

PART SIX

2 July 2019–31 December 2019
(beginning of the 46th Parliament)

**Legislative and General Purpose
Standing Committees administered
by the Senate Committee Office
2 July 2019–31 December 2019**

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

2 July 2019 - 31 December 2019

	Matters current as at 2 July 2019	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2019
Legislation	0	9	7	2
References	0	5	0	5
Total	0	14	7	7

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	8	27:21	3	24	3:09	0	35
References	12	53:37	0	22	6:37	0	34
Total	20	80:58	3	46	9:46	0	69
							Total Hours
							55:03
							60:14
							115:17

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	1	1	0	1	4	0
References	1	3	3	1	4	1	0
Total	1	4	4	1	5	5	0

Witnesses				
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	11	123	0	0
References	12	0	213	2
Total	23	123	213	2

* Includes referral of Annual reports x 1

Community Affairs (Legislation)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	05.12.2019
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	02.07.2019
Former member	Term of appointment
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019–05.12.2019
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ¹	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) ²	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ³	23.10.2019–23.10.2019
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ⁴	06.11.2019–06.11.2019
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP) ⁵	08.11.2019–08.11.2019
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ⁶	23.10.2019–23.10.2019

¹ Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on Thursday, 24 October 2019 from 4pm

² Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on Thursday, 24 October 2019 from 4pm

³ Replaced Senator McCarthy for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on Wednesday, 23 October 2019 from 7.30pm

⁴ Replaced Senator McCarthy on 6 November 2019

⁵ Replaced Senator Dean Smith on 8 November 2019

⁶ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on Wednesday, 23 October 2019 from 7.30pm

Inquiries from the end of the 45th Parliament

Nil

Inquiries re-referred

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>02.07.2019–31.12.2019</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2019 tabled 31.07.2019	Ongoing
Budget Estimates 2019–20	02.04.2019 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 141—2 April 2019, p4815)	23–24 October 2019— Canberra (Supplementary) 11.11.2019—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No

New References

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>02.07.2019–31.12.2019</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019	25.07.2019 (SB)	21.11.2019—Melbourne	04.12.2019	No
National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Streamlined Governance) Bill 2019	25.07.2019 (SB)	30.08.2019—Canberra	Presented OOS 06.09.2019; tabled 09.09.2019	No
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Extend Family Assistance to ABSTUDY Secondary School Boarding Students Aged 16 and Over) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	01.08.2019 (SB)	30.08.2019—Canberra	Presented OOS 05.09.2019; tabled 09.09.2019	No
Human Services Amendment (Photographic Identification and Fraud Prevention) Bill 2019	01.08.2019 (SB)	16.09.2019—Canberra	17.10.2019	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	12.09.2019 (SB)	02.10.2019—Canberra	Presented OOS 10.10.2019; tabled 14.10.2019	No
Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management to Cashless Debit Card Transition) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	12.09.2019 (SB)	23.09.2019—Darwin 14.10.2019—Canberra 31.10.2019—Alice Springs	Presented OOS 07.11.2019; tabled 11.11.2019	No
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Sport Integrity Australia) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	14.11.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia's Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	28.11.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Nil

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

Community Affairs (References)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)
(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)

02.07.2019

Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP)
(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)

02.07.2019

Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)

05.12.2019

Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)

02.07.2019

Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP)

02.07.2019

Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)

02.07.2019

Former member

Term of appointment

Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)

02.07.2019–05.12.2019

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP)¹

06.11.2019–06.11.2019

Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP)²

13.11.2019–13.11.2019

Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)³

16.12.2019–16.12.2019

Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP)⁴

03.10.2019–03.10.2019

¹ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 6 November 2019

² Replaced Senator Urquhart on 13 November 2019

³ Replaced Senator Ciccone on 16 December 2019

⁴ Replaced Senator Askew on 3 October 2019

Inquiries from the end of the 45th Parliament

Nil

New References

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Adequacy of Newstart and related payments and alternative mechanisms to determine the level of income support payments	25.07.2019	10.10.2019—Canberra 11.10.2019—Sydney 30.10.2019—Elizabeth, SA 01.11.2019—Alice Springs 06.11.2019—Perth 08.11.2019—Launceston 20.11.2019—Melbourne	Nil	Yes
Centrelink's compliance program	31.07.2019	03.10.2019—Canberra 04.10.2019—Mandurah, WA 09.10.2019—Melbourne 08.11.2019—Launceston 16.12.2019—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	09.09.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Investigations into a possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula, Victoria	17.10.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Current barriers to patient access to medicinal cannabis in Australia	14.11.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
ParentsNext, including its trial and subsequent broader rollout	01.08.2019	29.03.2019
Number of women in Australia who have had transvaginal mesh implants and related matters	02.12.2019 (<i>Progress report</i>)	28.03.2018

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



Economics

Economics

2 July 2019 - 31 December 2019

	Matters current as at 2 July 2019	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2019
Legislation	0	13	7	6
References	0	5	0 +(1^)	5
Total	0	18	7	11

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	8	31:18	2	21:48	19	3:15	29
References	2	14:51	0	0:00	9	1:16	11
Total	10	46:09	2	21:48	28	4:31	40
							Total Hours
							56:21
							16:07
							72:28

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

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	133	87	30	0
References	0	0	25	1
Total	133	87	55	1

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

^Report that re-referred an inquiry from the 45th Parliament

~committee received 2659 submissions, emails and items of correspondence for the Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019 inquiry

Economics (Legislation)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS)	02.07.2019
Senator Rex Patrick (SA, CA)	02.07.2019

Inquiries from the end of the 45th Parliament

Nil

Inquiries re-referred

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2019 tabled 31.07.2019	Ongoing
Budget Estimates 2019–20	02.04.2019 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 141—2 April 2019, p4815)	23–24 October 2019— Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No

New References 02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Treasury Laws Amendment (Putting Members' Interests First) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	04.07.2019 (SB)	Nil	23.07.2019	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Tax Integrity and Other Measures No. 1) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	25.07.2019 (SB)	19.08.2019—Canberra	Presented OOS 04.09.2019; tabled 09.09.2019	No
Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Productivity Commission Response Part 2 and Other Measures) Bill 2019	01.08.2019 (SB)	19.08.2019—Canberra	Presented OOS 04.09.2019; tabled 09.09.2019	No
Performance of the Inspector-General of Taxation	01.08.2019 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))	18.10.2019—Canberra 06.12.2019—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions]	12.09.2019 (SB)	27.09.2019—Sydney	Presented OOS 10.10.2019; tabled 14.10.2019	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Prohibiting Energy Market Misconduct) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	19.09.2019 (SB)	30.10.2019—Sydney	Presented OOS 07.11.2019; tabled 11.11.2019	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Recovering Unpaid Superannuation) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	19.09.2019 (SB)	30.10.2019—Sydney	Presented OOS 07.11.2019; tabled 11.11.2019	No
Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	19.09.2019 (SB)	12.12.2019—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Superannuation, Your Choice) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	28.11.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Small Amount Credit Contract and Consumer Lease Reforms) Bill 2019 (No.2)	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Cross-boundary Greenhouse Gas Titles and Other Measures) Bill 2019 [Provisions] and Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Saving Australian Dairy Bill 2019	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Economics (References)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Rex Patrick (SA, CA)	02.07.2019
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	02.07.2019

Inquiries that lapsed at the beginning of the 46th Parliament

Inquiry Name	Date Referred
Regional inequality in Australia	14.02.2018

Report on references of the 45th Parliament *02.07.2019–31.12.2019*

Report Tabled
Report on a matter not disposed of at the end of the 45 th Parliament
30.07.2019

Inquiries re-referred

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>02.07.2019–31.12.2019</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Regional inequality in Australia	30.07.2019	19.11.2019—Port Augusta, SA 21.11.2019—Traralgon, VIC	Nil	Yes

New References *02.07.2019–31.12.2019*

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>02.07.2019–31.12.2019</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Australia's oil and gas reserves	19.09.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability	19.09.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Causes, extent and effects of unlawful non-payment or underpayment of employees' remuneration by employers and measures that can be taken to address the issue	13.11.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Review of foreign investment proposals against the national interest test	04.12.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Governance and operation of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	23.10.2019	06.07.2018

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

Education and Employment

Education and Employment

2 July 2019 - 31 December 2019

	Matters current as at 2 July 2019	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2019
Legislation	0	6	5	1
References	0	0	0	0
Total	0	6	5	1

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	11	3	21:39	17	1:23	0	31
References	0	0	0:00	7	0:09	0	7
Total	11	3	21:39	24	1:32	0	38
							Total Hours
							53:57
							0:09
							54:06

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	2	4	2	0	0	0	3
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	4	2	0	0	0	3

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	85	115	0	0
References	0	0	0	1
Total	85	115	0	1

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

Education and Employment (Legislation)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS)	02.07.2019
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	02.07.2019
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP)	02.07.2019

Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) ¹	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ²	23.10.2019–23.10.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ³	05.12.2019–05.12.2019

¹ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2019 from 4pm

² Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2019 from 7.30pm

³ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 5 December 2019 from 6pm until 8pm

Inquiries from the end of the 45th Parliament

Nil

Inquiries re-referred

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2019 tabled 31.07.2019	Ongoing
Budget Estimates 2019–20	02.04.2019 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 141—2 April 2019, p4815)	23–24 October 2019— Canberra (Supplementary) 05.12.2019—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No

New References

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	04.07.2019 (SB)	12.09.2019—Canberra 13.09.2019—Brisbane 20.09.2019—Tullamarine, VIC 24.09.2019—Mascot, NSW 25.09.2019—Hobart	Presented OOS 25.10.2019; tabled 11.11.2019	No
Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	04.07.2019 (SB)	12.09.2019—Canberra 13.09.2019—Brisbane 20.09.2019—Tullamarine, VIC 24.09.2019—Mascot, NSW 25.09.2019—Hobart	Presented OOS 25.10.2019; tabled 11.11.2019	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Building on the Child Care Package) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	19.09.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 11.10.2019; tabled 14.10.2019	No
Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2019 [Provisions], VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019 [Provisions] and Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	17.10.2019 (SB)	12.11.2019—Canberra	Presented OOS 22.11.2019; tabled 25.11.2019	No
Student Identifiers Amendment (Enhanced Student Permissions) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Nil

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

Education and Employment (References)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	02.07.2019
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP)	02.07.2019

Inquiries from the end of the 45th Parliament

Nil

New References

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Nil

Government Responses

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Vocational education and training in South Australia	21.10.2019	01.03.2018

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

Environment and Communications

Environment and Communications

2 July 2019 - 31 December 2019

	Matters current as at 2 July 2019	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2019
Legislation	0	7	2	5
References	0	4	0+(1**)+(1^)	4
Total	0	11	2	9

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	2	6:13	3	23:47	10	0	1:44	15	31:44
References	4	22:24	0	0:00	12	0	2:24	16	24:48
Total	6	28:37	3	23:47	22	0	4:08	31	56:32

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

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	5	106	15	0
References	4	0	57	2
Total	9	106	57	2

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

^ Report that re-referred inquiries from the 45th Parliament

**Interim report

Environment and Communications (Legislation)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 19.09.2019)</i>	16.09.2019
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	05.12.2019
Senator Sam McMahon (NT, CLP)	02.07.2019
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator David Van (VIC, LP)	02.07.2019
Substitute member	Date of appointment
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹	19.09.2019
Former members	Term of appointment
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(Deputy Chair 04.07.2019–16.09.2019)</i>	04.07.2019–16.09.2019
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	04.07.2019–05.12.2019
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) ²	22.10.2019–22.10.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ³	21.10.2019–21.10.2019
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁴	12.09.2019–16.09.2019

¹ Replaces Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019

² Replaced Senator Marielle Smith for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 22 October 2019

³ Replaced Senator Marielle Smith for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 21 October 2019

⁴ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019

Inquiries that lapsed at the beginning of the 46th Parliament

Inquiry Name	Date Referred
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)

Inquiries re-referred

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>02.07.2019–31.12.2019</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 and No. 2 of 2019 tabled 23.07.2019	Ongoing
Budget Estimates 2019–20	02.04.2019 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 141—2 April 2019, p4815)	21–22 October 2019— Canberra (Supplementary) 12.11.2019—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No

New References *02.07.2019–31.12.2019*

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>02.07.2019–31.12.2019</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017	04.07.2019 (SB)	06.11.2019—Melbourne	Nil	Yes
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019	04.07.2019 (SB)	06.11.2019—Melbourne	Nil	Yes
Murray-Darling Basin Commission of Inquiry Bill 2019	04.07.2019 (SB)	Nil	19.09.2019	No
Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019	12.09.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019	28.11.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2019 [Provisions] and the Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2019 [Provisions]	28.11.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Nil

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

Environment and Communications (References)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 19.09.2019)</i>	16.09.2019
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator Sam McMahon (NT, CLP)	02.07.2019
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	04.07.2019
Substitute members	Date of appointment
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ¹	15.10.2019
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ² <i>(Inquiry Chair from 04.12.2019)</i>	03.12.2019
Former member	Term of appointment
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(Chair 04.07.2019–16.09.2019)</i>	04.07.2019–16.09.2019
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP) ³	23.08.2019–23.08.2019
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ⁴ <i>(Inquiry Chair from 25.07.2019)</i>	24.07.2019–16.09.2019
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ⁵	18.10.2019–18.10.2019

¹ Replaces Senator Green for the committee's inquiry into the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment

² Replaces Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment

³ Replaced Senator Green for the committee's inquiry into Australia's faunal extinction crisis on 23 August 2019

⁴ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information

⁵ Replaced Senator Urquhart for the committee's inquiry into the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information on 18 October 2019 from 12.30pm

Inquiries that lapsed at the beginning of the 46th Parliament

Inquiry Name	Date Referred
Australia's faunal extinction crisis	27.06.2018
Impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia	18.09.2018

Report on references of the 45th Parliament *02.07.2019–31.12.2019*

Report Tabled
Report on matters not disposed of at the end of the 45 th Parliament

Inquiries re-referred

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>02.07.2019–31.12.2019</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Australia's faunal extinction crisis	23.07.2019	20.08.2019—Sydney 23.08.2019—Canberra	Environmental protections for native grasslands, and the conduct of Ministers— Interim report tabled 04.12.2019	Yes
Impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia	23.07.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes

New References
02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Adequacy of Commonwealth laws and frameworks covering the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information	23.07.2019	18.10.2019—Canberra 15.11.2019—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment	16.09.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Allegations of political interference in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)	08.08.2019	01.04.2019
Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program	14.10.2019	13.02.2019

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

Finance and Public Administration

Finance and Public Administration

2 July 2019 - 31 December 2019

	Matters current as at 2 July 2019	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2019
Legislation	0	5	3	2
References	0	1	1	0
Total	0	6	4	2

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	0	5	27:29	11	0:23	0	16
References	2	0	0:00	12	1:00	0	14
Total	2	5	27:29	23	1:23	0	30
							Total Hours
							27:52
							4:58
							32:50

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

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	199	0	0	0
References	0	0	8	0
Total	199	0	8	0

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

Finance and Public Administration (Legislation)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Malcolm Roberts (QLD, PHON)	04.07.2019
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP)	02.07.2019

Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ¹	25.10.2019–25.10.2019
Senator Pat Dodson (WA, ALP) ²	25.10.2019–25.10.2019

¹ Replaced Senator O'Sullivan for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 October 2019 from 12pm

² Replaced Senator Kitching for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 October 2019

Inquiries that lapsed at the beginning of the 46th Parliament

Inquiry Name	Date Referred
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)

Inquiries re-referred

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>02.07.2019–31.12.2019</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 and No. 2 of 2019 tabled 23.07.2019	Ongoing
Budget Estimates 2019–20	02.04.2019 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 141—2 April 2019, p4815)	21–22 and 25 October 2019—Canberra (Supplementary) 14 and 26 November 2019—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No

New References *02.07.2019–31.12.2019*

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>02.07.2019–31.12.2019</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Ministers of State (Checks for Security Purposes) Bill 2019	04.07.2019 (SB)	Nil	11.11.2019	No
Emergency Response Fund Bill 2019 [Provisions] and Emergency Response Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	12.09.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 10.10.2019; tabled 14.10.2019	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants) Bill 2019	14.11.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
National Integrity (Parliamentary Standards) Bill 2019	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Nil

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

Finance and Public Administration (References)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Tim Ayres (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Malcolm Roberts (QLD, PHON)	04.07.2019
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP)	02.07.2019
Former substitute member	Term of appointment
Senator Amanda Stoker (QLD, LP) ¹	30.08.2019–30.08.2019

¹ Replaced Senator Paterson for the committee's inquiry into compliance with Ministerial Standards on Friday, 30 August 2019

Inquiries from the end of the 45th Parliament

Nil

New References

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Compliance by former Ministers of State with the requirements of the Prime Minister's Statement of Ministerial Standards	22.07.2019	30.08.2019—Canberra 05.09.2019—Canberra	Presented OOS 26.09.2019; tabled 14.10.2019	No

Government Responses

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Nil

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OOS (*Out of session*)

**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

2 July 2019 - 31 December 2019

	Matters current as at 2 July 2019	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2019
Legislation	0	1	1	0
References	0	1	0	1
Total	0	2	1	1

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	0	0:00	3	25:49	8	0:34	11
References	1	2:25	0	0:00	7	0:41	8
Total	1	2:25	3	25:49	15	1:15	19
							Total Hours
							26:23
							3:06
							29:29

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	19	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	3	84	0	2
References	1	0	7	0
Total	4	84	7	2

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Legislation)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Tim Ayres (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Jacqui Lambie (TAS, JLN)	02.07.2019
Former substitute member	Term of appointment
Senator David Van (VIC, LP) ¹	24.10.2019–24.10.2019

¹ Replaced Senator Abetz for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on Thursday, 24 October 2019 from 3.30pm

Inquiries that lapsed at the beginning of the 46th Parliament

Inquiry Name	Date Referred
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)

Inquiries re-referred

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>02.07.2019–31.12.2019</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 and No. 2 of 2019 tabled 23.07.2019	Ongoing
Budget Estimates 2019–20	02.04.2019 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 141—2 April 2019, p4815)	23–24 October 2019— Canberra (Supplementary) 29.11.2019—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No

New References

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Nil

Government Responses

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Infrastructure Financing) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	24.07.2019	26.03.2019
Reports on Annual Reports—No. 1 and No. 2 of 2019	28.10.2019	23.07.2019

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

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (References)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Tim Ayres (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Jacqui Lambie (TAS, JLN)	02.07.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019

Inquiries from the end of the 45th Parliament

Nil

New References

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Australia's declarations made under certain international laws	16.09.2019	02.12.2019—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

2 July 2019 – 31 December 2019

	Matters current as at 2 July 2019	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2019
Legislation	0	18	10	8
References	0	2	0	2
Total	0	20	10	10

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	6	29:11	2	22:45	16	2:46	0	0:00	24	54:42
References	1	5:13	0	0:00	8	1:04	0	0:00	9	6:17
Total	7	34:24	2	22:45	24	3:50	0	0:00	33	60:59

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	8	136	0	0
References	1	0	20	0
Total	9	136	20	0

* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Legislation)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Amanda Stoker (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP)	14.10.2019
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	02.07.2019

Substitute members	Date of appointment
Senator Patrick Dodson (WA, ALP) ¹	26.11.2019
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ²	13.11.2019
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ³	03.12.2019

Former member	Term of appointment
Senator David Van (VIC, LP)	02.07.2019–14.10.2019

Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP) ⁴	19.08.2019–27.08.2019
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) ⁵	21.10.2019–21.10.2019
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁶	21.10.2019–21.10.2019

¹ Replaces Senator Carr for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

² Replaces Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

³ Replaces Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

⁴ Replaced Senator Van for certain meetings from 19 August 2019 to 27 August 2019

⁵ Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 21 October 2019 from 9am to 6.30pm

⁶ Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 21 October 2019 from 6.30pm

Inquiries from the end of the 45th Parliament

Nil

Inquiries re-referred

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>02.07.2019–31.12.2019</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2019 tabled 31.07.2019	Ongoing
Budget Estimates 2019–20	02.04.2019 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 141—2 April 2019, p4815)	21–22 October 2019— Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No

New References

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>02.07.2019–31.12.2019</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	04.07.2019 (SB)	12.08.2019—Canberra	Presented OOS 06.09.2019; tabled 09.09.2019	No
Customs Amendment (Immediate Destruction of Illicit Tobacco) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	04.07.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 19.07.2019; tabled 22.07.2019	No
Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	04.07.2019 (SB)	26.08.2019—Canberra	Presented OOS 18.10.2019; tabled 11.11.2019	No
Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	04.07.2019 (SB)	19.08.2019—Canberra	Presented OOS 13.09.2019; tabled 16.09.2019	No
Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	04.07.2019 (SB)	22.08.2019—Canberra	Presented OOS 13.09.2019; tabled 16.09.2019	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Combatting Child Sexual Exploitation Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions]	01.08.2019 (SB)	27.08.2019—Canberra	Presented OOS 05.09.2019; tabled 09.09.2019	No
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	12.09.2019 (SB)	29.10.2019—Canberra	Presented OOS 07.11.2019; tabled 11.11.2019	No
New Skilled Regional Visas (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	12.09.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 11.10.2019; tabled 14.10.2019	No
Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	19.09.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 20.11.2019; tabled 25.11.2019	No
Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions]	17.10.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions]	14.11.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2019 [Provisions] and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	28.11.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	28.11.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2019	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Family Law Amendment (Western Australia De Facto Superannuation Splitting and Bankruptcy) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Bill 2019 [Provisions] and Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Transport Security Amendment (Testing and Training) Bill 2019	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Nil

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (References)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Amanda Stoker (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	02.07.2019

Inquiries from the end of the 45th Parliament

Nil

New References

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Nationhood, national identity and democracy	29.07.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Impact of changes to service delivery models on the administration and running of Government programs	01.08.2019	01.11.2019—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Nil

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

**Rural & Regional Affairs
and Transport**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

2 July 2019 - 31 December 2019

	Matters current as at 2 July 2019	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2019
Legislation	0	9	5 +(1^)	4
References	0	8	2 +(1^)	6
Total	0	17	7	10

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	3	6:21	3	27:20	14	0	2:55	20	36:36
References	5	19:04	0	0:00	12	0	4:15	17	23:19
Total	8	25:25	3	27:20	26	0	7:10	37	59:55

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

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	75	0	21	1
References	0	0	51	2
Total	75	0	72	3

* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

^Reports that re-referred inquiries from the 45th Parliament

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Chair on 09.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 09.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)	04.07.2019
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	02.07.2019

Inquiries that lapsed at the beginning of the 46th Parliament

Inquiry Name	Date Referred
Export Control Amendment (Banning Cotton Exports to Ensure Water Security) Bill 2019	14.02.2019 (SB)
Performance of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority	18.02.2019 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))

Report on references of the 45th Parliament

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Report Tabled
Report on matters not disposed of at the end of the 45 th Parliament

Inquiries re-referred

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2019 tabled 31.07.2019	Ongoing
Performance of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority	23.07.2019 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))	25.09.2019—Brisbane 11.11.2019—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Budget Estimates 2019–20	02.04.2019 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 141—2 April 2019, p4815)	21–22 and 25 October 2019—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No

New References
02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2019 [Provisions] and Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions]	01.08.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 28.08.2019; tabled 09.09.2019	No
Performance of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, and in particular its report on the June 2017 crash of a flight conducted on behalf of Angel Flight Australia	22.08.2019 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))	04.09.2019—Sydney	Presented OOS 04.10.2019; tabled 14.10.2019	No
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Board and Other Improvements) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	19.09.2019 (SB)	Nil	28.11.2019	No
Farm Household Support Amendment (Relief Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2019 [Provisions]	17.10.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 07.11.2019; tabled 11.11.2019	No
Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	02.12.2019 (SB) <i>(referred for inquiry 28.11.2019, contingent upon introduction in the Senate)</i>	Nil	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Current state of Australia's general aviation industry	02.12.2019 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))	Nil	Nil	Yes
Export Control Bill 2019 [Provisions], Export Control (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019 [Provisions], Export Charges (Imposition–General) Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions], Export Charges (Imposition–Excise) Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions] and Export Charges (Imposition–Customs) Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions]	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Performance of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, and in particular its report on the June 2017 crash of a flight conducted on behalf of Angel Flight Australia	19.11.2019	04.10.2019

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

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (References)

46th Parliament (2 July 2019 to 31 December 2019)

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 09.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 09.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)	04.07.2019
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	02.07.2019
Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) ¹	29.11.2019
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ²	17.09.2019
Former substitute member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ³	29.07.2019–27.11.2019

¹ Replaces Senator Watt for the committee's inquiry into water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef

² Replaces Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef

³ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Feasibility of a National Horse Traceability Register

Inquiries that lapsed at the beginning of the 46th Parliament

Inquiry Name	Date Referred
Provision of rescue, firefighting and emergency response at Australian airports	05.12.2018
Policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping	05.12.2018
Feasibility of a National Horse Traceability Register	12.02.2019

Report on references of the 45th Parliament *02.07.2019–31.12.2019*

	Report Tabled
Report on matters not disposed of at the end of the 45 th Parliament	23.07.2019

Inquiries re-referred

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>02.07.2019–31.12.2019</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2019</i>
Provision of rescue, firefighting and emergency response at Australian airports	23.07.2019	Nil	01.08.2019	No
Policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping	23.07.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Feasibility of a National Horse Traceability Register	23.07.2019	04.09.2019—Sydney 20.09.2019—Canberra 11.11.2019—Canberra	27.11.2019	No

New References
02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 02.07.2019–31.12.2019	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2019
Importance of a viable, safe, sustainable and efficient road transport industry	11.09.2019	22.11.2019—Albury NSW	Nil	Yes
Water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef	17.09.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Management of the Inland Rail project by the Australian Rail Track Corporation and the Commonwealth Government	17.09.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Performance of Australia's dairy industry and the profitability of Australian dairy farmers since deregulation in 2000	17.10.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Federal Government's response to the drought, and the adequacy and appropriateness of policies and measures to support farmers, regional communities and the Australian economy	14.11.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
02.07.2019–31.12.2019

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Provision of rescue, firefighting and emergency response at Australian airports	07.11.2019	01.08.2019
Operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities	05.12.2019	07.06.2019

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