

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
Human Services

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 Account (formerly 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 Committee:

- Administration of Indigenous Affairs (appointed 16 June 2004; re-appointed 17 November 2004)
- Mental Health (appointed 8 March 2005)