

## **WORK OF COMMITTEES**

**Financial year statistics: 1 July 2003 - 30 June 2004**

**Half-year statistics: 1 January 2004 - 30 June 2004**

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## **FORMAT OF THIS REPORT**

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

- the half year (1 January 2004 to 30 June 2004); and
- the financial year (1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004)

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

This Report is available on the Internet. Additional hard copies may be obtained from the Office of the Senior Clerk of Committees, Senate Committee Office - tel: (02) 6277 3555.

## ABBREVIATIONS

### *Committees*

ACC	Australian Crime Commission
CA	Community Affairs
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
FTA	Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America
LC	Legal and Constitutional
MED	Medicare
MINMIG	Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters
NT	Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

### *Political Affiliations*

AD	Australian Democrats
AG	Australian Greens
ALP	Australian Labor Party
APA	Australian Progressive Alliance
CL	Country Labor
CLP	Country Liberal Party
Ind	Independent
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
NATS	The Nationals
PHON	Pauline Hanson's One Nation

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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

*\* a selection of reports presented prior to June 1997 and all reports tabled after that date are 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>
Administration of Indigenous Affairs	Select	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Appropriations and Staffing	Standing	S	6277 3015	6277 5784
ASIO, ASIS and DSD	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4348	6277 2067
Australian Crime Commission	Parliamentary	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
	Joint			
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4888	6277 4204
Community Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3515	6277 5829
Corporations and Financial Services	Parliamentary	S	6277 3581	6277 5719
	Joint			
Economics*	LGPS	S	6277 3540	6277 5719
Electoral Matters	Joint Standing	H	6277 4564	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 4629	6277 2221
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade*	LGPS	S	6277 3536	6277 5818
Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America	Select	S	6277 3219	6277 3830
House	Standing	S	6277 3398	6277 3199
Legal and Constitutional*	LGPS	S	6277 3594	6277 5794
Library	Standing	L	6277 7102	6277 2403
Lindeberg Grievance	Select	S	6277 3531	6277 5809
Medicare	Select	S	6277 3527	6277 3830
Migration	Joint Standing	H	6277 4565	6277 8506
Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters	Select	S	6277 3458	6277 5809
National Capital and External Territories	Joint Standing	H	6277 4348	6277 2067
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 3066	6277 5838
	Scrutiny			
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport*	LGPS	S	6277 3511	6277 5811
Scrutiny of Bills	Legislative	S	6277 3051	6277 5838
	Scrutiny			
Selection of Bills	Standing	S	6277 3020	6277 3098
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
Treaties	Joint Standing	H	6277 4002	6277 2219

### 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;
- Specific Parliamentary Joint Committees; and
- Senate Select 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 Ageing

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 and Information Technology  
Arts and Sport

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

## **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:

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

## **Senate Select Committees**

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

- Administration of Indigenous Affairs (appointed 16 June 2004)
- Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America (appointed 11 February 2004)
- Lindeberg Grievance (appointed 1 April 2004)
- Medicare (appointed 15 May 2003; reappointed on 25 November 2003); and
- Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters (appointed 19 June 2003)

