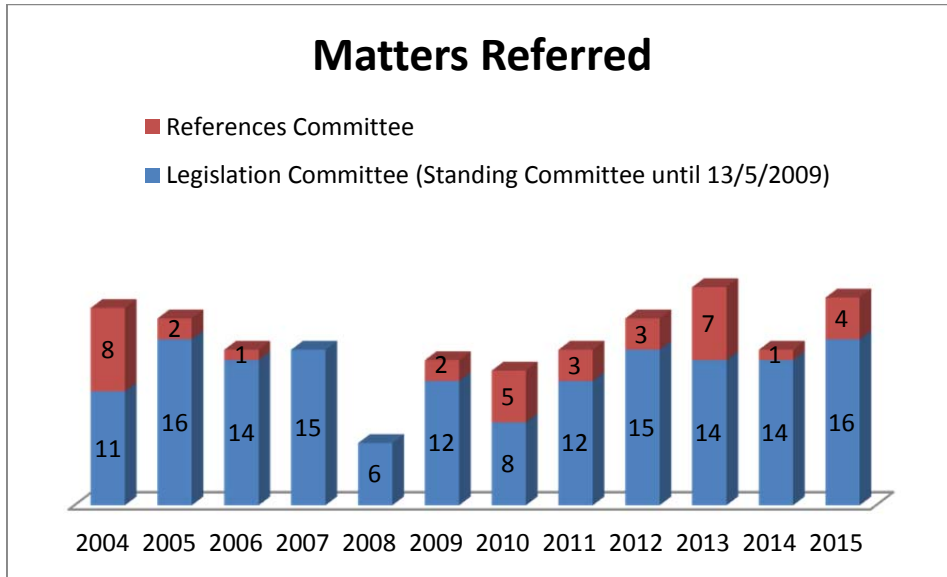
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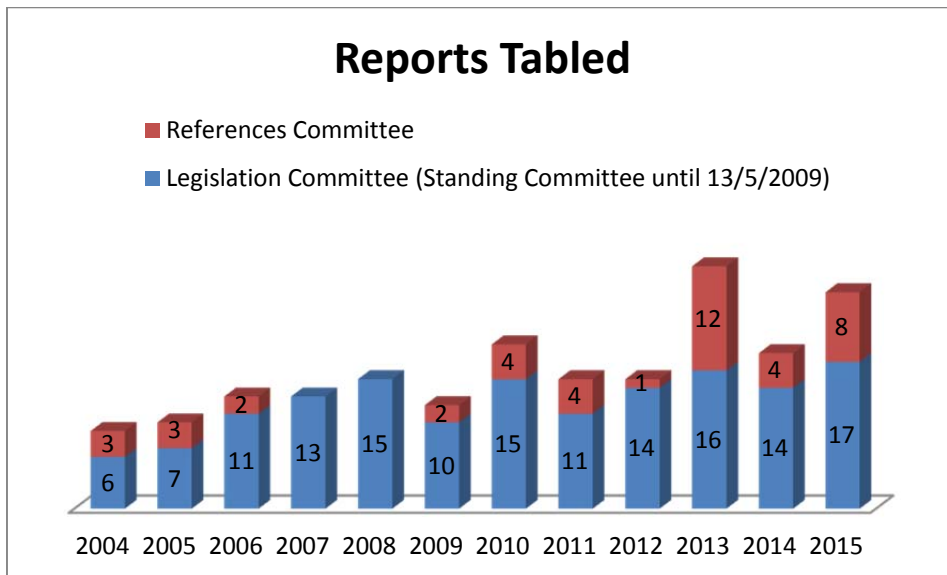
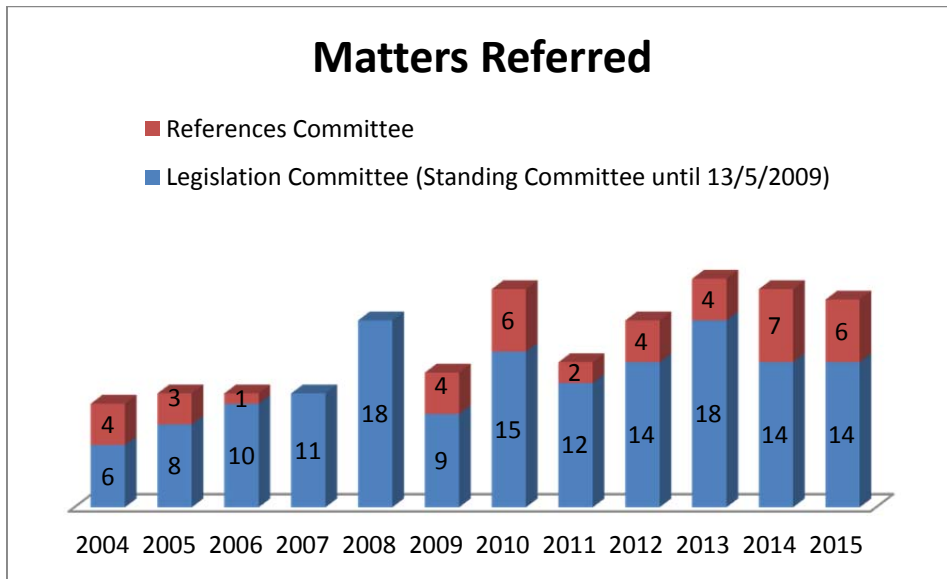
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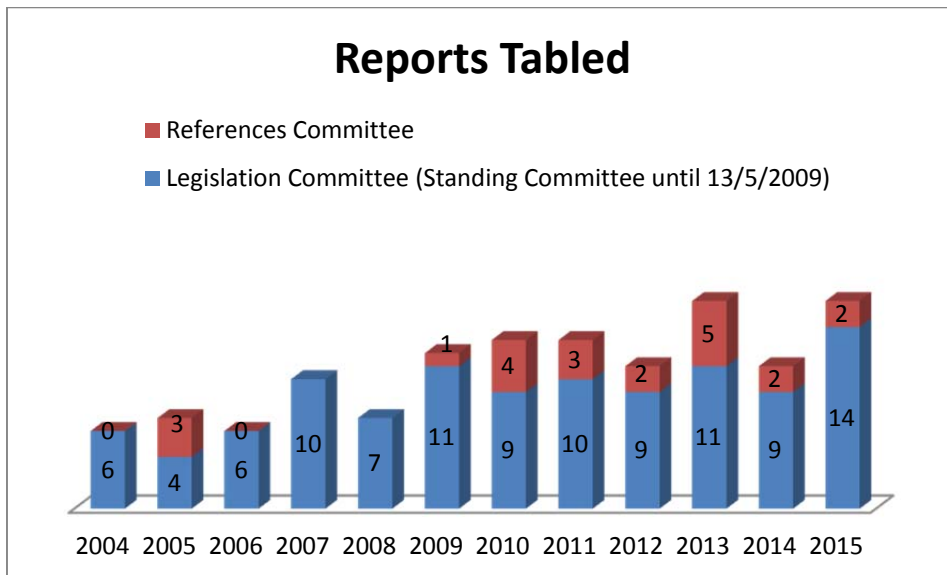
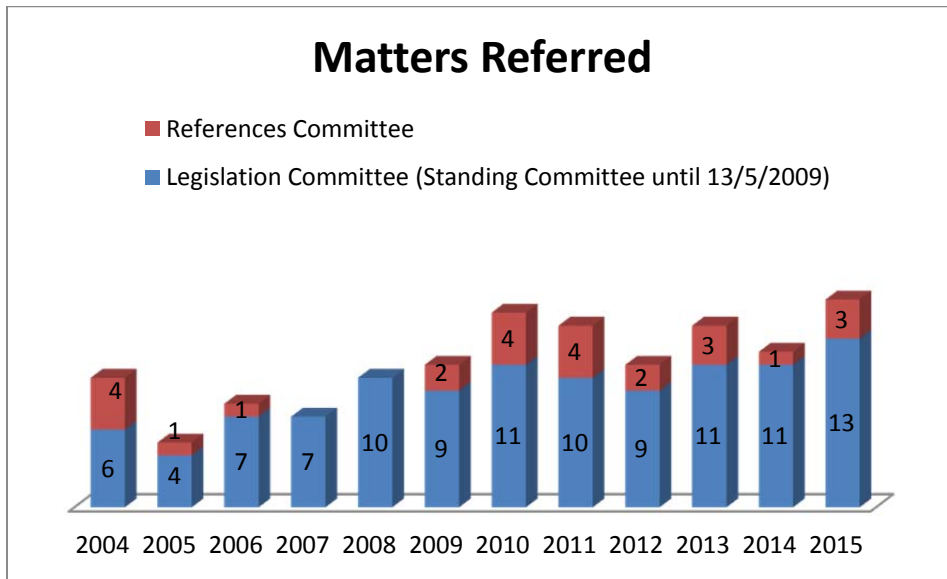
Environment & Communications Legislation & References Committees

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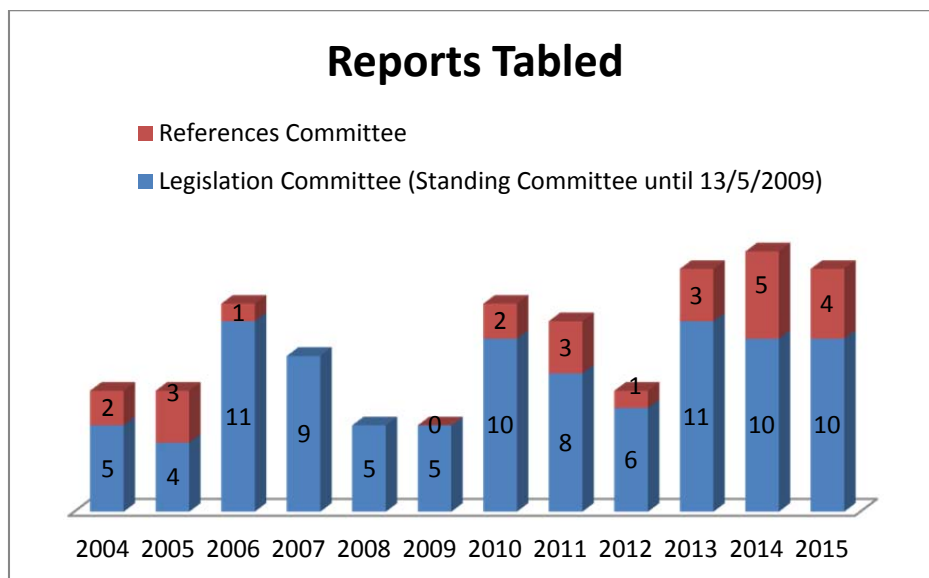
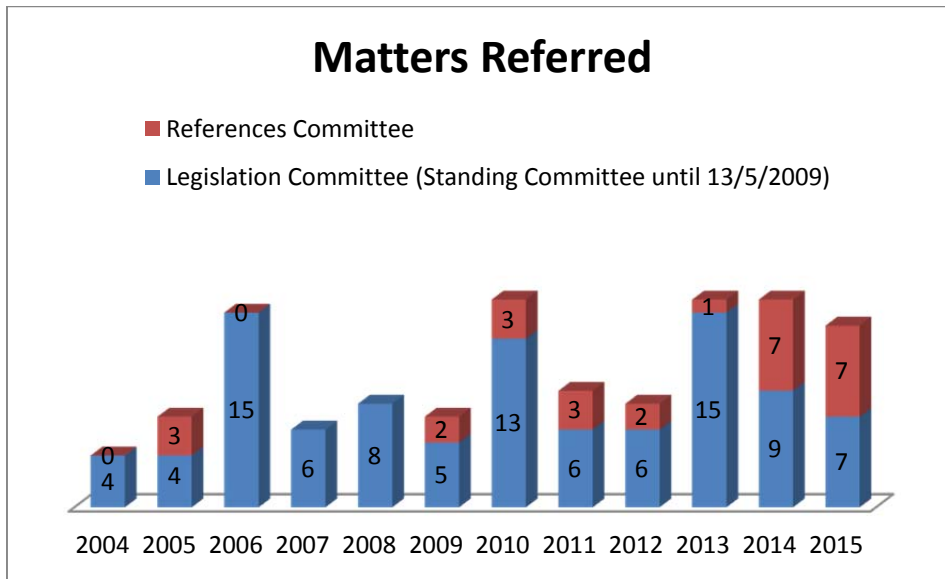
Finance & Public Administration Legislation & References Committees

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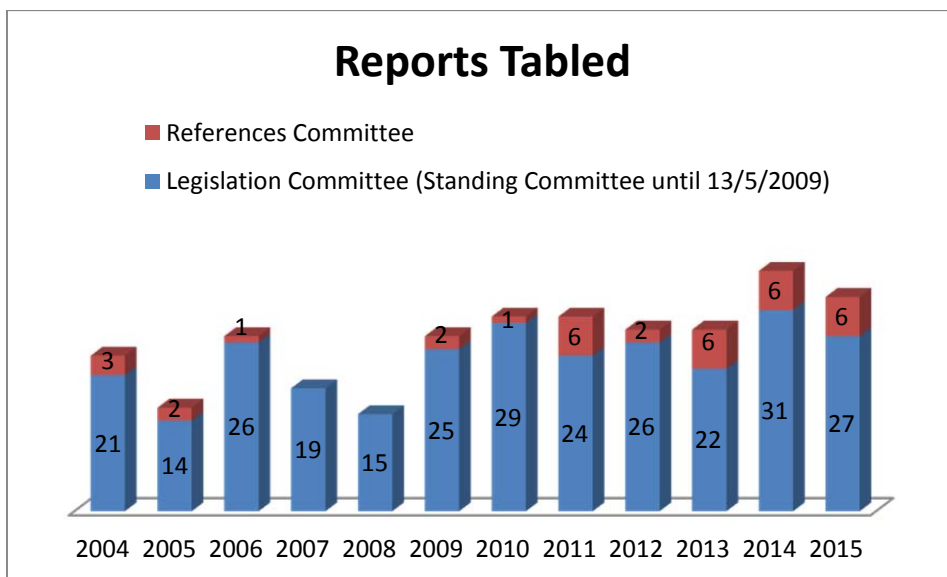
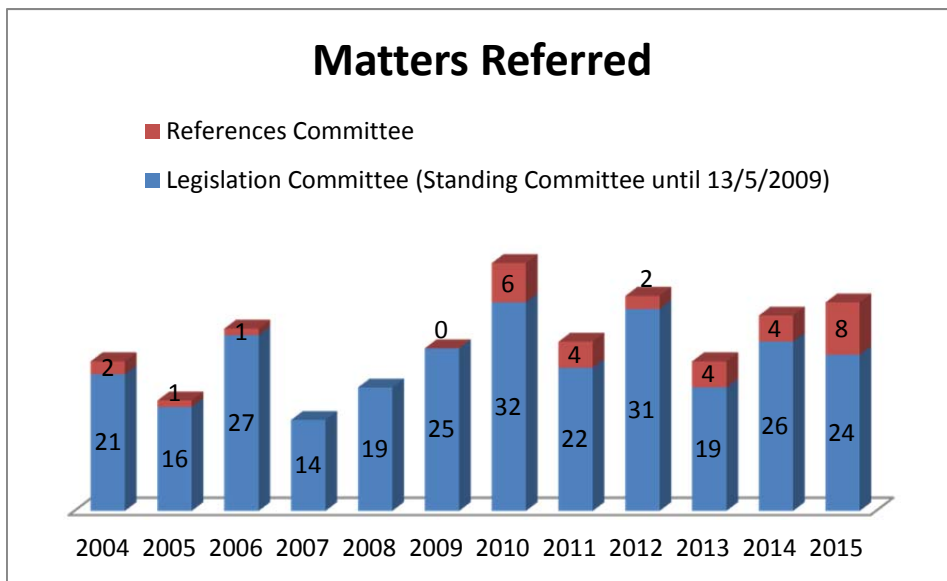
Foreign Affairs, Defence & Trade Legislation & References Committees

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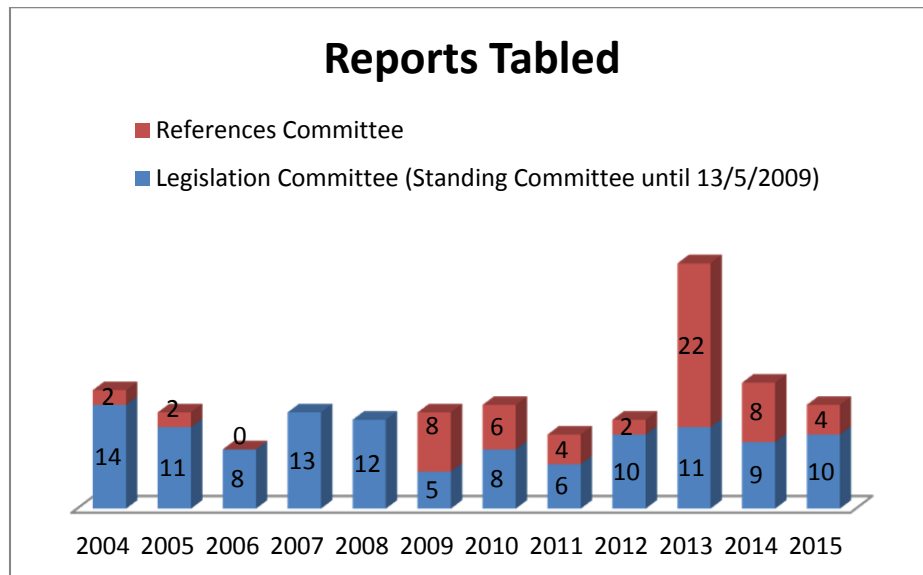
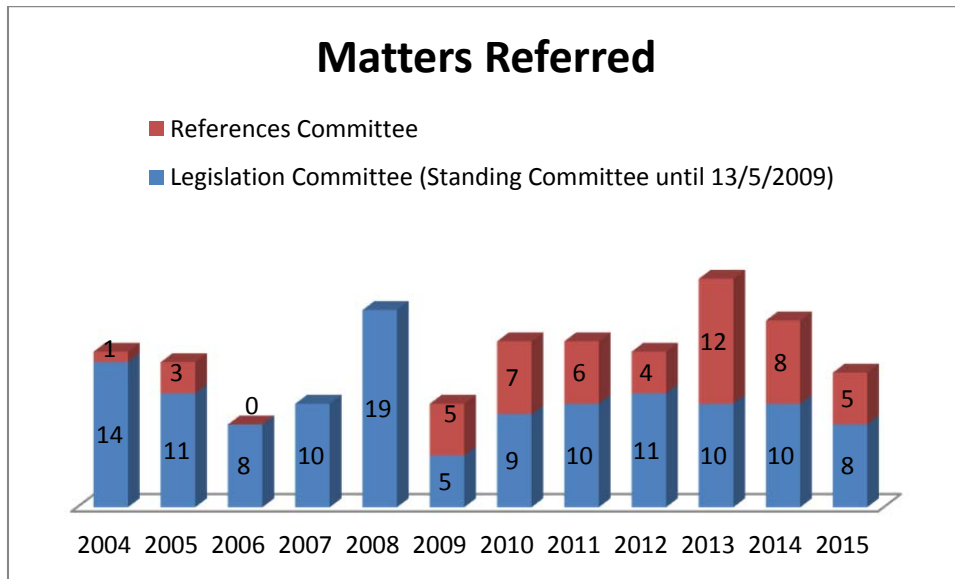
Legal & Constitutional Affairs Legislation & References Committees

Matters Referred and Reports Tabled Annually
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Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation & References Committees

Matters Referred and Reports Tabled Annually
1/1/2004–31/12/2015



PART FOUR

Consolidated Statistical Overview

1 July 2015–31 December 2015

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

1 July 2015–31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Legislation	20	53 (A)	52 + (1**) (B)	21
References	41	22 (A)	19 + (8**) (B)	44
Joint/Select	16	4	4 + (4**) (B)	16
Total	77	79	75	81

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	28	95:14	20	190:15	103	15:03	0	0:00	151	300:32
References	104	494:57	0	0:00	127	34:03	2	9:05	233	538:05
Joint/Select	47	214:00	0	0:00	59	24:01	8	38:47	114	276:48
Total	179	804:11	20	190:15	289	73:07	10	47:52	498	1115:25

Meetings by State									
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD	
Legislation	137	2	5	0	2	0	0	5	
References	128	35	26	9	13	8	1	13	
Joint/Select	69	15	13	1	4	1	2	9	
Total	334	52	44	10	19	9	3	27	

	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	48	767	371	7	1061	58	1476	8626	4
References	103	0	0	1562	0	5692	5823	29389	4
Joint/Select	46	0	0	632	0	2297	550	4862	0
Total	197	767	371	2201	1061	8047	7849	42877	8

(A) 8 Annual Reports references; 45 Individual/Packages of Bills; 22 other references
 (B) 8 Reports on Annual Reports; 1 estimates report; 42 bills reports; 1 Legislation Committee report; 19 references reports
 ** Interim reports & reports on statutory obligations

PART FIVE

Statistics On

**2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates
(October and November 2015)**

Statistics on 2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October and November 2015)

Community Affairs	2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2015)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (21-22 October 2015)	2
Hours by portfolio:		
– Health	11:04	11:04
– Human Services	03:09	03:09
– Social Services	07:43	07:43
Hours of public meetings	21:56	21:56

Economics	2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2015)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (21-22 October 2015)	2
Hours by portfolio:		
– Industry, Innovation and Science	07:05	07:05
– Treasury	13:27	13:27
Hours of public meetings	20:32	20:32

Education and Employment	2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2015)	Total
No. of public meetings (having extra hearing Nov)	2 (21-22 October 2015)	2
Hours by portfolio:		
– Education and Training	11:09	11:09
– Employment	10:52	10:52
Hours of public meetings	22:01	22:01

Environment and Communications	2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October & November 2015)	Total
No. of public meetings (having extra hearing Nov)	4 (19-20 October, 13 & 30 November 2015)	4
Hours by portfolio:		
– Communications and the Arts	12:29	12:29
– Environment	13:46	13:46
Hours of public meetings	26:15	26:15

Finance and Public Administration	2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2015)	Total
No. of public meetings	3 (19, 20 & 23 October 2015)	3
Hours by portfolio:		
– Finance	10:15	10:15
– Parliament	03:59	03:59
– Prime Minister and Cabinet	06:34	06:34
– Cross portfolio Indigenous matters	04:58	04:58
Hours of public meetings	25:46	25:46

Statistics on 2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October and November 2015)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2015)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (21-22 October 2015)	2
Hours by portfolio:		
– Defence	11:22	11:22
– Foreign Affairs and Trade	11:12	11:12
– Veterans' Affairs	0:58	0:58
Hours of public meetings	23:32	23:32

Legal and Constitutional Affairs	2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2015)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (19-20 October 2015)	2
Hours by portfolio:		
– Attorney-General's	11:05	11:05
– Immigration and Border Protection	10:54	10:54
Hours of public meetings	21:59	21:59

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October & November 2015)	Total
No. of public meetings	3 (19-20 October, 24 November 2015)	3
Hours by portfolio:		
– Agriculture	14:42	14:42
– Infrastructure and Regional Development	11:20	11:20
Hours of public meetings	26:02	26:02

The number of days the committees met to consider estimates:

2015–16 Supplementary Budget Estimates

8 days (19 – 23 October 2015; 13, 24 and 30 November 2015)

PART SIX

1 July 2015–31 December 2015

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

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Legislation	5	12	14	3
References	4	3	4 + (1**)	3
Total	9	15	18	6

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	8	2	21:56	22	2:03	0	0:00	32	61:12
References	5	0	0:00	20	6:45	0	0:00	25	30:56
Total	13	2	21:56	42	8:48	0	0:00	57	92:08

Meetings By State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		
References	3	0	0	2	0	0	2		
Total	3	1	0	2	0	0	3		

Witnesses									
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions ^	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	10	181	0	264	437	0	782	3795	0
References	5	0	91	0	0	309	60	739	0
Total	15	181	91	264	437	309	842	4534	0

* Includes referral of Annual reports x 1

** Interim report

^ submission total does not include over 2000 items of correspondence received for the Social Services Legislation Amendment (No Job, No Pay) Bill 2015 inquiry

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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¹ 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

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>
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

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Legislation	1	8	8	1
References	14	5	6 + (6**)	13
Total	15	13	14	14

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	5	10:40	2	20:22	15	0:53	0	0:00	22	31:55
References	42	182:31	0	0:00	34	10:48	0	0:00	76	193:19
Total	47	193:11	2	20:22	49	11:41	0	0:00	98	225:14

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	17	1	3	0	1	0	0	0
References	26	20	17	1	6	2	0	4
Total	43	21	20	1	7	2	0	4

Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	7	100	31	0	363	144	0	93	1097	0
References	41	0	0	470	0	0	2108	1823	11269	1
Total	48	100	31	470	363	144	2108	1916	12366	1

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

** Interim reports

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 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
Annual reports	(Refer Standing Order 25(20))	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 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
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

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>
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 members ¹⁷	<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 members ²⁰	<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

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>
Corporate tax avoidance	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	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	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	29.10.2015—Sydney 30.10.2015—Melbourne	Nil	Yes
Third party certification of food	21.08.2015—Canberra 24.09.2015—Sydney 03.11.2015—Parramatta	01.12.2015	No
Non-conforming building products	13.11.2015—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Matters relating to credit card interest rates	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

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Legislation	1	7	5	3
References	3	1	1 + (1**)	3
Total	4	8	6	6

Number and Hours of Meeting

Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	2	21:50	7	0:58	0	0:00	10	26:40
References	11	0	0:00	10	1:14	0	0:00	21	59:28
Total	12	2	21:50	17	2:12	0	0:00	31	86:08

Meetings By State

ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	3	6	0	1	1	0	1
Total	3	6	0	1	1	0	1

Witnesses

Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	161	10	0	347	44	0	84	1307	0
References	0	0	175	0	0	656	337	3400	0
Total	161	10	175	347	44	656	421	4707	0

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

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Education and Employment (Legislation)

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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 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
Annual reports	(Refer Standing Order 25(20))	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 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
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

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Legislation	2	7	5 + (1**)	4
References	4	2	2	4
Total	6	9	7	8

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	6	20:44	4	26:15	0	4:04	33	51:03
References	3	12:30	0	0:00	1	2:13	17	22:03
Total	9	33:14	4	26:15	1	6:17	50	73:06

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	27	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
References	12	0	0	4	1	0	0	0
Total	39	1	0	4	2	0	0	4

Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	10	79	80	0	327	223	0	361	1127	1
References	3	0	0	38	0	0	138	338	2508	1
Total	13	79	80	38	327	223	138	699	3635	2

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

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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 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
Annual reports	(Refer Standing Order 25(20))	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 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
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)
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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 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
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 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
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)

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**Finance and
Public Administration**

Finance and Public Administration

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Legislation	2	5	4	3
References	3	1	1	3
Total	5	6	5	6

Number and Hours of Meeting

Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	3	28:20	9	0:33	0	0:00	13	31:27
References	2	0	0:00	7	1:08	0	0:00	9	11:26
Total	3	3	28:20	16	1:41	0	0:00	22	42:53

Meetings By State

ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	1	0	0	0	1	0	0

Witnesses

Broadcast Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	4	6	0	325	27	0	18	105	0
References	2	0	33	0	0	114	4	33	0
Total	6	6	33	325	27	114	22	138	0

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

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

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 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
Annual reports	(Refer Standing Order 25(20))	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 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
Parliamentary Expenses Amendment (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2015	20.08.2015 (SB)	Nil	26.11.2015	No

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015	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)

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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

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**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Legislation	1	3	4	0
References	3	5	2	6
Total	4	8	6	6

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	2	5:37	2	23:32	8	0:55	0	0:00	12	30:04
References	11	48:04	0	0:00	12	1:46	0	0:00	23	49:50
Total	13	53:41	2	23:32	20	2:41	0	0:00	35	79:54

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	19	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	31	3	0	0	0	0	0	1

Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	4	66	24	0	269	67	0	21	171	2
References	11	0	0	165	0	0	514	145	1387	0
Total	15	66	24	165	269	67	514	166	1558	2

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

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

⁸ 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 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
Annual reports	(Refer Standing Order 25(20))	Nil	No. 2 of 2015 tabled 08.09.2015	Ongoing
International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015	12.05.2015 (as recommended by the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee report of 02.04.2015)	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 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
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

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

- 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)

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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 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
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 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
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

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Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Legislation	5	10	9	6
References	4	4	3	5
Total	9	14	12	11

Number and Hours of Meeting

Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	2	21:59	12	2:27	0	0:00	15	27:16
References	14	0	0:00	20	6:52	0	0:00	34	88:19
Total	15	2	21:59	32	9:19	0	0:00	49	115:35

Meetings By State

ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
References	2	1	1	1	1	1	3
Total	2	2	1	1	1	1	3

Witnesses

Broadcast Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard Pages			No of Pages	No of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	3	6	0	271	33	0	478	64	1
References	14	0	319	0	0	865	8227	2819	0
Total	17	6	319	271	33	865	8705	2883	1

* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

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

- 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

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- 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

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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

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>
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)

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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

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

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**Rural & Regional Affairs
and Transport**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Legislation	3	1	3	1
References	6	1	0	7
Total	9	2	3	8

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	4	11:44	3	26:01	7	3:10	0	0:00	14	40:55
References	16	77:42	0	0:00	11	3:17	1	1:45	28	82:44
Total	20	89:26	3	26:01	18	6:27	1	1:45	42	123:39

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	13	3	2	3	2	3	0	2
Total	27	3	2	3	2	3	0	2

Witnesses

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages				No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	7	93	33	7	334	86	58	58	53	546	0
References	16	0	0	271	0	0	988	988	297	1826	2
Total	23	93	33	278	334	86	1046	1046	350	2372	2

* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

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

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
Annual reports	(Refer Standing Order 25(20))	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

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

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Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (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 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

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>
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

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
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)

**Joint Committees
administered by the
Senate Committee Office
1 July 2015–31 December 2015**

**Australian Commission for
Law Enforcement Integrity
(Joint Statutory)**

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Joint Statutory	3	0	0	3

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	0	0:00	0	4	2:24	4	31:02	8	33:26

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
4	1	1	0	1	0	1

Witnesses									
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	0

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Part 14 of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*; appointed 2 December 2013.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Mr Russell Matheson MP (Macarthur, NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 12.12.13)</i>	05.12.13
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 17.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	02.12.13
The Hon Justine Elliot MP (Richmond, NSW, ALP)	17.07.14
Mr Steve Irons MP (Swan, WA, LP)	23.02.15
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	10.09.15
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	01.07.14
Mr Jason Wood MP (La Trobe, VIC, LP)	05.12.13
Mr Tony Zappia MP (Makin, SA, ALP)	05.12.13

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 12.12.13–30.06.14)</i>	04.12.13–30.06.14
Mr Chris Hayes MP (Fowler, NSW, ALP)	05.12.13–17.07.14
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS)	01.07.14–10.09.15
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	02.12.13–01.07.14
The Hon Christian Porter MP (Pearce, WA, LP)	05.12.13–23.02.15
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	04.12.13–01.07.14

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>
Performance of statutory duties	Ongoing	Nil	Nil	Ongoing
Jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	06.03.2014 (agreed to by the Committee)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Integrity of Australia's border arrangements	05.03.2015 (agreed to by the Committee)	Nil	Nil	Yes

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

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

Corporations & Financial Services

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Joint Statutory	3	0	0	3

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	9	30:47	0	0:00	12	5:38	0	0:00	21	36:25

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	13	3	3	0	0	0	0	2

Witnesses									
	Hansard Pages								
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Joint Statutory	9	0	0	70	0	383	87	1846	0

Corporations and Financial Services (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to section 241 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*; appointed 2 December 2013.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 9.12.13)</i>	02.12.13
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 16.07.14)</i>	15.07.14
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP)	01.07.14
Mr Craig Laundry MP (NSW, LP)	07.09.15
Senator John Madigan (VIC, IND)	05.12.13
Ms Julie Owens MP (Parramatta, NSW, ALP)	04.12.13
The Hon Philip Ruddock MP (Berowra, NSW, LP)	04.06.15
Mrs Ann Sudmalis MP (Gilmore, NSW, LP)	11.02.15
Mr Tim Watts MP (Gellibrand, VIC, ALP)	04.12.13
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.07.14

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	02.12.13–01.07.14
Mr David Coleman MP (Banks, NSW, LP)	04.12.13–04.06.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 9.12.13–01.07.14)</i>	04.12.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	04.12.13–01.07.14
The Hon Tony Smith MP (Casey, VIC, LP)	04.12.13–10.08.15
Mr Michael Sukkar MP (Deakin, VIC, LP)	04.12.13–11.02.15

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
Oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	Ongoing	14.08.2015—Canberra 16.10.2015—Melbourne 19.11.2015—Brisbane	Nil	Ongoing
Examination of annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	Ongoing	Nil	Nil	Ongoing
Impairment of customers loans	04.06.2015 (<i>see HOR Votes and Proceedings, p.1362</i>)	16.10.2015—Melbourne 13.11.2015—Sydney 18.11.2015—Sydney 19.11.2015—Brisbane 23.11.2015—Canberra 02.12.2015—Canberra	Nil	Yes

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

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

**Law Enforcement
(Joint Statutory)**

Law Enforcement

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Joint Statutory	3	2	1+(1**)	4

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	10	0	0:00	9	3:20	3	7:15	22	41:10

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD	
Joint Statutory	15	2	3	0	1	0	1

Witnesses						Hansard Pages			
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Joint Statutory	10	0	85	0	0	339	8	99	0

** Report on statutory obligations of Committee

Law Enforcement (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to the *Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Act 2010*; appointed 2 December 2013.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Mr Craig Kelly MP (Hughes, NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 4.03.15)</i>	03.03.15
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 10.12.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	02.12.13
Mr Chris Hayes MP (Fowler, NSW, ALP)	17.07.14
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	10.09.15
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator David Leyonhjelm (NSW, LDP)	25.11.14
Mr Russell Matheson MP (Macarthur, NSW, LP)	05.12.13
Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP (Calwell, VIC, ALP)	05.12.13
Mr Jason Wood MP (La Trobe, VIC, LP)	05.12.13

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
The Hon Justine Elliot MP (Richmond, NSW, ALP)	05.12.13–17.07.14
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS)	01.07.14–10.09.15
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	02.12.13–01.07.14
Mr Bert van Manen MP (Forde, QLD, LP) <i>(Chair 10.12.13–03.03.15)</i>	05.12.13–03.03.15

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>
Performance of statutory duties	Ongoing	Nil	Examination of the Australian Federal Police Annual Report 2013–14 tabled 14.09.2015 (HOR); Senate 15.09.2015	Ongoing
Financial related crime	05.03.2014 (agreed to by the Committee)	Nil	Tabled 07.09.2015 (HOR); Senate 08.09.2015	No
Crystal methamphetamine (ice) in Australia	18.03.2015 (agreed to by the Committee)	27.07.2015—Melbourne 28.07.2015—Mt Gambier, SA 29.07.2015—Liverpool, NSW 30.07.2015—Caboolture, QLD 12.08.2015—Canberra 09.09.2015—Canberra 14.10.2015—Canberra 11.11.2015—Canberra 25.11.2015—Canberra 02.12.2015—Canberra	Nil	Yes

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
Human trafficking	02.12.2015 (agreed to by the Committee)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Illicit tobacco	02.12.2015 (agreed to by the Committee)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

HOR (House of Representatives)

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

National Disability Insurance Scheme

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Joint Standing	1	0	0 + (1*)	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Standing	2	7:07	0	0:00	6	3:46	0	0:00	8	10:53

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Standing	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses	
Joint Standing	1	0	0	39	0	0	67	14	92	0

* Progress report

National Disability Insurance Scheme (Joint Standing)

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

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

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
The Hon Bruce Billson MP (Dunkley, VIC, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.10.15)</i>	13.10.15
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 12.12.13)</i>	11.12.13
Dr David Gillespie MP (Lyne, NSW, NATS)	04.12.13
Ms Jill Hall MP (Shortland, NSW, ALP)	04.12.13
Senator Jo Lindgren (QLD, LP)	15.06.15
The Hon Jenny Macklin MP (Jagajaga, VIC, ALP)	04.12.13
Mr Russell Matheson MP (Macarthur, NSW, LP)	22.10.15
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.07.14
The Hon Amanda Rishworth MP (Kingston, SA, ALP)	04.12.13
Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP)	02.12.13
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	03.12.13
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	01.07.14

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
The Hon Mal Brough MP (Fisher, QLD, LP) <i>(Chair 2.12.13–12.10.15)</i>	04.12.13–12.10.15
Senator Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	01.07.14–15.06.15
Mr Steve Irons MP (Swan, WA, LP)	19.03.14–12.10.15
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	02.12.13–03.03.14
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS)	03.03.14–01.07.14
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	02.12.13–01.07.14
Mr Wyatt Roy MP (Longman, QLD, LP)	04.12.13–19.03.14
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	04.12.13–30.06.14
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	04.12.13–11.12.13

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>
Review of the implementation, administration and expenditure of the National Disability Insurance Scheme; and review of any matter relating to the scheme referred to the committee by either House of the Parliament	02.12.2013	21.07.2015—Darwin 23.10.2015—Canberra	Progress report 12.11.2015	Yes

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

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

Select Committees

1 July 2015–31 December 2015

Health

Health

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Select Committee	1	0	0 + (2**)	1

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	11	0	0:00	3	0:29	1	0:30	15	65:20

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Select Committee	5	2	0	0	0	3

Witnesses							Hansard Pages		
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	0	0	162	0	0	685	41	368	0

** Interim reports

Select Committee on Health

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 25 June 2014.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 07.07.14)</i>	07.07.14
Senator Ricky Muir (VIC, AMEP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 17.08.15)</i>	25.06.15
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	26.06.14
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)	14.05.15
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	26.11.15
Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP)	26.06.14
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	26.06.14

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	26.06.14–14.05.15
Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG) <i>(Deputy Chair 09.07.14–25.06.15)</i>	07.07.14–25.06.15
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	26.06.14–26.11.15
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	26.06.14–30.06.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) ¹	11.12.15–11.12.15
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) ²	11.03.15–11.03.15
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) ³	17.11.15–17.11.15
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP) ⁴	27.11.15–27.11.15
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) ⁵	03.11.14–03.11.14
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ⁶	12.03.15–12.03.15
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁷	10.09.14–12.09.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁸	15.09.14–16.09.14

¹ Replaced Senator McAllister on 11 December 2015
² Replaced Senator McLucas on 11 March 2015
³ Replaced Senator McLucas on 17 November 2015
⁴ Replaced Senator Moore on 27 November 2015
⁵ Replaced Senator Di Natale on 3 November 2014
⁶ Replaced Senator McLucas on 12 March 2015
⁷ Replaced Senator Di Natale from 10 to 12 September 2014
⁸ Replaced Senator Di Natale from 15 to 16 September 2014

Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ⁹	18.09.15–18.09.15
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹⁰	10.10.14–10.10.14
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹¹	21.08.14–22.08.14
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹²	31.10.14–31.10.14
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹³	04.11.14–04.11.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) ¹⁴	09.10.14–09.10.14

⁹ Replaced Senator Muir on 18 September 2015
¹⁰ Replaced Senator Di Natale on 10 October 2014
¹¹ Replaced Senator Di Natale for 21 and 22 August 2014
¹² Replaced Senator Di Natale on 31 October 2014
¹³ Replaced Senator Di Natale on 4 November 2014
¹⁴ Replaced Senator Di Natale on 9 October 2014

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2015

	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2015–31.12.2015	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2015
Inquire into and report on health policy, administration and expenditure	25.06.2014	10.07.2015—Sydney 26.08.2015—Canberra 28.08.2015—Sydney 18.09.2015—Redcliffe, QLD 08.10.2015—Canberra 04.11.2015—Melbourne 05.11.2015—Melbourne 16.11.2015—Cairns, QLD 17.11.2015—Rockhampton, QLD 27.11.2015—Sydney 11.12.2015—Sydney	Third interim report— Australian Hearing: too important to privatise tabled 17.09.2015 Fourth interim report— Mental Health: a consensus for action presented OOS 08.10.2015; tabled 12.10.2015	Yes

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

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

Murray-Darling Basin Plan

Murray-Darling Basin Plan

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Select Committee	1	0	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	8	48:02	0	0:00	7	3:02	0	0:00	15	51:04

Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Select Committee	6	3	2	0	2	2

Witnesses										
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	8	0	0	208	0	0	439	366	2127	0

Select Committee on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 24 June 2015.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Leyonhjelm (NSW, LDP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.08.15)</i>	10.08.15
Senator Bob Day (SA, FFP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 13.08.15)</i>	10.08.15
Senator Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	25.06.15
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	12.10.15
Senator John Madigan (VIC, IND)	10.08.15
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)	11.08.15
Senator Robert Simms (SA, AG)	12.10.15

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	11.08.15–12.10.15
Senator Anne Ruston (SA, LP)	25.06.15–12.10.15

Former substitute member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ¹	08.12.15–09.12.15

¹ Replaced Senator McAllister for 8 and 9 December 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>
The positive and negative impacts of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and associated Commonwealth programs on regional communities	24.06.2015	18.09.2015—Canberra 29.09.2015—St George, QLD 26.10.2015—Broken Hill, NSW 27.10.2015—Griffith, NSW 05.11.2015—Echuca, VIC 06.11.2015—Shepparton, VIC 08.12.2015—Goolwa, SA 09.12.2015—Renmark, SA	Nil	Yes

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

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

National Broadband Network

National Broadband Network

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Select Committee	1	0	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	1	0	0:00	5	0:47	0	0:00	6	6:17

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Select Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses									
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	0	0	4	0	0	63	5	15	0

Select Committee on the National Broadband Network

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 14 November 2013.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 26.11.15)</i>	12.11.15
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 15.10.15)</i>	12.10.15
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy (VIC, ALP) <i>(Chair 06.12.13–20.12.13)</i>	14.11.13
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	14.11.13
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	12.10.15
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	02.12.13
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 10.07.14–03.03.15)</i>	01.07.14–03.03.15
Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 05.12.13–01.07.14)</i>	02.12.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP) <i>(Chair 20.12.13–24.03.15)</i> <i>(Chair 15.11.13–06.12.13)</i>	14.11.13–24.03.15
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(Chair 14.05.15–12.11.15)</i>	13.05.15–12.11.15
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) <i>(Chair 01.04.15–13.05.15)</i>	26.03.15–13.05.15
Senator Anne Ruston (SA, LP)	02.12.13–12.10.15
Senator the Hon Lin Thorp (TAS, ALP)	14.11.13–30.06.14
Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos (NSW, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 05.03.15–12.10.15)</i>	03.03.15–12.10.15
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) ¹	12.03.15–12.03.15
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ²	13.12.13–19.12.13

¹ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 12 March 2015

² Replaced Senator Lundy from 13 to 19 December 2013

Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ³	11.03.14–12.03.14
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ⁴	05.05.14–05.05.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁵	11.03.14–12.03.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁶	28.03.14–28.03.14

³ Replaced Senator Thorp on 11 and 12 March 2014

⁴ Replaced Senator Thorp on 5 May 2014

⁵ Replaced Senator Ludlam on 11 and 12 March 2014

⁶ Replaced Senator Ludlam on 28 March 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>
The Government's strategic review of the NBN, the outcome of the strategic review and the findings of the Government survey of the availability of broadband in Australia	14.11.2013	14.09.2015—Canberra	Nil	Yes

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

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

**Recent Allegations relating to Conditions
and Circumstances at the Regional
Processing Centre in Nauru**

Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru

1 July 2015 - 31 August 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Select Committee	1	1	2	0

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	2	10:59	0	0:00	7	1:43	0	0:00	9	12:42

Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Select Committee	9	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses										
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	2	0	0	29	0	0	137	11	69	0

Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 26 March 2015. The committee was re-appointed on 10 August 2015.¹

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 11.08.15)</i>	10.08.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 11.08.15)</i>	11.08.15
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	10.08.15
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	10.08.15
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	10.08.15

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(Chair 30.03.15–31.07.15)</i>	26.03.15–31.07.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(Deputy Chair 30.03.15–31.07.15)</i>	26.03.15–31.07.15
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	26.03.15–31.07.15
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	26.03.15–31.07.15
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	26.03.15–31.07.15

Former substitute member

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP) ²	26.06.15–31.07.15
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¹ *Journals of the Senate*, 10 August 2015, p. 2879.

² Replaced Senator Bernardi from 26 June to 31 July 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>
Responsibilities of the Commonwealth Government in connection with the management and operation of the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru	26.03.2015	20.07.2015—Canberra	Report presented OOS 31.07.2015; tabled 10.08.2015	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>
Responsibilities of the Commonwealth Government in connection with the management and operation of the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru	10.08.2015 <i>(re-appointed)</i>	20.08.2015—Canberra	Report presented OOS 31.08.2015; tabled 07.09.2015	No

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

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

**Scrutiny of Government
Budget Measures**
*(formerly Abbott Government's
Budget Cuts)*

Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Select Committee	1	0	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	4	16:39	0	0:00	3	0:07	0	0:00	7	16:46

Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Select Committee	2	1	2	1	0	0

Witnesses										
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	4	0	0	35	0	0	184	16	234	0

Select Committee into the Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures

(formerly Abbott Government's Budget Cuts)¹

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 25 June 2014.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <i>(elected Chair 25.06.15)</i>	15.06.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair 10.07.14)</i>	26.06.14
Senator Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	17.07.14
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	12.10.15
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP)	26.06.14
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	17.07.14
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	26.06.14

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG) <i>(Chair 10.07.14–15.06.15)</i>	07.07.14–15.06.15
Senator James McGrath (QLD, LP)	17.07.14–12.10.15

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ²	12.12.14–12.12.14
Senator Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ³	12.12.14–12.12.14

¹ *Journals of the Senate*, 11 August 2015, p. 2900.

² Replaced Senator Di Natale on 12 December 2014

³ Replaced Senator Canavan on 12 December 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>
The effect of cuts or changes in the Commonwealth budget	25.06.2014	14.08.2015—Sydney 09.10.2015—Perth 05.11.2015—Melbourne 06.11.2015—Hobart	Nil	Yes

New References

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2015–31.12.2015

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Unconventional Gas Mining

Unconventional Gas Mining

1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Select Committee	0	1	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	0	0	0:00	1	0:35	0	0:00	1	0:35

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Select Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses						
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General
Select Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0

Hansard Pages			
No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses	
0	0	0	0

Select Committee on Unconventional Gas Mining

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 12 November 2015.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Glenn Lazarus (QLD, IND) <i>(appointed Chair 12.11.15)</i>	12.11.15
Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 09.12.15)</i>	12.11.15
Senator Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	12.11.15
Senator Jo Lindgren (QLD, LP)	12.11.15
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	03.12.15
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG)	23.11.15

Inquiries*As at 01.07.2015*

Nil

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>
The adequacy of Australia's legislative, regulatory and policy framework for unconventional gas mining including coal seam gas (CSG) and shale gas mining	12.11.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses*01.07.2015–31.12.2015*

Nil

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

Wind Turbines

Wind Turbines

1 July 2015 - 3 August 2015

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2015
Select Committee	1	0	1	0

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	0	0:00	0	0:00	2	2:10	0	0:00	2	2:10

Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Select Committee	2	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses										
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

Select Committee on Wind Turbines

1 July 2015 to 3 August 2015

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 24 November 2014.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator John Madigan (VIC, IND) <i>(elected Chair on 03.12.14)</i>	27.11.14
Senator Bob Day (SA, FFP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.12.14)</i>	27.11.14
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	27.11.14
Senator Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	27.11.14
Senator David Leyonhjelm (NSW, LDP)	27.11.14
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	01.12.14

Former substitute member

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) ¹	18.05.15–18.05.15

¹ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 18 May 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>
The application of regulatory governance and economic impact of wind turbines	24.11.2014	Nil	Report presented OOS 03.08.2015; tabled 10.08.2015	No

New References*01.07.2015–31.12.2015*

Nil

Government Responses*01.07.2015–31.12.2015*

Nil

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

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)

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

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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 Sitzings) 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

Mr Marcus Strkalj

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

Other Committees

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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<p>Current inquiries <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i></p>	<p>Treaties tabled on 10 November 2015 Treaties tabled on 1 December 2015 Treaties tabled on 3 December 2015</p>
<p>Documents tabled <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i></p>	<p>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)</p>
<p>Government responses <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i></p>	<p>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</p>

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)

Former members

Senator the Hon Kate Lundy, Mr Michael Sukkar MP, Mr Tim Watts MP

Secretary

Mr David Brunoro (from 29 September 2015) Phone: (02) 6277 4615 Fax: (02) 6277 2220

Ms Susan Cardell (to 29 September 2015) Phone: (02) 6277 4615 Fax: (02) 6277 2220

<p>Current inquiries <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i></p>	<p>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)</p>
<p>Reports presented <i>1 July 2015–31 December 2015</i></p>	<p>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>

<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

Former members

Mrs K L Andrews MP, Senators Boyce, Heffernan, O'Sullivan and Ruston

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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

**Committee-related
activity in the chamber**

1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015

Details of Reports tabled in the Senate and other related matters

Matters Referred to Committees

During the reporting period, 71 matters were referred to Senate Committees for inquiry and report (including 44 Individual/Packages of Bills referred through the Selection of Bills Committee, 1 Individual Bill referred to a Legislation committee, 22 matters referred to References committees, 2 Select Committees established and 2 matters adopted by or referred to Joint committees). The details are as follows:

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
Nauru (Select)	The responsibilities of the Commonwealth Government in connection with the management and operation of the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru (<i>re-appointment</i>) (for inquiry and report by 31 August 2015)	10.08.2015 (1)
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Legislation Amendment (Small Business and Unfair Contract Terms) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 14 September 2015)	13.08.2015 (2)
RRAT (Ref)	Decision-making process for the Perth Freight Link project (for inquiry and report by 26 November 2015)	
ECO (Ref)	Economic security for women in retirement (for inquiry and report by the first sitting day in March 2016)	17.08.2015 (1)
ECO (Leg)	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 15 September 2015)	20.08.2015 (10)
ECO (Leg)	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] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 12 October 2015)	
EC (Leg)	Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 28 October 2015)	
EC (Leg)	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standing) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 12 October 2015)	

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
FPA (Leg)	Parliamentary Expenses Amendment (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2015 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in the first sitting week of February 2016)	
CA (Leg)	Social Security Legislation Amendment (Debit Card Trial) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 12 October 2015)	
FADT (Ref)	Australia's relationship with Mexico (for inquiry and report by 3 December 2015)	
FADT (Ref)	Capability of Defence's physical science and engineering (PSE) workforce (for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in March 2016)	
LCA (Ref)	Establishment of a national registration system for Australian paramedics (for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in June 2016)	
LCA (Ref)	A popular vote, in the form of a plebiscite or referendum, on the matter of marriage in Australia (for inquiry and report by 16 September 2015)	
FADT (Leg)	Schedule 2 of the Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2015 Budget Measures) Bill 2015 (for inquiry and report by 25 September 2015)	07.09.2015 (2)
EC (Ref)	Environmental, social and economic impacts of large-capacity fishing vessels (super trawlers) operating in Australia's marine jurisdiction (for inquiry and report by 30 April 2016)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (More Generous Means Testing for Youth Payments) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2015)	10.09.2015 (2)
ECO (Leg)	Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Better Targeting the Income Tax Transparency Laws) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 12 October 2015)	
EEC (Leg)	Social Security Legislation Amendment (Further Strengthening Job Seeker Compliance) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 24 November 2015)	17.09.2015 (7)

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (No Jab, No Pay) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2015)	17.09.2015 (continued)
ECO (Leg)	Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Governance) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2015)	
ECO (Leg)	Tax Laws Amendment (Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2015)	
FADT (Leg)	Customs Amendment (China-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2015 [Provisions] and Customs Tariff Amendment (China-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by the next working day after the tabling of the report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee on the proposed China-Australia Free Trade Agreement)	
LCA (Leg)	Migration Amendment (Charging for a Migration Outcome) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 10 November 2015)	
LCA (Leg)	Migration and Maritime Powers Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 10 November 2015)	
LCA (Ref)	Regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea (for inquiry and report by 31 December 2016)	12.10.2015 (1)
EEC (Leg)	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] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2015)	15.10.2015 (7)
EC (Leg)	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 1 March 2016)	

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
EEC (Leg)	Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2016)	
CA (Leg)	Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment (Forum on Food Regulation and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2015)	
CA (Leg)	Health Legislation Amendment (eHealth) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2015)	
LCA (Leg)	Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 18 February 2016)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2015)	
EEC (Ref)	Creation of a national long service standard and the portability of long service and other entitlements (for inquiry and report by the third sitting day in February 2016)	09.11.2015 (1)
LCA (Leg)	Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Criminology Research) Bill 2015 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 26 November 2015)	12.11.2015 (9)
FPA (Leg)	Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 16 March 2016)	
CA (Leg)	Health Insurance Amendment (Safety Net) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 23 November 2015)	
EEC (Leg)	Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP Reform) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2015)	
LCA (Leg)	Migration Legislation Amendment (Cessation of Visa Labels) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 25 February 2016)	

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2015)	12.11.2015 (<i>continued</i>)
LCA (Ref)	Revenge pornography (for inquiry and report by 25 February 2016)	
CA (Ref)	Growing evidence of an emerging tick-borne disease that causes a Lyme-like illness for many Australian patients (for inquiry and report by 20 June 2016)	
GAS (Select)	The adequacy of Australia's legislative, regulatory and policy framework for unconventional gas mining including coal seam gas (CSG) and shale gas mining (for inquiry and report on or before 30 June 2016)	
ECO (Ref)	Development of the bauxite resources near Aurukun in Cape York (for inquiry and report on or before 31 March 2016)	24.11.2015 (1)
ECO (Ref)	Criminal, civil and administrative penalties for white collar crime (for inquiry and report on or before 27 July 2016)	25.11.2015 (3)
ECO (Ref)	Foreign investment review framework (for inquiry and report on or before 4 February 2016)	
FPA (Ref)	Domestic violence and gender inequality (for inquiry and report on or before 24 August 2016)	
EC (Leg)	Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015 [(through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2016)	26.11.2015 (3)
FPA (Leg)	Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2015) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 3 February 2016)	
ECO (Ref)	The future of Australia's steel industry (for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in June 2016)	
FADT (Ref)	Contamination of Australian Defence Force facilities and contamination on sites using firefighting foams (for inquiry and report by 4 February 2016 [part 1] and 30 April 2016 [part 2])	30.11.2015 (1)
CA (Ref)	Future of Australia's aged care sector workforce (for inquiry and report by 30 June 2016)	01.12.2015 (1)

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
FADT (Ref)	Operations of Defence Housing Australia (for inquiry and report by 30 April 2016)	02.12.2015 (6)
EC (Ref)	Australian children accessing online pornography (for inquiry and report by the first sitting day in December 2016)	
CA (Ref)	Indefinite detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment in Australia (for inquiry and report by 30 July 2016)	
FADT (Ref)	Planned acquisition of the F-35 Lightning II (Joint Strike Fighter) (for inquiry and report by 1 May 2016)	
LE (Joint)	Human trafficking (adopted by committee for inquiry and report)	
LE (Joint)	Illicit tobacco (adopted by committee for inquiry and report)	
EC (Leg)	Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 20 June 2016)	03.12.2015 (13)
ECO (Leg)	Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 22 February 2016)	
LCA (Leg)	Courts Administration Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 2 February 2016)	
LCA (Leg)	Crimes Legislation Amendment (Proceeds of Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 3 February 2016)	
LCA (Leg)	Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 2 February 2016)	
EEC (Leg)	Fair Work Amendment (Remaining 2014 Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 4 February 2016)	
EEC (Leg)	Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 17 March 2016)	

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
LCA (Leg)	Family Law Amendment (Financial Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2015 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 24 February 2016)	03.12.2015 <i>(continued)</i>
FPA (Leg)	Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 29 February 2016)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 4 February 2016)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 22 February 2016)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 1 March 2016)	
EC (Leg)	Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Access Regime and NBN Companies) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 22 February 2016)	

Reports tabled by Senate Committees

During the reporting period, committees supported by the Senate Committee Office tabled/presented 79 reports (including 44 Legislation committee reports, 27 References committee reports and 8 Joint/Select committee reports). The details are as follows:

Committee	Report	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
RRAT (Ref)	Industry structures and systems governing the imposition and disbursement of marketing and research and development (R&D) levies in the agriculture sector (presented OOS 30.06.2015)	10.08.2015 (6)
ECO (Ref)	*Part III - Future of Australia's naval shipbuilding industry: Long-term planning (presented OOS 01.07.2015)	
Nauru (Select)	Report (presented OOS 31.07.2015)	
Wind Turbines (Select)	Report (presented OOS 03.08.2015)	
ECO (Ref)	Digital currency—game changer or bit player (presented OOS 04.08.2015)	
CA (Ref)	*Availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia—Interim report (presented OOS 04.08.2015)	
CA (Leg)	Medical Research Future Fund Bill 2015 [Provisions] and Medical Research Future Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
EE (Leg)	Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 [No. 2] [Provisions]	11.08.2015 (4)
ECO (Leg)	Corporations Amendment (Financial Advice) Bill 2014	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
LCA (Leg)	Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014	
LCA (Leg)	Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013	13.08.2015 (2)
LCA (Leg)	Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013	
CA (Leg)	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Amendment Bill 2015 [Provisions]	17.08.2015 (1)

Committee	Report	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
LCA (Leg)	Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman Bill 2015 and the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2015	18.08.2015 (3)
ECO (Ref)	*Corporate tax avoidance—You cannot tax what you cannot see (part 1)	
CA (Leg)	Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
ECO (Ref)	*Future of Australia's automotive industry—Interim report	19.08.2015 (3)
ECO (Ref)	*Australia's innovation system—Interim report	
CA (Ref)	Out of home care	
FPA (Ref)	Prevalence and impact of domestic violence in Australia	20.08.2015 (1)
ECO (Ref)	*Future sustainability of Australia's naval ship building industry—Interim report (presented OOS 28.08.2015)	07.09.2015 (3)
EC (Ref)	Regulation of the fin-fish aquaculture industry in Tasmania (presented OOS 21.08.2015)	
Nauru (Select)	Report (presented OOS 31.08.2015)	
LE (Joint)	Financial related crime	08.09.2015 (2)
EC (Leg)	Water Amendment Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
ECO (Leg)	Treasury Legislation Amendment (Small Business and Unfair Contract Terms) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	14.09.2015 (1)
LE (Joint)	Examination of the Australian Federal Police Annual Report 2013–14	15.09.2015 (3)
ECO (Leg)	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
CA (Leg)	Fairer Paid Parental Leave Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
CA (Ref)	Impact on service quality, efficiency and sustainability of recent Commonwealth community service tendering processes by the Department of Social Services	16.09.2015 (3)
LCA (Ref)	Handling of a letter sent by Mr Man Haron Monis to the Attorney-General	

Committee	Report	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
LCA (Ref)	Matter of a popular vote, in the form of a plebiscite or referendum, on the matter of marriage in Australia	
Health (Select)	*Third interim report— Australian Hearing: too important to privatise	17.09.2015 (4)
FPA (Leg)	Department of Parliamentary Services Final Report	
FADT (Leg)	International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015	
CA (Ref)	Availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia	
EC (Leg)	Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015 (presented OOS 30.09.2015)	12.10.2015 (6)
FADT (Leg)	Schedule 2 of the Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2015 Budget Measures) Bill 2015 (presented OOS 25.09.2015)	
Health (Select)	* Fourth interim report—Mental Health: a consensus for action (presented OOS 08.10.2015)	
RRAT (Leg)	Shipping Legislation Amendment Bill 2015	
CA (Leg)	Social Security Legislation Amendment (Debit Card Trial) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
ECO (Leg)	Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Better Targeting the Income Tax Transparency Laws) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
EEC (Ref)	*Interim report—Impact of Australia's temporary work visa programs on the Australian labour market	14.10.2015 (2)
ECO (Leg)	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]	
EEC (Ref)	Getting our money's worth: the operation, regulation and funding of private vocational education and training (VET) providers in Australia	15.10.2015 (2)
RRAT (Leg)	Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2015	

Committee	Report	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
EC (Leg)	*Interim report— Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014 (presented OOS 23.10.2015)	09.11.2015 (7)
FADT (Leg)	Customs Amendment (China-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2015 [Provisions] and the Customs Tariff Amendment (China-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (presented OOS 06.11.2015)	
FADT (Ref)	China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (presented OOS 06.11.2015)	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (More Generous Means Testing for Youth Payments) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
ECO (Leg)	Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Governance) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
ECO (Leg)	Tax Laws Amendment (Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
CA (Leg)	Health Legislation Amendment (eHealth) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
FPA (Leg)	Australian Government Boards (Gender Balanced Representation) Bill 2015	10.11.2015 (3)
LCA (Leg)	Migration Amendment (Charging for a Migration Outcome) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
LCA (Leg)	Migration and Maritime Powers Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015 [Provisions]	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (No Job, No Pay) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	11.11.2015 (1)
NDIS (Joint)	*Progress Report	12.11.2015 (1)
EC (Leg)	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standing) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (presented OOS 18.11.2015)	23.11.2015 (2)
CA (Leg)	Health Insurance Amendment (Safety Net) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
EEC (Leg)	Social Security Legislation Amendment (Further Strengthening Job Seeker Compliance) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	24.11.2015 (1)

Committee	Report	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
CA (Ref)	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	25.11.2015 (2)
EC (Leg)	Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014	
LCA (Leg)	Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Criminology Research) Bill 2015	26.11.2015 (2)
FPA (Leg)	Parliamentary Expenses Amendment (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2015	
EEC (Leg)	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]	30.11.2015 (5)
EEC (Leg)	Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP Reform) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
CA (Leg)	Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment (Forum on Food Regulation and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
CA (Leg)	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
ECO (Ref)	Future of Australia's automotive industry: Driving jobs and investment	01.12.2015 (2)
ECO (Ref)	Third party certification of food	
LCA (Ref)	Impact of the 2014 and 2015 Commonwealth Budget decisions on the Arts	02.12.2015 (3)
EC (Ref)	Stormwater management in Australia	
FADT (Ref)	Australia's relationship with Mexico	
ECO (Ref)	'I just want to be paid': Insolvency in the Australian construction industry	03.12.2015 (2)

Committee	Report	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
ECO (Ref)	Australia's innovation system	03.12.2015 <i>(continued)</i>
ECO (Ref)	*Interim report— Structure and development of forestry managed investment schemes (MIS) (presented OOS 16.12.2015)	(2)
ECO (Ref)	Interest rates and informed choice in the Australian credit card market (presented OOS 16.12.2015)	

* *Reports that did not discharge a reference*

Estimates reports:

There was 1 (LCA) report tabled during the reporting period.

Reports on Annual Reports:

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

Government Responses to Committee Reports

The following table shows 8 Government responses to Senate Committee Reports:

Committee	Government Response	Date Tabled (Daily Total)
RRAT (Ref)	Industry structures and systems governing levies on grass-fed cattle (presented OOS 15.07.2015; report tabled 09.09.2014)	10.08.2015 (2)
EC (Ref)	Recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events (presented OOS 03.08.2015; report tabled 07.08.2013)	
FADT (Leg)	Implementation of the <i>Defence Trade Controls Act 2012</i> —Progress report no. 2 (report tabled 14 May 2014)	18.08.2015 (2)
FADT (Leg)	Implementation of the <i>Defence Trade Controls Act 2012</i> —Progress report no. 3 (report tabled 18 March 2015)	
RRAT (Ref)	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 (final reports tabled 31 March 2014)	20.08.2015 (1)
ECO (Ref)	Privatisation of state and territory assets and new infrastructure (presented OOS 01.09.2015; report tabled 19.03.2015)	07.09.2015 (1)
LCA (Leg)	Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Classification Tools and Other Measures) Bill 2014 (report tabled 27.08.2014)	08.09.2015 (1)
EC (Leg)	Performance, importance and role of Australia Post in Australian communities and its operations in relation to licensed post offices (report tabled 24.09.2014)	02.12.2015 (1)

*Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Department of Parliamentary Services—President's response (tabled 14.10.2015; report tabled 17.09.2015)

Additional Comments; Dissenting Reports; Minority Reports, Supplementary Reports *(Note: These statistics record the signatory to the reports)*

<i>Legislation</i>	<i>LP/NAT</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>Minor Parties</i>	<i>Multi-Party</i>
Additional Comments		6	5	3		
Dissenting Reports		12	19	2		2
Minority Reports						
Supplementary Reports		1				
<i>References</i>	<i>LP/NAT</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>Minor Parties</i>	<i>Multi-Party</i>
Additional Comments	9	3	5	5	2	
Dissenting Reports	8		2			
Minority Reports	1					
<i>Select/Joint</i>	<i>LP/NAT</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>Minor Parties</i>	<i>Multi-Party</i>
Additional Comments			1			
Dissenting Reports	2	1				
Minority Reports						

LP/NAT (Liberal Party, National Party), ALP (Australian Labor Party), AG (Australian Greens), IND (Independent), minor parties include Palmer United Party, Liberal Democratic Party, Family First Party and Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party

Extension of Time to present Reports

During the reporting period, there were 70 extensions of time: (14 of one week or less; 23 of over a week; 33 of over a month)—granted to a committee administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports.

Leave to meet while the Senate is in session

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted leave to meet while the Senate was in session on 66 occasions.

Appointment of Committees

The Senate Select Committee on Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru was re-appointed on 10 August 2015

The Select Committee on Unconventional Gas Mining was appointed on 12 November 2015

Change of Committee Name

The Senate Select Committee into the Abbott Government's Budget Cuts was renamed the Senate Select Committee into the Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures on 11 August 2015.