

# **PART SIX**

**1 July 2020–31 December 2020**



**Legislative and General Purpose  
Standing Committees administered  
by the Senate Committee Office  
1 July 2020–31 December 2020**



## **Community Affairs**

# Community Affairs

1 July 2020 - 31 December 2020

	Matters current as at 1 July 2020	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2020
Legislation	1	10	9 + 1 <sup>^</sup>	1
References	3	0	0 + (2**)	3
Total	4	10	9 + 1 <sup>^</sup>	4

## Number and Hours of Meeting

Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	2	4	43:40	16	2:03	0	0:00	22	51:43
References	6	0	0:00	14	4:26	0	0:00	20	24:49
Total	8	4	43:40	30	6:29	0	0:00	42	76:32

## 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

Televised Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	341	34	0	229	0
References	0	0	63	16	2
Total	341	34	63	245	2

\* Includes referral of Annual reports x 1; Estimates x 1

<sup>^</sup>2 inquiries were discharged by one report

\*\*Interim reports

# Community Affairs (Legislation)

1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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 Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP)	11.02.2020
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	05.12.2019
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	02.07.2019
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019–11.02.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019–05.12.2019
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>1</sup>	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>2</sup>	27.10.2020–27.10.2020
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP) <sup>3</sup>	05.03.2020–05.03.2020
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP) <sup>4</sup>	26.10.2020–26.10.2020
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <sup>6</sup>	23.10.2019–23.10.2019
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <sup>7</sup>	06.11.2019–06.11.2019
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>8</sup>	29.10.2020–29.10.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2019 from 4pm

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 27 October 2020 from 7.30pm until 8.30pm

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 5 March 2020 from 6pm

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 26 October 2020 from 7.30pm until 8.30pm

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2019 from 4pm

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator McCarthy for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2019 from 7.30pm

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator McCarthy on 6 November 2019

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator McCarthy for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 29 October 2020 for the evening sessions

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Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP)<sup>9</sup>

08.11.2019–08.11.2019

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Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)<sup>10</sup>

23.10.2019–23.10.2019

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<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Dean Smith on 8 November 2019

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2019 from 7.30pm



**Inquiries**  
as at 01.07.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.07.2020–31.12.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> As at 31.12.2020
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2020 tabled 07.10.2020	Ongoing
Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Financial Transparency) Bill 2020	18.06.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

**New References**  
01.07.2020–31.12.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.07.2020–31.12.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> As at 31.12.2020
Budget estimates 2020–21	06.10.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 67—6 October 2020, p2349)	26–29 October 2020—Canberra	Presented OOS 17.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No
National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	08.10.2020 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 05.11.2020; tabled 09.11.2020	No
Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Continuation of Cashless Welfare) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	08.10.2020 (SB)	05.11.2020—Canberra with videoconference	Presented OOS 17.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Coronavirus and Other Measures) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	22.10.2020 (Pursuant to order of the Senate of 7 October 2020)	Nil	Presented OOS 06.11.2020; tabled 09.11.2020	No

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2020–31.12.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2020</b>
Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance Administration) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	12.11.2020 (SB)	Nil	02.12.2020	No
Aged Care Amendment (Aged Care Recipient Classification) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	12.11.2020 (SB)	Nil	02.12.2020	No
Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Improved Home Care Payment Administration No. 1) Bill 2020	12.11.2020 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 27.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No
Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Improved Home Care Payment Administration No. 2) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	12.11.2020 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 27.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Extension of Coronavirus Support) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	12.11.2020 (SB)	25.11.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 27.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No

## **Government Responses**

*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

Nil

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

# Community Affairs (References)

1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	05.02.2020
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	02.07.2019
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)	05.12.2019–05.02.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019–05.12.2019
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	11.02.2020–11.02.2020
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	06.11.2019–06.11.2019
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	13.11.2019–13.11.2019
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) <sup>4</sup>	31.07.2020–31.07.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	16.12.2019–16.12.2019
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>6</sup>	03.08.2020–03.08.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>7</sup>	17.08.2020–17.08.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart on 11 February 2020

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart on 6 November 2019

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart on 13 November 2019

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Hughes for the committee's inquiry into Centrelink's compliance program on 31 July 2020

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Ciccone on 16 December 2019

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart on 3 August 2020

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart for the committee's inquiry into Centrelink's compliance program on 17 August 2020

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Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>8</sup>	17.08.2020–17.08.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>9</sup>	31.08.2020–31.08.2020
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP) <sup>10</sup>	03.10.2019–03.10.2019
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP) <sup>11</sup>	17.08.2020–17.08.2020

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<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart on 17 August 2020

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk on 31 August 2020

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Askew on 3 October 2019

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator McCarthy for the committee's inquiry into Centrelink's compliance program on 17 August 2020

**Inquiries**  
as at 01.07.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2020–31.12.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2020</b>
Centrelink's compliance program	31.07.2019	31.07.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 17.08.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Second Interim report tabled 01.09.2020 Third Interim report tabled 02.09.2020	Yes
Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	09.09.2019	16.09.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 14.10.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 04.12.2020—Canberra with teleconference	Nil	Yes
Investigations into a possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula, Victoria	17.10.2019	20.11.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Nil	Yes

**New References**  
01.07.2020–31.12.2020

Nil

**Government Responses**  
01.07.2020–31.12.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
Support for Australia's thalidomide survivors	12.10.2020	22.03.2019
My Health Record system	05.11.2020	18.10.2018

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



**Economics**

## Economics

1 July 2020 - 31 December 2020

	Matters current as at 1 July 2020	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2020
Legislation	4	8	10	2
References	5	0	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>

### Number and Hours of Meeting

Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	5	4	46:06	27	2:44	0	0:00	36	68:05
References	4	0	0:00	9	1:13	0	0:00	13	23:33
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>46:06</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3:57</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>91:38</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Witnesses

Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	293	60	0	212	0
References	0	0	69	22	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 1



# Economics (Legislation)

1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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 17.06.2020)</i>	16.06.2020
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(Acting Deputy Chair 26.10.2020–27.10.2020)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS)	02.07.2019
Senator Rex Patrick (SA, IND)	02.07.2019
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 04.07.2019–05.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019–05.02.2020
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 06.02.2020–16.06.2020)</i>	05.02.2020–16.06.2020
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <sup>1</sup>	28.10.2020–29.10.2020
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	27.10.2020–27.10.2020
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>3</sup>	26.10.2020–26.10.2020
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	26.10.2020–26.10.2020
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <sup>5</sup>	26.10.2020–26.10.2020
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <sup>6</sup>	27.10.2020–27.10.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>7</sup> <i>(Acting Deputy Chair on 28.10.2020)</i>	28.10.2020–28.10.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator McDonald for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 28 and 29 October 2020

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Gallacher for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 27 October 2020

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator McDonald for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 26 October 2020 from 9am until 3pm

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Gallacher for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 26 October 2020

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator McDonald for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 26 October 2020 from 3pm

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator McDonald for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 27 October 2020

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Gallacher for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 28 October 2020

Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <sup>8</sup> <i>(Acting Chair 26.10.2020–29.10.2020)</i>	19.10.2020–02.11.2020
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>9</sup>	02.03.2020–06.03.2020
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>10</sup> <i>(Acting Deputy Chair on 29.10.2020)</i>	29.10.2020–29.10.2020
Senator Amanda Stoker (QLD, LP) <i>(Acting Chair 27.10.2020 from 7.15pm)</i>	27.10.2020–27.10.2020

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<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates from 19 October 2020 to 2 November 2020

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Kitching for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates from 2 March 2020 until 6 March 2020

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Gallacher for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 29 October 2020

**Inquiries**  
as at 01.07.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.07.2020–31.12.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> As at 31.12.2020
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2020 tabled 25.08.2020	Ongoing
National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Small Amount Credit Contract and Consumer Lease Reforms) Bill 2019 (No.2)	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 21.09.2020; tabled 06.10.2020	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Research and Development Tax Incentive) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	06.02.2020 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 12.10.2020; tabled 09.11.2020	No
National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment (Site Specification, Community Fund and Other Measures) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	27.02.2020 (SB)	28.07.2020—Canberra with teleconference 03.08.2020—Canberra with teleconference 28.08.2020—Canberra	Presented OOS 14.09.2020; tabled 06.10.2020	No
Banking Amendment (Deposits) Bill 2020	18.06.2020 (SB)	Nil	24.08.2020	No

**Other Committee Activities**

01.07.2020–31.12.2020

	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.07.2020–31.12.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b> 01.07.2020–31.12.2020
Nil	Nil	Nil

**New References**  
*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2020–31.12.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2020</i>
Treasury Laws Amendment (Self Managed Superannuation Funds) Bill 2020	03.09.2020 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 04.11.2020; tabled 09.11.2020	No
Budget estimates 2020–21	06.10.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 67—6 October 2020, p2349)	26–29 October 2020— Canberra	Presented OOS 17.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No
Economic Recovery Package (JobMaker Hiring Credit) Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions]	08.10.2020 (SB)	02.11.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 06.11.2020; tabled 09.11.2020	No
Foreign Investment Reform (Protecting Australia’s National Security) Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions]	28.10.2020 ( <i>Pursuant to order of the Senate of 7 October 2020</i> )	18.11.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 26.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (2020 Measures No. 4) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	28.10.2020 ( <i>Pursuant to order of the Senate of 7 October 2020</i> )	Nil	Presented OOS 26.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No
National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Supporting Economic Recovery) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	10.12.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Treasury Laws Amendment (News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	10.12.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

**Government Responses**

*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

Nil

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

# Economics (References)

1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 17.06.2020)</i>	16.06.2020
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, IND)	02.07.2019
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	02.07.2019
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(Chair 04.07.2019–05.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019–05.02.2020
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <i>(Chair 06.02.2020–16.06.2020)</i>	05.02.2020–16.06.2020
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <sup>1</sup> <i>(Acting Chair on 07.08.2020)</i>	07.08.2020–07.08.2020
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <sup>2</sup> <i>(Acting Chair on 14.08.2020)</i>	14.08.2020–14.08.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	15.05.2020–15.05.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>4</sup> <i>(Acting Chair on 07.08.2020)</i>	07.08.2020–07.08.2020
<b>Former subcommittee members<sup>5</sup></b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	18.09.2020–18.09.2020
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)	18.09.2020–18.09.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Gallacher for the committee's inquiry into foreign investment proposals on 7 August 2020 from 1pm

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Gallacher for the committee's inquiry into Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability on 14 August 2020

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Kitching for the committee's inquiry into foreign investment proposals on 15 May 2020

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Gallacher for the committee's inquiry into foreign investment proposals on 7 August 2020 from 9am until 1pm

<sup>5</sup> Inquiry into underpayment of employees' remuneration on 18 September 2020

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Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)

18.09.2020–18.09.2020

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Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)

18.09.2020–18.09.2020

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**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2020–31.12.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2020</i>
Regional inequality in Australia	30.07.2019	Nil	Final report tabled 03.12.2020	No
Australia's oil and gas reserves	19.09.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability	19.09.2019	14.08.2020—Canberra with teleconference 13.11.2020—Canberra with teleconference	Nil	Yes
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	18.09.2020—Canberra with videoconference	Nil	Yes
Review of foreign investment proposals against the national interest test	04.12.2019	07.08.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Nil	Yes

**New References**  
*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

Nil



**Government Responses**

*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

Nil

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



# **Education and Employment**

## Education and Employment

1 July 2020 – 31 December 2020

	Matters current as at 1 July 2020	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2020
Legislation	1	6	5	2
References	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

### Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	4	27:21	4	38:52	16	1:22	0	0:00	24	67:35
References	3	16:43	0	0:00	7	0:18	0	0:00	10	17:01
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>44:04</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38:52</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1:40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>84:36</b>

### Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	8	89	77	0	320	0
References	3	0	0	42	61	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 1

# Education and Employment (Legislation)

1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	28.10.2020–28.10.2020
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	23.10.2019–23.10.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	05.12.2019–05.12.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	04.03.2020–04.03.2020
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>6</sup>	26.10.2020–26.10.2020
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>7</sup>	27.10.2020–27.10.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 28 October 2020

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2019 from 4pm

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2019 from 7.30pm

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 5 December 2019 from 6pm until 8pm

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 4 March 2020

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 26 October 2020 from 9am to 12pm and from 7pm

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 27 October 2020 from 9am to 12pm

**Inquiries**  
as at 01.07.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.07.2020–31.12.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> As at 31.12.2020
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2020 tabled 26.08.2020	Ongoing
Payment Times Reporting Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Payment Times Reporting (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	12.06.2020 (SB)	07.07.2020—Canberra with teleconference	Presented OOS 30.07.2020; tabled 24.08.2020	No

**New References**  
01.07.2020–31.12.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.07.2020–31.12.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> As at 31.12.2020
Higher Education Support Amendment (Job-Ready Graduates and Supporting Regional and Remote Students) Bill 2020	03.09.2020 (SB)	15.09.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 17.09.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 25.09.2020; tabled 06.10.2020	No
Budget estimates 2020–21	06.10.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 67—6 October 2020, p2349)	26–29 October 2020—Canberra	Presented OOS 17.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No
Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Provider Category Standards and Other Measures) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	08.10.2020 (SB)	04.11.2020—Canberra with videoconference	Presented OOS 27.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2020–31.12.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2020</b>
Australian Education Legislation Amendment (Prohibiting the Indoctrination of Children) Bill 2020	10.12.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Fair Work Amendment (Supporting Australia's Jobs and Economic Recovery) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	10.12.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

### **Government Responses**

*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

Nil

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

# Education and Employment (References)

1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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**  
as at 01.07.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2020–31.12.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2020</b>
Regulation of the relationship between car manufacturers and car dealers in Australia (formerly General Motors Holden in Australia) (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 72—11 November 2020, p2541)	27.02.2020	03.08.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 19.11.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 24.11.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Nil	Yes

**New References**  
01.07.2020–31.12.2020

Nil

**Government Responses**  
01.07.2020–31.12.2020

Nil

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



# **Environment and Communications**

# Environment and Communications

1 July 2020 - 31 December 2020

	Matters current as at 1 July 2020	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2020
Legislation	4	8	8	4
References	4	1	0	5
Total	8	9	8	9

## Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	7	28:23	6	50:13	12	1:56	0	0:00	25	80:32
References	13	34:16	0	0:00	7	2:10	2	5:01	22	41:27
Total	20	62:39	6	50:13	19	4:06	2	5:01	47	121:59

## Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	17	0	0	2	3	0	0	0
Total	42	0	0	2	3	0	0	0

## Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	13	286	137	0	259	0
References	13	0	0	121	195	2
Total	26	286	137	121	454	2

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 1

# Environment and Communications (Legislation)

1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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 Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	08.10.2020
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	05.12.2019
Senator Sam McMahon (NT, CLP)	02.07.2019
Senator David Van (VIC, LP)	02.07.2019
<b>Substitute member</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>1</sup>	19.09.2019
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(Deputy Chair 04.07.2019-16.09.2019)</i>	04.07.2019–16.09.2019
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP)	04.07.2019–08.10.2020
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	04.07.2019–05.12.2019
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	22.10.2019–22.10.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	21.10.2019–21.10.2019
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>4</sup>	12.09.2019–16.09.2019

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

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

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

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

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2020–31.12.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2020</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	Presented OOS 09.10.2020; tabled 09.11.2020	Ongoing
Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019	12.09.2019 (SB)	29.07.2020—Canberra with teleconference 24.08.2020—Canberra with videoconference	Nil	Yes
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2020	27.02.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Product Stewardship (Oil) Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions] and the Excise Tariff Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions]	12.06.2020 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 30.07.2020; tabled 24.08.2020	No
Future of Australia Post's service delivery	16.06.2020	08.07.2020—Canberra with videoconference	25.08.2020	No

**New References**  
*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2020–31.12.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2020</i>
Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Grid Reliability Fund) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	03.09.2020 (SB)	13.10.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 04.11.2020; tabled 09.11.2020	No

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2020–31.12.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2020</b>
Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment (Reform and Modernisation) Bill 2020 [Provisions], Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions]	03.09.2020 (SB)	12.10.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 04.11.2020; tabled 09.11.2020	No
Recycling and Waste Reduction Bill 2020 [Provisions], Recycling and Waste Reduction (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2020 [Provisions], Recycling and Waste Reduction Charges (General) Bill 2020 [Provisions], Recycling and Waste Reduction Charges (Customs) Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Recycling and Waste Reduction Charges (Excise) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	03.09.2020 (SB)	18.09.2020—Canberra with teleconference	Presented OOS 01.10.2020; tabled 06.10.2020	No
Budget estimates 2020–21	06.10.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 67—6 October 2020, p2349)	19–22 October 2020—Canberra 09.11.2020—Canberra 11.11.2020—Canberra	08.12.2020	No
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Streamlining Environmental Approvals) Bill 2020	12.11.2020 (SB)	23.11.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 27.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No
National Collecting Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions]	10.12.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2020-31.12.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2020</b>
Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Bill 2020 [Provisions], Industrial Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions], Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (General) Bill 2020 [Provisions], Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (Customs) Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (Excise) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	10.12.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

### **Government Responses**

*01.07.2020-31.12.2020*

Nil

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)  
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# Environment and Communications (References)

1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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 Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	08.10.2020
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator Sam McMahon (NT, CLP)	02.07.2019
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	04.07.2019
<b>Substitute members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	30.11.2020
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>2</sup> <i>(Inquiry Chair from 04.12.2019)</i>	03.12.2019
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(Chair 04.07.2019–16.09.2019)</i>	04.07.2019–16.09.2019
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP)	04.07.2019–08.10.2020
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	15.10.2019–10.12.2020
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	23.08.2019–23.08.2019
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <sup>5</sup> <i>(Inquiry Chair from 25.07.2019)</i>	24.07.2019–16.09.2019

<sup>1</sup> Replaces Senator Urquhart for the committee's inquiry into media diversity in Australia

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

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Green for the committee's inquiry into the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Green for the committee's inquiry into Australia's faunal extinction crisis on 23 August 2019

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information

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<sup>6</sup> 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**  
as at 01.07.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2020–31.12.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2020</i>
Australia's faunal extinction crisis	23.07.2019	30.07.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 25.08.2020—Canberra 28.08.2020—Canberra with teleconference 29.09.2020—Kangaroo Island, SA	Nil	Yes
Impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia	23.07.2019	21.07.2020—Canberra with teleconference 22.07.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 14.10.2020—Canberra with videoconference 24.11.2020—Launceston, TAS	Nil	Yes
Press freedom (Adequacy of Commonwealth laws and frameworks covering the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information)	23.07.2019	12.08.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 31.08.2020—Canberra with teleconference	Nil	Yes
Impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment	16.09.2019	12.08.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 21.09.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 22.09.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Nil	Yes

**New References**  
*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2020–31.12.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2020</i>
Media diversity in Australia	11.11.2020	Nil	Nil	Yes

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
Australia's Faunal Extinction Crisis—Environmental protections for native grasslands, and the conduct of ministers—Interim report	24.09.2020	04.12.2019
Australia's Faunal Extinction Crisis—Environmental protections for native grasslands, and the conduct of ministers—updated response	07.10.2020	04.12.2019

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# **Finance and Public Administration**

## Finance and Public Administration

1 July 2020 - 31 December 2020

	Matters current as at 1 July 2020	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2020
Legislation	5	3	6	2
References	1	2	0 + (1**)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>

### Number and Hours of Meeting

Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	3	5	43:57	7	0:51	0	0:00	15	51:06
References	4	0	0:00	6	2:10	0	0:00	10	26:39
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>43:57</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3:01</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>77:45</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Witnesses

Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	86	29	0	35	0
References	0	0	62	11	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 1

\*\* Includes Interim report

# Finance and Public Administration (Legislation)

1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Tim Ayres (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 06.02.2020)</i>	05.02.2020
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
<b>Former member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 04.07.2019–05.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019–05.02.2020
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP) <sup>1</sup>	23.10.2020–23.10.2020
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>2</sup>	25.10.2019–25.10.2019
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>3</sup>	06.03.2020–06.03.2020
Senator Pat Dodson (WA, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	25.10.2019–25.10.2019
Senator Pat Dodson (WA, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	06.03.2020–06.03.2020
Senator Pat Dodson (WA, ALP) <sup>6</sup>	23.10.2020–23.10.2020
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) <sup>7</sup>	02.03.2020–02.03.2020
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) <sup>8</sup>	03.03.2020–03.03.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator O'Sullivan for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 23 October 2020

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator O'Sullivan for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 October 2019 from 12pm

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator O'Sullivan for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 6 March 2020 from 12.30pm

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Kitching for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 October 2019

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Kitching for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 6 March 2020

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Kitching for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 23 October 2020

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Scarr for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 2 March 2020 from 4pm to 5pm

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Scarr for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 3 March 2020 from 9am to 10.30am

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2020–31.12.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2020</b>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2020 tabled 07.10.2020	Ongoing
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants) Bill 2019	14.11.2019 (SB)	05.08.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 04.09.2020; tabled 06.10.2020	No
National Integrity (Parliamentary Standards) Bill 2019	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 12.08.2020; tabled 24.08.2020	No
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020	27.02.2020 (SB)	12.11.2020—Canberra with videoconference	03.12.2020	No
Intelligence and Security Legislation Amendment (Implementing Independent Intelligence Review) Bill 2020	27.02.2020 (SB)	10.11.2020—Canberra with videoconference	09.12.2020	No
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2020	18.06.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes



**New References**  
01.07.2020–31.12.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.07.2020–31.12.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> As at 31.12.2020
Operation and management of the Department of Parliamentary Services	03.09.2020	Nil	Nil	Yes
Budget estimates 2020–21	06.10.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 67—6 October 2020, p2349)	19–23 October 2020— Canberra	Presented OOS 17.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No

**Government Responses**

01.07.2020–31.12.2020

Nil

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# Finance and Public Administration (References)

1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Tim Ayres (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 10.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	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
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	05.02.2020
<b>Former member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(Chair 04.07.2019–06.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019–06.02.2020
<b>Former substitute member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Amanda Stoker (QLD, LP) <sup>1</sup>	30.08.2019–30.08.2019

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Paterson for the committee's inquiry into compliance with Ministerial Standards on 30 August 2019

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2020–31.12.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2020</b>
Lessons to be learned in relation to the 2019–20 Australian bushfire season	05.02.2020	10.07.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 29.07.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 30.07.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 12.08.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Interim report tabled 07.10.2020	Yes

**New References**  
*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2020–31.12.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2020</b>
Current capability of the Australian Public Service (APS)	01.12.2020	Nil	Nil	Yes
Planning, construction and management of the Western Sydney Airport project	09.12.2020	Nil	Nil	Yes

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

Nil

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**Foreign Affairs, Defence  
and Trade**

## Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 July 2020 - 31 December 2020

	Matters current as at 1 July 2020	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2020
Legislation	0	7	6	1
References	2	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>

### Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	4	20:16	4	44:54	12	2:29	0	0:00	20	67:39
References	6	18:30	0	0:00	8	2:33	0	0:00	14	21:03
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>38:46</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>44:54</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5:02</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>88:42</b>

### Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	8	111	102	0	201	1
References	6	0	0	96	85	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>1</b>

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 1

# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Legislation)

1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sam McMahon (NT, CLP) <sup>1</sup>	28.10.2020–28.10.2020
Senator David Van (VIC, LP) <sup>2</sup>	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator David Van (VIC, LP) <sup>3</sup>	05.03.2020–05.03.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Fawcett for the consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 28 October 2020 from 7.30pm

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Abetz for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2019 from 3.30pm

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Fawcett for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 5 March 2020 from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

**Inquiries**  
as at 01.07.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.07.2020–31.12.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> As at 31.12.2020
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2020 tabled 07.10.2020	Ongoing

**New References**  
01.07.2020–31.12.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.07.2020–31.12.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> As at 31.12.2020
Australia’s Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Australia’s Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	03.09.2020 (SB)	12.10.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 13.10.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 05.11.2020; tabled 09.11.2020	No
National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention Bill 2020 [Provisions] and National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	03.09.2020 (SB)	17.11.2020—Canberra with teleconference	30.11.2020	No
Budget estimates 2020–21	06.10.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 67—6 October 2020, p2349)	26–29 October 2020—Canberra	Presented OOS 17.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No



<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2020–31.12.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2020</b>
Defence Legislation Amendment (Enhancement of Defence Force Response to Emergencies) Bill 2020	08.10.2020 (SB)	30.10.2020—Canberra with videoconference	Presented OOS 04.11.2020; tabled 09.11.2020	No
Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions]	10.11.2020	Nil	Presented OOS 26.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No
Customs Amendment (Banning Goods Produced By Uyghur Forced Labour) Bill 2020	10.12.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

### **Government Responses**

*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	30.11.2020	05.11.2020

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# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (References)

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<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<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**  
*as at 01.07.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2020–31.12.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2020</b>
Opportunities for strengthening Australia's relations with the Republic of France	05.02.2020	Nil	27.08.2020	No
Issues facing diaspora communities in Australia	14.05.2020	29.09.2020—Canberra with teleconference 09.10.2020—Canberra with teleconference 14.10.2020—Canberra with teleconference 15.10.2020—Canberra with teleconference 02.11.2020—Canberra with teleconference 06.11.2020—Canberra with teleconference	Nil	Yes

**New References**  
*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

Nil

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



## **Legal and Constitutional Affairs**

## Legal and Constitutional Affairs

1 July 2020 - 31 December 2020

	Matters current as at 1 July 2020	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2020
Legislation	3	6	7	2
References	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>

### Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	3	9:04	5	44:08	8	1:01	0	0:00	16	54:13
References	1	6:39	0	0:00	1	0:08	0	0:00	2	6:47
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15:43</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>44:08</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1:09</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>61:00</b>

### Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	8	242	38	0	14	0
References	1	0	0	32	9	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>

\* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 1

# Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Legislation)

1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon 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 Lidia Thorpe (VIC, AG)	06.10.2020
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	02.07.2019–06.10.2020
Senator David Van (VIC, LP)	02.07.2019–14.10.2019
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP) <sup>1</sup>	19.08.2019–27.08.2019
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	13.02.2020–19.08.2020
Senator Patrick Dodson (WA, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	26.11.2019–19.08.2020
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	21.10.2019–21.10.2019
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	02.03.2020–02.03.2020
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) <sup>6</sup>	19.10.2020–20.10.2020
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>7</sup>	21.10.2019–21.10.2019

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Van for certain meetings from 19 August 2019 to 27 August 2019

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Chisholm for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 21 October 2019 from 9am to 6.30pm

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 2 March 2020

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2020-21 Budget estimates on 19 and 20 October 2020

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 21 October 2019 from 6.30pm

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Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>8</sup>	13.11.2019–19.08.2020
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>9</sup>	03.12.2019–10.03.2020

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<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

<sup>9</sup> Replaced 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



**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2020–31.12.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2020</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2020 tabled 07.10.2020	Ongoing
Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions]	17.10.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 19.08.2020; tabled 24.08.2020	No
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)	09.10.2020—Canberra with videoconference 06.11.2020—Canberra with teleconference	Presented OOS 20.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No
Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	14.05.2020 (SB)	03.07.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 05.08.2020; tabled 24.08.2020	No

**New References**  
*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2020–31.12.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2020</i>
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Economic Disruption) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	03.09.2020 (SB)	Nil	10.11.2020	No
Budget estimates 2020–21	06.10.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 67—6 October 2020, p2349)	19–22 October 2020—Canberra 04.12.2020—Canberra	Presented OOS 18.12.2020	No

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2020–31.12.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2020</b>
Immigration (Education) Amendment (Expanding Access to English Tuition) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	12.11.2020 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 27.11.2020; tabled 30.11.2020	No
Judges' Pensions Amendment (Pension Not Payable for Misconduct) Bill 2020	03.12.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	10.12.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

### **Government Responses**

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Nil

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# Legal and Constitutional Affairs (References)

1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon 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 Lidia Thorpe (VIC, AG)	06.10.2020
<b>Former member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	02.07.2019–06.10.2020

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings <i>01.07.2020–31.12.2020</i></b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2020</i></b>
Nationhood, national identity and democracy	29.07.2019	13.11.2020—Canberra with videoconference	Nil	Yes

**New References**  
*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

Nil

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

**Rural & Regional Affairs  
and Transport**

## Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

1 July 2020 - 31 December 2020

	Matters current as at 1 July 2020	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2020
Legislation	3	4	6 + (1**)	1
References	6	2	2	6
Total	9	6	8	7

### Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	2	6:13	6	46:18	13	0:54	0	0:00	21	53:25
References	12	65:26	0	0:00	11	3:06	0	0:00	23	68:32
Total	14	71:39	6	46:18	24	4:00	0	0:00	44	121:57

### Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
References	17	0	0	0	0	2	0	4
Total	37	0	0	0	0	2	0	5

### Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	8	246	0	17	113	1
References	12	0	0	251	43	2
Total	20	246	0	268	156	3

\* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 1

\*\* Progress report

# Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

*1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020*

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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 Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	18.06.2020
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	06.10.2020
<b>Substitute member</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	09.12.2020
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	17.06.2020–18.06.2020
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	13.05.2020–17.06.2020
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)	04.07.2019–06.10.2020
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	11.02.2020–12.02.2020
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	02.07.2019–13.05.2020
<b>Former substitute member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	06.03.2020–06.03.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaces Senator Green for the committee's inquiry into Australia's general aviation industry

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Sterle for the committee's consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 6 March 2020

<b>Former subcommittee members<sup>3</sup></b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS) <i>(Chair 20.11.2020–20.11.2020)</i>	20.11.2020–20.11.2020
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 20.11.2020–20.11.2020)</i>	20.11.2020–20.11.2020
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	20.11.2020–20.11.2020

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<sup>3</sup> Inquiry into Australia's general aviation industry on 20 November 2020



**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.07.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2020–31.12.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2020</b>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2020 tabled 07.10.2020	Ongoing
Current state of Australia's general aviation industry	02.12.2019 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))	20.11.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Progress report tabled 10.12.2020	Yes
Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Amendment (Dairy Cattle Export Charge) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	12.06.2020 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 30.07.2020; tabled 24.08.2020	No
Biosecurity Amendment (Traveller Declarations and Other Measures) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	18.06.2020 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 30.07.2020; tabled 24.08.2020	No

**Committee Oversight Activities**

*01.07.2020–31.12.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.07.2020–31.12.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled 01.07.2020–31.12.2020</b>
Oversight of the Examination of Security Controlled Airports Regulations	Nil	Nil
Oversight of Airservices Australia	28.08.2020—Canberra	Nil

**New References**  
01.07.2020–31.12.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.07.2020–31.12.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> As at 31.12.2020
Civil Aviation (Unmanned Aircraft Levy) Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Civil Aviation Amendment (Unmanned Aircraft Levy Collection and Payment) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	03.09.2020 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 04.11.2020; tabled 09.11.2020	No
Budget estimates 2020–21	06.10.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 67—6 October 2020, p2349)	19–23 October 2020— Canberra 10.11.2020—Canberra	08.12.2020	No
Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions]	08.10.2020 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 04.11.2020; tabled 09.11.2020	No

**Government Responses**  
01.07.2020–31.12.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Amendment (Dairy Cattle Export Charge) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	09.12.2020	30.07.2020

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# Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (References)

*1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020*

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<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)	17.06.2020
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	12.06.2020
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	06.10.2020
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	02.07.2019–11.02.2020
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)	04.07.2019–06.10.2020
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	11.02.2020–17.06.2020
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	02.07.2019–12.06.2020
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) <sup>1</sup>	29.07.2019–27.11.2019
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	29.11.2019–12.06.2020
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>3</sup>	17.09.2019–08.10.2020
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>4</sup>	07.10.2020–08.10.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Feasibility of a National Horse Traceability Register

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Watt for the committee's inquiry into water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef

<b>Former subcommittee members<sup>5</sup></b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(Chair 08.09.2020–09.09.2020)</i>	08.09.2020–09.09.2020
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS) <i>(Deputy Chair 08.09.2020–09.09.2020)</i>	08.09.2020–09.09.2020
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	08.09.2020–09.09.2020

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<sup>5</sup> Inquiry into policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping on 8 and 9 September 2020

**Inquiries**  
as at 01.07.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.07.2020—31.12.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 31.12.2020</i>
Policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping	23.07.2019	08.09.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 09.09.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Presented OOS 15.12.2020	No
Importance of a viable, safe, sustainable and efficient road transport industry	11.09.2019	24.07.2020—Brisbane 25.11.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 26.11.2020—Perth	Nil	Yes
Water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef	17.09.2019	27.07.2020—Brisbane 28.07.2020—Brisbane 28.08.2020—Canberra with teleconference	Identification of leading practices in ensuring evidence-based regulation of farm practices that impact water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef; tabled 08.10.2020	No
Management of the Inland Rail project by the Australian Rail Track Corporation and the Commonwealth Government	17.09.2019	13.08.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference 19.11.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	Nil	Yes

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Performance of Australia's dairy industry and the profitability of Australian dairy farmers since deregulation in 2000	17.10.2019	23.07.2020—Brisbane with teleconference 15.09.2020—Canberra with video and teleconference	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

### **New References**

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Future of Australia's aviation sector, in the context of COVID-19 and conditions post-pandemic	09.11.2020	Nil	Nil	Yes
Fisheries quota system	07.12.2020	Nil	Nil	Yes

## Government Responses

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Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Feasibility of a national horse traceability register for all horses	10.09.2020	27.11.2019
Current requirements for labelling of seafood and seafood products	10.12.2020	08.12.2014

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

