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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

1.1 This is the second report on annual reports for 2017 of the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (the committee). It provides an overview of selected annual reports of agencies within the allocated portfolios tabled in the Senate between 1 November 2016 and 30 April 2017.

1.2 Annual reports inform the Parliament, stakeholders and other interested parties of the operations and performance of public sector departments, agencies and companies. They are a primary accountability mechanism. Additionally, annual reports are important reference documents and form part of the historical record of the Commonwealth.

### Terms of reference

1.3 Under Standing Order 25(20), the annual reports of certain departments and agencies are referred to the committee for examination and assessment. The committee is required to:

- (a) Examine each annual report referred to it and report to the Senate whether the report is apparently satisfactory.
- (b) Consider in more detail, and report to the Senate on, each annual report which is not apparently satisfactory, and on the other annual report which it selects for more detailed consideration.
- (c) Investigate and report to the Senate on any lateness in the presentation of annual reports.
- (d) In considering an annual report, take into account any relevant remarks about the report made in debate in the Senate.
- (e) If the committee so determines, consider annual reports of departments and budget-related agencies in conjunction with examination of estimates.
- (f) Report on annual reports tabled by 31 October each year by the tenth sitting day of the following year, and on annual reports tabled by 30 April each year by the tenth sitting day after 30 June of that year.
- (g) Draw the attention of the Senate to any significant matters relating to the operations and performance of the bodies furnishing the annual reports.
- (h) Report to the Senate each year whether there are any bodies which do not present annual reports to the Senate and which should present such reports.

## **Allocated portfolios**

1.4 In accordance with the resolution of the Senate on 31 August 2016, the committee has oversight of the following portfolios:

- Environment and Energy; and
- Communications and the Arts.<sup>1</sup>

## **Reports examined**

1.5 This report examines the following reports, tabled in the Senate or presented out of session to the President of the Senate and referred to the committee between 1 November 2016 and 30 April 2017:

- Audio-Visual Copyright Society Limited (trading as Screenrights)–Annual Report 2015–16;
- Classification Board and Classification Review Board–Annual Report 2015–16;
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority–Annual Report 2015–16; and
- Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner–Annual Report 2016.

## **Reports not examined**

1.6 The committee is not obliged to report on Acts, statements of corporate intent, surveys, policy papers, budget documents, corporate plans or errata. The following documents were referred to the committee between 1 November 2016 and 30 April 2017 but are not examined in this report:

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation–Equity and Diversity–Annual Report 2015–16;
- Australian Communications and Media Authority–Communications Report 2015–16;
- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission–Telecommunications reports for 2015–16–Report 1: Competition in the Australian telecommunications sector; Report 2: Price changes for telecommunications services in Australia;
- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission–Telstra's Structural Separation Undertaking–Report for 2015–16;
- Department of the Environment and Energy–Australia State of the Environment 2016: Overview;
- Department of the Environment and Energy–Australia's emissions projections 2016, dated December 2016;

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1 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 2, 31 August 2016, pp. 75–76.

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- *Interactive Gambling Act 2001*—Report for 2015 on the operation of the Prohibition of Advertisements of Interactive Gambling Services;
  - Snowy Hydro Limited—Consolidated Financial Report for the Reporting Period 28 June 2015 to 2 July 2016;
  - *Telecommunications Act 1997*—Funding of telecommunications consumer representation grants—Annual Report 2015–16; and
  - Wet Tropics Management Authority—State of the Wet Tropics Report for 2015–16 and Annual Report 2015–16.

## **Annual reporting requirements**

1.7 The *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) established a performance reporting framework for all Commonwealth entities and companies. The performance framework is based on section 38 of the PGPA Act which requires all Commonwealth entities to measure and assess their performance.

1.8 The performance framework established under the PGPA Act includes the requirement for Commonwealth entities to prepare a corporate plan and annual performance statements. The Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014 (PGPA Rule 2014) contain the minimum requirements to be included.

1.9 For the first time, annual reports have been prepared with annual performance statements. Section 39 of the PGPA Act requires all Commonwealth entities to prepare an annual performance statement and include those statements in their annual reports. Entities use the annual performance statements to report on the results achieved against the targets, goals and measures established at the beginning of a reporting year in its corporate plan and Portfolio Budget Statements.

1.10 Following the transitional arrangements that were in place for reporting in the 2014–15 financial year, the 2015–16 reporting period is the first full year of reporting under the requirements of the PGPA Act. Below is a summary of the legislative authority and requirements for the different types of bodies under which annual reports are prepared:

- Non-corporate Commonwealth entities: PGPA Act, section 46 and the PGPA Rule 2014, Division 3A(A); for portfolio departments and executive agencies, the *Public Service Act 1999*, sections 63(2) and 70(2); and for statutory bodies, relevant enabling legislation.
- Corporate Commonwealth entities: PGPA Act, section 46 and the PGPA Rule 2014, Division 3A(B); and for statutory bodies, relevant enabling legislation.
- Commonwealth companies: PGPA Act, section 97, which also refers to requirements under the *Corporations Act 2001* and the PGPA Rule, Part 3-3; and for statutory bodies, relevant enabling legislation.

- Non-statutory bodies: the annual reporting requirements are contained in the government response to the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration's Report on Non-Statutory bodies.<sup>2</sup>

## Timeliness

1.11 Section 46 of the PGPA Act requires the provision of an annual report of a Commonwealth entity to the responsible minister by the 15th day of the fourth month after the end of the reporting period for the entity. This section of the Act does not, however, provide for a timeframe for the minister to present the report to the Parliament.

1.12 Section 97 of the PGPA Act sets out the requirements for the provision of annual reports of Commonwealth companies to the responsible Minister. Under subsection 97(2) of the PGPA Act a company is to provide a report:

(a) if the company is required by the *Corporations Act 2001* to hold an annual general meeting—the earlier of the following:

- (i) 21 days before the next annual general meeting after the end of the reporting period for the company;
  - (ii) 4 months after the end of the reporting period for the company;
- and

(b) in any other case—4 months after the end of the reporting period for the company; or the end of such further period granted under subsection 34C(5) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

1.13 Subsection 97(5) of the PGPA Act states that:

(5) If the Commonwealth company is a wholly-owned Commonwealth company, or is not required to hold an annual general meeting, the responsible Minister must table the documents in each House of the Parliament as soon as practicable after receiving them. In all other cases, the responsible Minister must table the documents in each House of the Parliament as soon as practicable after the annual general meeting of the company.

1.14 The PGPA Rule 2014 states that annual reports for corporate Commonwealth entities, non-corporate Commonwealth entities and Commonwealth companies must comply with the *Guidelines for the Presentation of Documents to the Parliament*, which is prepared by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.<sup>3</sup>

1.15 The guidelines advise that for all entities:

As per past practice, it is expected that the responsible Minister will present the report to each House of Parliament on or before 31 October. If Senate Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings are scheduled to occur prior to

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2 *Senate Hansard*, 8 December 1987, pp. 2632–45.

3 See PGPA Rule 2014, sections 17AB, 17BC and 28C.

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31 October, it is best practice for annual reports to be tabled prior to those hearings. This ensures that annual reports are available for scrutiny by the relevant Senate standing committee.<sup>4</sup>

1.16 Entities reporting in accordance with their own legislation are often required to prepare for the relevant Minister their annual report 'as soon as is practicable' after the end of the particular period to which the report relates. The committee draws attention to subsections 34C(2) and 34C(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, which stipulate that where no date for providing a report to a Minister is specified, the report should be presented no more than six months after the reporting period, and the Minister must provide the report to the Parliament within 15 days after the Minister receives it.

1.17 Appendix 1 lists the annual reports tabled (or presented) in the Senate and the House of Representatives between 1 November 2016 and 30 April 2017 and referred to the committee, with relevant tabling dates.

1.18 Appendix 2 lists the reports relating to the operation of acts and programs tabled (or presented) in the Senate and House of Representatives between 1 November 2016 and 30 April 2017 and referred to the committee, with relevant tabling dates.

#### *Audio-Visual Copyright Society Limited*

1.19 The Audio-Visual Copyright Society Limited, trading as Screenrights, Annual Report 2015–16 was tabled in the Senate on 27 March 2017. The report was submitted to the Minister on 17 January 2017 and received by the Minister on the same day. The report was presented to both houses of Parliament by the Minister within 15 sitting days after the receipt of the report, as required by section 135ZZV of the *Copyright Act 1968*.

1.20 However, it appears that Screenrights posted its Annual Report 2015–16 on its website on 28 October 2016. This is the second time the committee has noted that the annual report has been published on the website prior to its presentation to the Minister. The committee again reminds Screenrights of its obligation to provide its report to the Parliament prior to, or to coincide with, the public release of its report.<sup>5</sup>

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4 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, *Guidelines for the Presentation of Documents to the Parliament (including Government Documents, Government Responses to Committee Reports, Ministerial Statements, Annual Reports and other Instruments)*, August 2016, pp. 4–5.

5 See Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee, *Annual Reports, No. 2 of 2016*, October 2016, p. 5.

**Senate debate**

1.21 Under Standing Order 25(20)(d), the committee is obliged to take into account any relevant remarks made in the Senate about annual reports. The committee notes that on 9 May 2017, Senator Anne Urquhart commented on the annual report of the National Wind Farm Commissioner.<sup>6</sup>

**Non-reporting bodies**

1.22 Standing Order 25(20)(h) requires that the committee inquire into and report on any bodies which do not present annual reports to the Senate but should present such reports. The committee makes no recommendations for any bodies not presenting an annual report to do so.

**Apparently satisfactory**

1.23 Standing Order 25(20)(a) requires that the committee report to the Senate on whether the annual reports of departments and agencies in its portfolios are 'apparently satisfactory'. In making this assessment, the committee considers such aspects as timeliness of presentation and compliance with relevant reporting requirements.

1.24 The committee has examined all annual reports referred during the reporting period and considers that they are apparently satisfactory.

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6 Senator Anne Urquhart, *Senate Hansard*, 9 May 2017, p. 3114.

## Chapter 2

### Review of selected reports

2.1 The committee provides the following comments on the annual reports of the Audio-Visual Copyright Society, Classification Board and Classification Review Board, and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

#### **Audio-Visual Copyright Society Limited (Screenrights)**

2.2 Screenrights' Annual Report 2015–16 was tabled in the Senate on 27 March 2017. Screenrights has prepared its annual report in accordance with section 135ZZZQ of the *Copyright Act 1968* (Copyright Act).

2.3 Screenrights is an Australian-domiciled company and a non-profit entity. Its principal activities include: exercising its right as a collecting society under Parts VA, VB and VC (in relation to audiovisual items) of the Copyright Act; and collecting money from educational institutions for distribution to relevant copyright owners.

2.4 In the Chief Executive's Report, Mr Simon Lake outlined Screenrights' achievements in 2015–16, which included:

- increased revenue growth and distributions paid to members;
- investment in EnhanceTV Direct to improve access for teachers; and
- the introduction of the Express Resolution Process on 1 September 2015.<sup>7</sup>

#### *Performance reporting*

2.5 Screenrights has provided an informative report on its performance and contains extensive details of its key revenue and expenditure for 2015–16. The information is presented in a variety of formats including graphs, tables and diagrams. The inclusion of trend data for some categories, such as total licensing revenue, changes to licensing revenue over the past three years and expenditure to collections, was useful for comparative purposes.

2.6 The committee notes that an inconsistency in the use of colours for agencies in figure three in its annual report for 2014–15 has been rectified in the 2015–16 annual report. The committee welcomes the improved consistency in the presentation of this information.

2.7 The committee considers that Screenrights has met its reporting obligations under the Act and its annual report is 'apparently satisfactory'.

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7 Screenrights, *Annual Report 2015–16*, pp. 6–7.

*Financial reporting*

2.8 The committee notes that Screenrights paid a total of \$43.1 million to its members in 2015–16, up from \$38.6 million paid in the previous reporting period.<sup>8</sup>

**Classification Board and Classification Review Board**

2.9 The Classification Board and the Classification Review Board (the Review Board) are independent statutory authorities established under the National Classification Scheme. The National Classification Scheme is a legislated co-operative arrangement created on 1 January 1996 between the Australian, state and territory governments that provides a national approach to classification. The Classification Board is responsible for classification decisions concerning films, computer games and publications. The Review Board is a part-time board which meets to review a decision of the Classification Board as needed.

2.10 The annual reports of the Classification Board and the Review Board were provided in the one document and submitted to the Minister on 22 September 2016.<sup>9</sup> The annual report for 2015–16 was tabled in the Senate on 9 November 2016.

*Performance reporting*

2.11 The Classification Board provided clearly presented and informative statistics and an overview of classification decisions during 2015–16. The annual report notes that of the 3,777 classification decisions in 2015–16, no decisions exceeded the statutory time limit of 20 days for standard applications and five days for a priority decision.<sup>10</sup>

2.12 The annual report contained a helpful breakdown of the number of complaints received by the Classification Board during the reporting period. Overall, the Classification Board received 244 complaints, representing a 13 per cent reduction compared to the previous reporting period.<sup>11</sup>

2.13 During 2015–16, the Review Board conducted three reviews, all of which were completed within the specified statutory timeframe.<sup>12</sup> In all three cases, the Review Board overturned the decision of the Classification Board. The annual report also contained a helpful summary of its decisions and attendance figures for Review Board meetings.

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8 Screenrights, *Annual Report 2015–16*, p. 6.

9 Provided in accordance with subsections 67(1) and 85(1) respectively of the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995*.

10 Classification Board and Classification Review Board, *Annual Report 2015–16*, p. 34.

11 Classification Board and Classification Review Board, *Annual Report 2015–16*, p. 67.

12 Classification Board and Classification Review Board, *Annual Report 2015–16*, p. 76.

2.14 The Review Board reported receiving one complaint in relation to one of its decisions and noted that no applications for review of a Review Board's decision were lodged with the Federal Court during the reporting period.

2.15 The committee considers that the Classification Board and the Classification Review Board have met their reporting obligations under the Act and their annual reports are 'apparently satisfactory'.

### *Financial reporting*

2.16 The committee notes that the Department of Communications and the Arts is responsible for the financial management of the operations of the Classification Board and the Review Board.

## **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority**

2.17 The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) Annual Report 2015–16 was tabled in the Senate on 8 November 2016.

2.18 GBRMPA is a non-corporate Commonwealth entity established under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* as an Australian Government statutory authority. GBRMPA's primary outcome is to ensure the 'long-term protection, ecologically sustainable use, understanding and enjoyment of the Great Barrier Reef for all Australians and the international community through the care and development of the Marine Park'.<sup>13</sup> This outcome is supported by four objectives:

- protecting and restoring the Reef's ecosystem health and biodiversity;
- safeguarding the Reef's heritage;
- ensuring use of the Marine Park is ecologically sustainable and benefits current and future generations; and
- reducing cumulative impacts.<sup>14</sup>

2.19 The Chairman's Review detailed a number of key activities that were undertaken during the reporting period across these objectives in 2015–16, which included:

- implementing of the Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan;
- surveying the extent of the 2015–16 mass coral bleaching event;
- reporting of 1240 possible offences within the World Heritage Area through the joint Field Management Program;
- culling the crown-of-thorns starfish; and

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13 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, *Annual Report 2015–16*, p. 14.

14 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, *Annual Report 2015–16*, p. 14.

- welcoming and assisted 17 international delegations from around the region and the world.<sup>15</sup>

2.20 The committee notes that during the 2015–16 reporting period GBRMPA marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment and its management of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

### *Performance reporting*

2.21 GBRMPA's performance reporting on its objectives, deliverables and key performance measures is clearly presented and allows for easy comparison with the 2015–16 Portfolio Budget Statements. The flow of information provides a linear overview of the agency's performance and conveys a broad understanding of the work GBRMPA undertakes in each of its objectives.

2.22 The committee notes, however, that the annual performance statement included in the annual report only provides detail in relation to three of the four stated objectives as outlined in GBRMPA's Corporate Plan 2015–2020. The committee would like to draw GBRMPA's attention to the Department of Finance's guidance in relation to paragraph 17AD(c)(i) of the PGPA Rule 2014 that:

...annual performance statements must report on the performance of the entity in fulfilling its purpose(s) during the reporting period. This can only be achieved by an entity acquitting the performance criteria as published in **both** its corporate plan and the relevant Portfolio Budget Statements for the reporting period.<sup>16</sup>

2.23 The committee looks forward to this information being included in future annual reports so that GBRMPA's performance can be appropriately assessed.

2.24 The annual report provides an informative and detailed management and accountability section. The section contained information on GBRMPA's strategic and operational plans, ethical standards, the management of human resources and external scrutiny. In its external scrutiny section, GBRMPA also provided detailed information of the reports by outside bodies, which included the Australian National Audit Office and parliamentary committees.

2.25 The committee considers that GBRMPA has met its reporting obligations as a non-corporate Commonwealth entity under the PGPA Rule and its annual report is 'apparently satisfactory'.

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15 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, *Annual Report 2015–16*, pp. 3–12.

16 Department of Finance, Resource Management Guide No. 135–*Annual reports for non-corporate Commonwealth entities*, July 2016, p. 14.

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### *Financial reporting*

2.26 In 2015–16, GBRMPA recorded an operating deficit of \$2.562 million. GBRMPA stated:

This result was due to the cost of litigation, relating to the 2010 grounding of the 225 metre-long bulk carrier *Shen Neng 1*. The agency obtained approval from the Minister for Finance for an operating loss for this reporting period.<sup>17</sup>

### **Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner**

2.27 The committee notes that this is the first annual report of the Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner (the Office). The Australian Government created the role of the National Wind Farm Commissioner in response to the recommendations of the Senate Select Committee on Wind Turbines. The Commissioner's role is to receive and refer complaints from concerned community residents about wind farms, as well as promote best practices for industry and government to adopt in regard to the planning and operation of wind farms.

2.28 The Annual Report of the Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner was presented out-of-session on 12 April 2017 and tabled in the Senate on 9 May 2017.

2.29 The Commissioner's Review provided a summary of the key activities of the Office during its first sixteen months of operation. Some of these activities included:

- establishing the administrative and complaints handling policies and processes of the new office;
- engagement with 500 stakeholders across government, industry and communities;
- receiving a total of 90 complaints;
- the deployment and development of the public website; and
- presentations to the Clean Energy Council (CEC) Summit in July 2016 and the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Energy Council in December 2016.<sup>18</sup>

2.30 The committee notes that complaints to the Office are voluntary and cannot override or duplicate the statutory responsibilities of state, territory or local government authorities.

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17 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, *Annual Report 2015–16*, p. 12.

18 Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner, *2016 Annual Report*, pp. 4–5.

*Performance reporting*

2.31 The Office has provided an overview of its complaints management system and activity for the period up to 31 December 2016. This includes a breakdown of the number of complaints based on the development stage of the wind farm, the issues raised by complainants, their resolution and closure, and matters still subject to the complaints handling process.<sup>19</sup> The information is provided in a range of formats including graphs and charts.

2.32 While there is much information provided in relation to complaints in the annual report, the committee considers that it would be useful if the report also included data on the number of complaints that were referred by the Commissioner to another party, such as a state or local government department or agency.

2.33 The Office has also provided a comprehensive and detailed list of observations and recommendations for potential improvements in the planning, governance and operation of the wind energy industry for consideration by government, industry and key stakeholders.<sup>20</sup> The committee welcomes the inclusion of these recommendations and looks forward to details of responses received from key stakeholders being included in future annual reports.

2.34 The committee considers that the Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner has comprehensively reported on its activities under its terms of reference and considers its report to be 'apparently satisfactory'.

**Senator Jonathon Duniam**  
**Chair**

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19 Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner, *2016 Annual Report*, pp. 8–11.

20 Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner, *2016 Annual Report*, pp. 15–33.

# Appendix 1

## Dates relating to the presentation of annual reports between 1 November 2016 and 30 April 2017

<b>Communications and the Arts Portfolio</b>				
<b>Reporting Body</b>	<b>Submitted to Minister</b>	<b>Received by Minister</b>	<b>Tabled in the House of Representatives</b>	<b>Tabled in the Senate</b>
Audio-Visual Copyright Society Limited (trading as Screenrights)—Annual Report 2015–16	17/01/2017	17/01/2017	23/03/2017	27/03/2017
Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Annual Report 2015–16	22/09/2016	22/09/2016	9/11/2016	9/11/2016
<b>Environment and Energy Portfolio</b>				
<b>Reporting Body</b>	<b>Submitted to Minister</b>	<b>Received by Minister</b>	<b>Tabled in the House of Representatives</b>	<b>Tabled in the Senate</b>
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Annual Report 2015–16	11/10/2016	11/10/2016	8/11/2016	8/11/2016
Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner—Annual Report 2016	7/04/2017	7/04/2017	9/05/2017	9/05/2017* (presented out of session 12/04/2017)
Snowy Hydro Limited—Consolidated Financial Report for the Reporting Period 28 June 2015 to 2 July 2016	13/09/2016	13/09/2016	23/11/2016	23/11/2016

\* An asterisk denotes a report presented to the President of the Senate out-of-session.



## Appendix 2

### Dates relating to the presentation of reports on the operation of acts and programs between 1 November 2016 and 30 April 2017

<b>Communications and the Arts Portfolio</b>				
<b>Reporting Body</b>	<b>Submitted to Minister</b>	<b>Received by Minister</b>	<b>Tabled in the House of Representatives</b>	<b>Tabled in the Senate</b>
Australian Broadcasting Corporation–Equity and Diversity–Annual Report 2015–16	27/01/2017	27/01/2017	22/03/2017	22/03/2017
Australian Communications and Media Authority – Communications Report 2015–16	15/11/2016	15/11/2016	30/11/2016	30/11/2016
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission–Telecommunications reports for 2015–16–Report 1: Competition in the Australian telecommunications sector; Report 2: Price changes for telecommunications services in Australia	27/02/2017	27/02/2017	20/03/2017	20/03/2017* (presented out of session 8/03/2017)
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission–Telstra's Structural Separation Undertaking–Report for 2015–16	3/04/2017	3/04/2017	9/05/2017	9/05/2017* (presented out of session 27/04/2017)
<i>Telecommunications Act 1997</i> –Funding of telecommunications	9/01/2017	9/01/2017	1/03/2017	20/03/2017

<b>Communications and the Arts Portfolio</b>				
consumer representation grants—Annual Report 2015–16				
<i>Interactive Gambling Act 2001</i> —Report for 2015 on the operation of the Prohibition of Advertisements of Interactive Gambling Services	26/10/2016	26/10/2016	10/11/2016	21/11/2016
<b>Environment and Energy Portfolio</b>				
<b>Reporting Body</b>	<b>Submitted to Minister</b>	<b>Received by Minister</b>	<b>Tabled in the House of Representatives</b>	<b>Tabled in the Senate</b>
Department of the Environment and Energy—Australia State of the Environment 2016: Overview	14/12/2016	14/12/2016	20/03/2017	20/03/2017* (presented out of session 7/03/2017)
Department of the Environment and Energy—Australia's emissions projections 2016, dated December 2016	7/03/2017	7/03/2017	9/05/2017	9/05/2017* (presented out of session 28/04/2017)
Wet Tropics Management Authority—Annual Report 2015–16	27/10/2016	27/10/2016	7/02/2017	7/02/2017* (presented out of session 14/12/2016)
Wet Tropics Management Authority—State of the Wet Tropics Report for 2015–16	27/10/2016	27/10/2016	7/02/2017	7/02/2017* (presented out of session 14/12/2016)

\*An asterisk denotes a report presented to the President of the Senate out-of-session.