

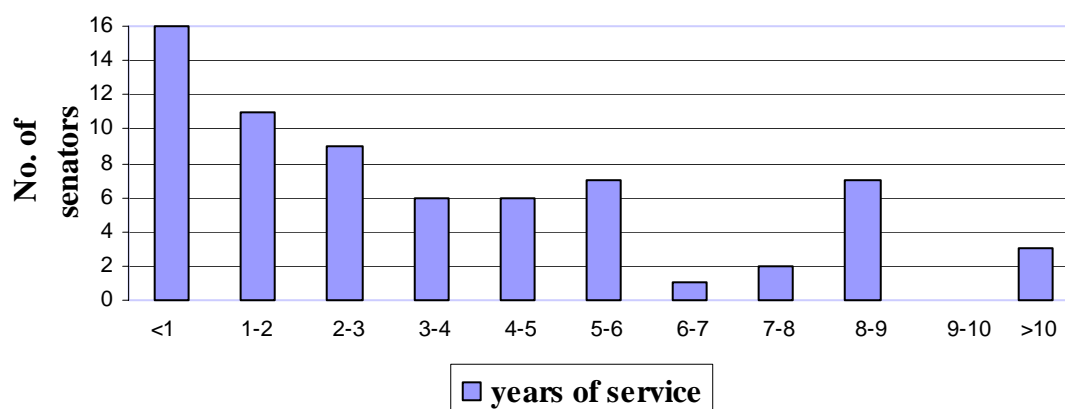
MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES, 1967-2005

Standing Order 18(3), previously Standing Order 33A, states that the Committee of Privileges shall consist of seven senators, four nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and three by the Leader of the Opposition.

There have been 68 members of the Committee of Privileges, 59 men and nine women. Twenty-seven represented the Australian Labor Party, 29 the Liberal Party, eight the Country Party, the National Country Party or the National Party, and four the Australian Democrats. Of the nine women members two (Senators Giles and Reynolds) represented the Australian Labor Party, four (Senators Coonan, Knowles, Payne and Reid) represented the Liberal Party, and three (Senators Bourne, Kernot and Powell) represented the Australian Democrats. Senator Kernot was appointed as a non-voting member for the purposes of the committee's examination of her private member's bill, the Parliamentary Privileges Amendment (Enforcement of Lawful Orders) Bill 1994.

The average duration of service of full committee members, to the end of November 2005, was three years and nine months. The member with the shortest term of service was Senator MacGibbon, who replaced Senator Lewis for five weeks in 1990. The longest-serving member is Senator Ray, who has been with the committee for more than 15 years. As Figure C.1 shows, several others have also shown remarkable staying power in the face of an increasing workload.

Figure C.1: Senators' Years of Service on Committee of Privileges



The 20 senators with five or more years of service on the committee are reasonably equally divided in party political and geographic terms, with each state except Queensland being represented by at least one long-serving member.

In terms of their geographic distribution, 18 members came from Western Australia, 12 from Tasmania, 11 each from New South Wales and Victoria, 9 from Queensland, 3 from South Australia, two from the Australian Capital Territory and one from the Northern Territory.

Privileges Committee members and their terms of service

Note: Since 1966 the committee has been appointed at the beginning of each Parliament. Where a Parliament has been prorogued, the committee is assumed to have remained in existence until the day before the opening of the following Parliament. In the case of the dissolution of the Senate, the committee terminates at the dissolution. However, members who were appointed to successive committees are shown as having unbroken service and the period between the end of one committee and the appointment of the next is not shown.

<i>Name</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Term of Service</i>
Archer, Brian Roper	TAS	Lib	19/8/93-31/1/94
Aulich, Terrence Gordon	TAS	ALP	11/9/85-5/6/87
Black, John	QLD	ALP	24/9/87-8/5/90
Bolkus, Nick	SA	ALP	25/8/81-15/6/84; 29/5/85-5/6/87
Bourne, Vicki Worrall	NSW	AD	1/7/90-29/4/92
Branson, George Howard	WA	Lib	5/4/67-14/5/71
Button, John Norman	VIC	ALP	18/7/74-15/6/84
Cant, Hartley Gordon James	WA	ALP	5/4/67-3/3/70; 1/5/73-18/5/74
Childs, Bruce Kenneth	NSW	ALP	4/5/83-24/2/88; 18/3/88-4/9/97
Coates, John	TAS	ALP	15/6/84-29/5/85; 24/9/87-20/8/96
Collard, Stanley James	QLD	NCP	25/8/81-5/3/83
Collins, Robert	NT	ALP	4/9/97-3/3/98
Cook, Peter Francis Salmon	WA	ALP	15/6/84-11/9/85
Coonan, Helen	NSW	Lib	1/7/96-31/8/99
Cooney, Bernard Cornelius	VIC	ALP	24/9/87-18/3/88; 11/5/90-30/6/93; 1/9/96-24/11/98
Cormack, Magnus Cameron	VIC	Lib	5/4/67-21/8/68
Devitt, Donald Michael	TAS	ALP	1/5/73-11/11/75
Drake-Brockman, Thomas Charles	WA	CP	5/4/67-24/11/69; 29/9/70-26/2/73; 18/7/74-22/7/75; 4/3/76-30/6/78
Durack, Peter Drew	WA	Lib	24/9/87-11/9/90
Eggleston, Alan	WA	Lib	13/2/97-21/8/02
Ellison, Christopher Martin	WA	Lib	18/8/93-30/9/97
Evans, Christopher Vaughan	WA	ALP	24/11/98-15/11/04; 28/11/05-11/12/05
Everett, Mervyn George	TAS	ALP	18/7/74-11/11/75
Faulkner, John Philip	NSW	ALP	18/11/04-
Gibson, Brian Francis	TAS	Lib	15/3/94-4/5/94
Giles, Patricia Jessie	WA	ALP	24/2/88-30/6/93
Greenwood, Ivor John	VIC	Lib	21/8/68-11/11/75
Herron, John Joseph	QLD	Lib	19/8/92-18/8/93
Humphries, Gary John Joseph	ACT	Lib	20/3/03-
Hutchins, Steve	NSW	ALP	7/9/05-28/11/05
Jessop, Donald Scott	SA	Lib	4/3/76-15/6/84
Johnston, David Abbott Lloyd	WA	Lib	1/7/02-
Kernot, Cheryl*	QLD	AD	12/5/94-1/3/95
Knowles, Susan Christine	WA	Lib	2/5/96-22/8/03; 22/12/03-30/6/05
Lewis, Austin William Russell	VIC	Lib	11/9/90-13/11/90; 18/12/90-19/8/92
MacGibbon, David John	QLD	Lib	13/11/90-18/12/90
Macklin, Michael John	QLD	AD	4/5/83-5/6/87
Maunsell, Charles Ronald	QLD	CP	1/4/81-30/6/81

McGauran, Julian	VIC	NP	31/8/99-30/6/02; 22/8/03-22/12/03
McKellar, Gerald Colin	NSW	CP	25/11/69-13/4/70
McKiernan, James Philip	WA	ALP	1/7/93-29/4/96
Missen, Alan Joseph	VIC	Lib	1/4/81-15/6/84; 29/5/85-30/3/86
Morris, Kenneth James	QLD	Lib	5/4/67-30/6/68
Mulvihill, James Anthony	NSW	ALP	19/8/75-11/11/75
Murphy, Lionel Keith	NSW	ALP	25/11/69-9/2/75
O'Byrne, Justin	TAS	ALP	6/5/71-11/4/74; 4/3/76-30/6/81
Panizza, John	WA	Lib	1/7/96-31/1/97
Payne, Marise	NSW	Lib	30/9/97-
Poke, Albert George	TAS	ALP	5/4/67-24/11/69
Powell, Janet	VIC	AD	24/9/87-30/6/90; 29/4/92-30/6/93
Rae, Peter Elliot	TAS	Lib	21/8/68-26/2/73; 15/6/84-29/5/85
Ronaldson, Michael John Clyde	VIC	Lib	23/6/05-
Ray, Robert	VIC	ALP	25/8/81-5/6/87; 2/5/96-7/9/05; 11/12/05-
Reid, Margaret Elizabeth	ACT	Lib	21/8/02-4/2/03
Reynolds, Margaret	QLD	ALP	1/7/93-29/4/96
Rocher, Alan Charles	WA	Lib	19/9/78-10/2/81
Scott, Douglas Barr	NSW	NCP	17/8/78-21/2/80
Sheil, Glenister	QLD	NCP	21/2/80-6/2/81
Sherry, Nick	TAS	ALP	3/3/98-
Teague, Baden Chapman	SA	Lib	24/9/87-30/6/96
Thomas, Andrew Murray	WA	Lib	4/3/76-4/2/83
Webster, James Joseph	VIC	CP	22/7/75-11/11/75
Wheeldon, John Murray	WA	ALP	5/4/67-6/5/71
Willesee, Donald Robert	WA	ALP	25/11/69-26/2/73
Withers, Reginald Greive	WA	Lib	14/5/71-19/8/75; 15/6/84-29/5/85
Woods, Robert Leslie	NSW	Lib	4/5/94-29/4/96
Wriedt, Kenneth Shaw	TAS	ALP	18/2/75- 19/8/75
Wright, Reginald Charles	TAS	Lib	19/8/75-30/6/78

* Non-voting member for the purposes of the committee's examination of the *Parliamentary Privileges (Enforcement of Lawful Orders) Amendment Bill 1994*.

