

# **WORK OF COMMITTEES**

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## **FORMAT OF THIS REPORT**

On 8 October 2001, the Parliament was prorogued and a General Election was held on 10 November 2001. The 39<sup>th</sup> Parliament finished on 11 February 2002 and the 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament commenced on the following day.

This report is divided into several sections that provide statistics on committee work during the following periods:

- the end of the 39<sup>th</sup> Parliament (1 January to 11 February 2002)
- the commencement of the 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (12 February to 30 June 2002)
- the half year (1 January to 30 June 2002; and
- the full year (1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002)

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

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## ABBREVIATIONS

### *Committees*

CA	Community Affairs
CMI	A Certain Maritime Incident
CFS	Corporations and Financial Services
ECO	Economics
EWRE	Employment, Workplace Relations and Education
ECITA	Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
FPA	Finance and Public Administration
LC	Legal and Constitutional
NCA	National Crime Authority
NT	Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
SUPER	Superannuation

### *Political Affiliations*

AD	Australian Democrats
AG	Australian Greens
ALP	Australian Labor Party
CLP	Country Liberal Party
GWA	Greens (Western Australia)
Ind	Independent
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
NPA	National Party of Australia
ON	One Nation

### *Miscellaneous*

MP	Member of Parliament (House of Representatives)
P/T	Part time
sec	Secondee
temp	Temporary



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Other publications available from the Committee Office:

- Committee Reports\*
- Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970 - 1998)  
- Supplements are published at the end of each year
- The First 20 Years (History of Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees 1970 - 1990)
- Business of Committees (Program of committee public hearings held at Parliament House)\*\*
- Public Hearings/Meetings list (list of all public hearings to be held in the following fortnight, published every Friday)\*\*
- Bills to Committees Update (providing details on the progress of legislation through Senate committees)\*\*
- Information pamphlets\*\*-
  - No. 1 Notes to assist in the preparation of submissions to Senate Committee inquiries
  - No. 2 Information for witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (general information and notes to assist with the preparation of oral evidence before Senate committees)
  - No. 3 Protection of witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (Senate Privilege Resolution No. 1 on procedures to be observed by Senate committees for the protection of witnesses)
  - No. 4 Government Guidelines for official witnesses before Parliamentary Committees and related matters (Extract)
- Guidelines for Committee Chairs
- Senate Committees: A Handbook for Senators' Staff

\* reports tabled since June 1997 available on the Internet

\*\* available on the Internet

## DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Administered</i>	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
A Certain Maritime Incident	Select	S	6277 3577	6277 5829
Appropriations and Staffing	Standing	S	6277 3015	6277 5784
ASIO, ASIS and DSD	Joint Statutory	H	6277 2360	6277 4827
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4888	6277 4204
Community Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3555	6277 5829
Corporations and Financial Services	Parliamentary	S	6277 3581	6277 5719
	Joint			
Economics*	LGPS	S	6277 3541	6277 5719
Electoral Matters	Joint Standing	H	6277 2374	6277 4710
Employment, Workplace Relations and Education*	LGPS	S	6277 3521	6277 5706
Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*	LGPS	S	6277 3526	6277 5818
Finance and Public Administration*	LGPS	S	6277 3531	6277 5809
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint Standing	H	6277 2313	6277 2221
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade* House	LGPS	S	6277 3536	6277 5818
	Standing	S	6277 3377	6277 3000
Legal and Constitutional*	LGPS	S	6277 3560	6277 5794
Library	Standing	L	6277 7102	6277 2403
Migration	Joint Standing	H	6277 4560	6277 8506
National Capital and External Territories	Joint Standing	H	6277 4564	6277 8506
National Crime Authority	Parliamentary	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
	Joint			
Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Privileges	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
Procedure	Standing	S	6277 3364	6277 3199
Public Accounts and Audit	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4615	6277 2220
Public Works	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4636	6277 4426
Publications	Standing	S	6277 3037	6277 3448
Regulations and Ordinances	Legislative	S	6277 3070	6277 5838
	Scrutiny			
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport*	LGPS	S	6277 3511	6277 5811
Scrutiny of Bills	Legislative	S	6277 3050	6277 5838
	Scrutiny			
Selection of Bills	Standing	S	6277 3020	6277 3098
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
Superannuation	Select	S	6277 3458	6277 3130
Treaties	Joint Standing	H	6277 4002	6277 4827

### Code

<b>H</b>	Department of the House of Representatives
<b>L</b>	Department of the Parliamentary Library
<b>LGPS</b>	Legislative and General Purpose Standing
<b>S</b>	Department of the Senate
<b>*</b>	Legislation and References Committees

## Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

### Introduction

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

- Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees;
- Senate Select Committees; and
- Specific Parliamentary Joint Committees

### Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees

As indicated above, each Senate Standing Committee comprises a Legislation Committee and a References Committee. Under Senate Standing Orders, these Committees are re-established at the beginning of each Parliament and “stand ready” to inquire into and report on those matters relevant to their portfolio/subject area. Under Senate Standing Orders, Legislation Committees are established to inquire into and report on Bills, estimates, annual reports and the performance of government departments and agencies. Reference Committees inquire into and report on all other matters, generally broader policy issues.

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

#### Community Affairs

- Legislation
- References

Health and Aged Care; Family and  
Community Services

#### Economics

- Legislation
- References

Treasury; Industry, Tourism and Resources

#### Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

- Legislation
- References

Education, Science and Training;  
Employment and Workplace Relations

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

- Legislation
- References

Environment and Heritage; Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Finance and Public Administration

- Legislation
- References

Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet; Finance and Administration

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

- Legislation
- References

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

Legal and Constitutional

- Legislation
- References

Attorney-General; Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

- Legislation
- References

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Transport and Regional Services

**Senate Select Committees**

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

- On A Certain Maritime Incident (appointed on 13 February 2002)
- Superannuation (established on 22 September 1999; re-established on 14 March 2002)

**Parliamentary Joint Committees**

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

- Corporations and Financial Services;
- Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund; and
- National Crime Authority