

**PART ONE**

**1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005**



**Legislative and General Purpose  
Standing Committees  
administered by the  
Senate Committee Office**



# **Community Affairs**

## Community Affairs

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	2	3	5	0
References	2	2	3+(1^^)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>

### Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public		Private		Insp/Other		Hrs		Total Meetings	Total Hours
	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Other		
Legislation	1	6	64:05	4	0	0	0:23	0	11	67:33
References	15	0	0:00	13	2	2	10:30	2	30	92:45
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>64:05</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10:53</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>160:18</b>

### Meetings By State

	NSW		VIC		TAS		WA		NT		QLD	
	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Public Estimates
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	2	5	1	3	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

### Witnesses

	Telesed Hearings		Estimates		Other (Bills)		General		Hansard Pages		No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Public Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	5	509	10	789	0	54	0	0	12	85	0	0	
References	2	0	0	0	261	0	1126	179	2262	2262	1	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1126</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>2347</b>	<b>2347</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	

^^ Report that did not re-adopt a reference from 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament

# Community Affairs Legislation

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

## Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP) (elected Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD) (elected Deputy Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	1.12.04

## Substitute members

*Date of appointment*

## Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	22.6.05
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

### **Former members**

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)

*Term of appointment*

18.11.04-1.12.04

### **Former substitute members**

*Term of appointment*

### **Former participating members**

Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)

*Term of appointment*

18.11.04-1.12.04

18.11.04-14.4.05

### **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- *Provisions* of the Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004 (referred 1 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004 (referred 8 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- Nil

### **New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil



## **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- *Provisions of the National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004 – 7 February 2005, Canberra*
- *Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 16 & 17 February 2005, Canberra*
- *2005-06 Budget Estimates – 30 & 31 May, 1 & 2 June 2005, Canberra*

## **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- *Provisions of the Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004 (tabled 8 February 2005)*
- *Provisions of the National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004 (tabled 10 February 2005)*
- *Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 15 March 2005)*
- *Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)*
- *Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)*

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil

## **Estimates**

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

# Community Affairs References

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP) (elected Chair- 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP) (elected Deputy Chair- 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04

<b>Substitute members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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<b>Participating members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	22.6.05
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	7.12.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

### **Former members**

*Term of appointment*

### **Former substitute members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)*	7.12.04-17.3.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)**	7.12.04-23.6.05
Senator the Hon Peter Cook (WA, ALP)***	10.2.05-23.6.05

*\*replaced Senator Lees for inquiry into children in institutional care*

*\*\*replaced Senator Lees for inquiry into Aged Care*

*\*\*\*replaced Senator Hutchins for inquiry into the delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer*

### **Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
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### **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care (re-referred 1 December 2004)
- Inquiry into Aged Care (re-referred 1 December 2004)

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- Workplace exposure to toxic dust (referred 22 June 2005)

### **New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Inquiry into the delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer (referred 10 February 2005)
- Workplace exposure to toxic dust (referred 22 June 2005)

## **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Inquiry into Aged Care – 11 February 2005, Canberra; 22 February 2005, Adelaide; 23 February 2005, Perth; 11 March 2005, Sydney; 18 March 2005, Brisbane; 26 & 27 April 2005, Melbourne; 28 April 2005, Hobart
- Inquiry into the delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer – 31 March 2005, Perth; 18 April 2005, Melbourne; 19 April 2005, Sydney; 20 April 2005, Canberra; 11 & 12 May (x2) 2005, Canberra (teleconference)

## **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Report – Reference not re-adopted from 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (tabled 7 March 2004)
- Protecting vulnerable children: A national challenge – Second report on the inquiry into children in institutional or out-of-home care (tabled 17 March 2005)
- The cancer journey: Informing choice – The delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer (tabled 23 June 2005)
- Quality and equity in aged care (tabled 23 June 2005)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Hepatitis C and the Blood Supply in Australia (tabled 11 May 2005; report tabled 17 June 2004)

# **Economics**

## Economics

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	0	9	8	1
References	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	5	17:39	6	63:22	11	3:16	0	0:00	22	84:17
References	1	4:28	0	0:00	3	2:03	0	0:00	4	6:31
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22:07</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>63:22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5:19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>90:48</b>

Meetings By State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	WA	NT	QLD			
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	2			
References	1	0	0	0	0	0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>			

Witnesses						
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General
Legislation	438	63	0	733	192	0
References	0	0	9	0	0	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>85</b>

  

Hansard Pages			
No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses	
23	205	0	
32	290	2	
<b>55</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>2</b>	

# Economics Legislation

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP) (elected Chair – 30.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL) (elected Deputy Chair –30.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

<b>Substitute members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04

*\*replace Senator Murray for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*

<b>Participating members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Peter Cook (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04

Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

### **Former members**

*Term of appointment*

### **Former substitute members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)\* 10.3.05-16.3.05

*\*replaced Senator Webber for inquiry into the provisions of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2005*

### **Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP) 18.11.04-14.4.05

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- Nil

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- *Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)*



## **New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- *Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No.7) Bill 2004 (referred 9 February 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)*
- *Provisions of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2005 (referred 9 March 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)*
- *Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005 (referred 9 March 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)*
- *Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)*
- *Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)*
- *Superannuation Bill 2005, Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005 and the Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)*

## **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- *Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 16 & 17 February 2005, Canberra*
- *Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No.7) Bill 2004 – 1 March 2005, Adelaide*
- *Provisions of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2005 – 14 March 2005, Canberra; 26 April 2005, Brisbane*
- *2005-06 Budget Estimates – 30 & 31 May, 1 & 2 June 2005, Canberra*
- *Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005 – 14 June 2005, Canberra*
- *Superannuation Bill 2005, Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005 and the Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005 – 20 June 2005, Canberra*

## **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- *Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No.7) Bill 2004 (tabled 9 March 2005)*
- *Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 16 March 2005)*
- *Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)*
- *Provisions of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)*

- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)
- Superannuation Bill 2005, Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005 and Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005 (tabled 21 June 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No.1) 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005 (tabled 22 June 2005)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005 (tabled 23 June 2005)

### **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil

### **Estimates**

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

# Economics References

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL) (elected Chair –30.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP) (elected Deputy Chair – 30.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	23.6.05
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

<b>Substitute members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)**	15.3.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)***	23.6.05

*\*replace Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*

*\*\*replace Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit*

*\*\*\*replace Senator Murray for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*

<b>Participating members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Francis Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

### **Former members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD) 18.11.04-23.6.05

### **Former substitute members**

*Term of appointment*

### **Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP) 18.11.04-14.4.05

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- Possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit (referred 9 December 2004)

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- Possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit (referred 9 December 2004)

### **New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil

### **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit – 16 May 2005, Sydney

### **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil

### **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance (tabled 10 March 2005; report tabled 22 October 2002)
- Structure and distributive effects of the Australian Taxation System (tabled 11 May 2005; report tabled 25 June 2004)



**Employment, Workplace Relations and  
Education**

# Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	2	10	8	4
References	3	1 +(1**)	3 +(1*)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>

## Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	3	14:26	7	63:05	10	0:57	0	0:00	20	78:28
References	8	28:10	0	0:00	9	1:24	10	17:22	27	46:56
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>42:36</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>63:05</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2:21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17:22</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>125:24</b>

## Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	10	0	3	0	1	4	7	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>

## Witnesses

	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	9	333	33	0	938	159	0	250	2853	0
References	2	0	0	214	0	0	769	53	819	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>3672</b>	<b>1</b>

\*Interim Report that did not discharge a reference

\*\*Bill amalgamated with existing references inquiry



# Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

## Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP) (elected Chair – 10.5.05)	14.4.05
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)*	18.11.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

\*elected Chair from 18.11.04 to 24.1.05

## Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)**	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)***	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)****	29.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)*****	1.12.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)#	23.6.05

\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio

\*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Employment portfolio

\*\*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio

\*\*\*\*replace Senator Wong for matters relating to the Education portfolio

\*\*\*\*\*replace Senator Wong for matters relating to the Industrial Relations portfolio

#replace Senator Barnett for inquiry into the provisions of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005

## Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.02
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

**Former members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP) (elected Chair – 24.1.05)	18.11.04-14.4.05
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**Former substitute members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Connie Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)#	11.5.05-30.5.05
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*#replaced Senator Troeth for the consideration of the 2005-06 budget estimates on 30 May 2005*

**Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004 (referred 8 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004 (referred 9 December 2004)

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Upfront Student Union Fees Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005 through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and the Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

## **New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005 (referred 9 March 2005) through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005 and the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005 (referred 16 March 2005) through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005 (referred 16 March 2005) through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Upfront Student Union Fees Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005 through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and the Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

### **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 16 & 17 February 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004 – 18 February 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004 – 28 February 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005 and the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005 – 4 May 2005, Canberra
- 2005-06 Budget Estimates – 30 & 31 May, 1, 2 & 3 June 2005, Canberra

### **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004 (tabled 14 March 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004 (tabled 14 March 2005)
- Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 15 March 2005)
- Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005 and the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005 (tabled 10 May 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005 (tabled 10 May 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005 (tabled 10 May 2005)
- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)

### **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil

### **Estimates**

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

# Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

## Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) (elected Chair – 2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP) (elected Deputy Chair – 23.6.05)	14.4.05
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04

## Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)**	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)***	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)****	8.3.05

*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio*

*\*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Employment portfolio*

*\*\*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio*

*\*\*\*\*replace Senator Collins for matters relating to education*

## Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	1.12.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

**Former members**

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)

*Term of appointment*

18.11.04-14.4.05

**Former substitute members**

*Term of appointment*

**Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- Indigenous education (referred 6 December 2004)
- Unfair dismissal laws (referred 7 December 2004)
- Living costs of students enrolled in full-time and part-time courses (referred 8 December 2004)

## **Current inquiry**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- Industrial Agreements (referred 23 June 2005)

## **New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal Reform) Bill 2004 (referred 17 March 2005 ) **(to be amalgamated with the unfair dismissal laws inquiry)**
- Industrial Agreements (referred 23 June 2005)

## **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Indigenous education – 1 March 2005, Darwin; 29 March 2005, Perth; 27 April 2005, Melbourne
- Living costs of students enrolled in full-time and part-time courses – 26 April 2005, Melbourne; 28 April 2005, Adelaide; 13 May 2005, Canberra
- Unfair dismissal laws – 2 May 2005, Canberra; 3 May 2005, Melbourne

## **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Indigenous education funding – Interim Report (tabled 16 March 2005)
- Unfair dismissal and small business employment (tabled 21 June 2005)
- Indigenous Education Funding (tabled 22 June 2005)
- Student income support (tabled 23 June 2005)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Commonwealth Funding for Schools (tabled 16 June 2005; report tabled 11 August 2004)





**Environment, Communications,  
Information Technology  
and the Arts**

# Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	1	4	5	0
References	2	2	2+(1*)	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	3	7:34	6	65:27	14	2:27	0	0:00	23	75:28
References	10	39:21	0	0:00	15	1:41	1	1:41	26	42:43
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>46:55</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>65:27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4:08</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1:41</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>118:11</b>

Meetings By State										
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	22	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
References	17	3	2	0	0	2	0	2		
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>		

Witnesses										
	Telesed Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	9	325	23	0	840	86	0	30	148	0
References	5	0	0	109	0	0	590	123	1530	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>1678</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Interim Report that did not discharge a reference

# Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

## Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) (elected Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair -2.12.04)	29.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	8.2.05
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04

## Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)*	8.2.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)**	8.2.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)***	8.2.05

*\*replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Communications portfolio*

*\*\*replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio*

*\*\*\*replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Arts portfolio*

## Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04

Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	17.3.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04-8.2.05

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)*	18.11.04-8.2.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)**	18.11.04-8.2.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)***	18.11.04-8.2.05
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)****	10.2.05-15.2.05
Senator Connie Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)#	12.5.05-26.5.05

\*replaced Senator Allison for matters relating to the Communications portfolio

\*\*replaced Senator Allison for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio

\*\*\*replaced Senator Allison for matters relating to the Arts portfolio

\*\*\*\*replaced Senator Santoro for consideration of the 2004-05 additional estimated on 15 February 2005

#replaced Senator Santoro for the consideration of the 2005-06 budget estimates on 25 and 26 May 2005

### **Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- Provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004 (referred 8 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- Nil

## **New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- *Provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (referred 16 March 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)*

## **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 14 & 15 February 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004 – 21 & 28 February 2005, Canberra*
- *Provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2005 – 11 April 2005, Canberra*
- 2005-06 Budget Estimates – 23, 24, 25 & 26 May 2005, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- *Provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004 (tabled 7 March 2005)*
- Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 14 March 2005)
- Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
- *Provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (tabled 12 May 2005)*
- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil

## **Estimates**

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

# Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

## Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD) (elected Chair-23.6.05)	23.6.05
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-12.5.05)	14.4.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04

## Substitute members

*Date of appointment*

## Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	8.2.05
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

**Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD) (elected Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04-23.6.05

**Former substitute members**

*Term of appointment*

**Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

**Current inquiries**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- *Provisions* of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and related bills and matters (referred 8 December 2004)
- Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper (re-referred 8 December 2004)

**Current inquiries**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- Performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime (referred 14 March 2005)
- Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment (referred 17 March 2005)

**New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime (referred 14 March 2005)
- Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment (referred 17 March 2005)

## **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- *Provisions* of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and related bills and matters - 10 & 11 February 2005, Canberra
- Performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime – 11 April 2005, Canberra; 13 April 2005, Sydney; 14 April 2005, Dubbo; 21 April 2005, Townsville; 29 April 2005, Perth; 4 May 2005, Melbourne; 20 June 2005, Canberra
- Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper – 18 March 2005, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- A lost opportunity? Inquiry into the *Provisions* of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and related bills and matters (tabled 10 March 2005)
- Interim Report – Inquiry into the Government's White Energy Paper (presented out of session on 18.4.05; tabled 11 May 2005)
- *Lurching forward, looking back*: Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper (presented out of session on 16.5.05; tabled 14 June 2005)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil



**Finance and  
Public Administration**

## Finance and Public Administration

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	0	3	3	0
References	3	1	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

### Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	0:00	6	64:07	5	0:40	0	0:00	11	64:47
References	13	66:34	0	0:00	26	11:21	2	2:15	41	80:10
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>66:34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>64:07</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12:01</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2:15</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>144:57</b>

### Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	22	7	0	2	0	0	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>

### Witnesses

	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	6	537	0	0	792	0	0	0	0	0
References	6	0	0	86	0	0	1358	74	1981	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1981</b>	<b>2</b>

# Finance and Public Administration Legislation

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP) (elected Chair-29.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD) (elected Deputy Chair-29.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04

<b>Substitute members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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<b>Participating members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04

Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	29.11.04

### **Former members**

*Term of appointment*

### **Former substitute members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)*	10.2.05-15.2.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)*	11.5.05-27.5.05

*\*replaced Senator Heffernan for the consideration of the 2004-05 additional estimates on 14 and 15 February 2005*

*\*replaced Senator Heffernan for the consideration of the 2005-06 budget estimates from 23 to 27 May 2005*

### **Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
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### **Current inquiry**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- Nil

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- Nil

### **New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil

### **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 14 & 15 February 2005, Canberra
- 2005-06 Budget Estimates – 23, 24, 25 & 26 May 2005, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 15 March 2005)
- Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 10 May 2005)
- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil

## **Estimates**

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

# Finance and Public Administration References

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP) (elected Chair-29.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-29.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	23.6.05

<b>Substitute members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)*	2.12.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)**	2.12.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)***	2.12.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)****	2.12.04
Senator Connie Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)^	14.6.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)^^	22.6.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)^^^	23.6.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)^^^^	23.6.05

\*replace Senator George Campbell for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

\*\*replace Senator Moore for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

\*\*\*replace Senator Watson for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

\*\*\*\*replace Senator Heffernan for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

^replace Senator Heffernan for inquiry into Gallipoli Peninsula

^^replace Senator Moore for inquiry into government advertising

^^^replace Senator Murray for inquiry into Gallipoli Peninsula

^^^^replace Senator Stephens for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program from 1 July 2005  
except on 14-15 July and 18-19 July 2005

<b>Participating members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	11.5.05
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (Qld, NATS)	6.12.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	6.12.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	8.12.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	29.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	29.11.04

### **Former members**

Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)

*Term of appointment*

18.11.04-23.6.05

### **Former substitute members**

Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)\*

Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)\*\*

Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)\*\*\*

Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)\*\*\*\*

Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)^

*Term of appointment*

9.2.05-10.2.05

30.11.04-23.6.05

2.12.04-23.6.05

14.6.05-23.6.05

22.6.05-30.6.05

*\*replaced Senator Heffernan for inquiry into the Regional Partnerships Program on 10 February 2005*

*\*\*replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into government advertising*

*\*\*\*replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program*

*\*\*\*\*replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into Gallipoli Peninsula*

*^replaced Senator George Campbell for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program*

### **Former participating members**

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)

Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)

*Term of appointment*

18.11.04-14.4.05

18.11.04-23.6.05

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)
- Government advertising (re-referred 18 November 2004)
- Regional Partnerships program (referred 2 December 2004)

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)
- Government advertising (re-referred 18 November 2004)
- Regional Partnerships program (referred 2 December 2004)
- Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula (referred 11 May 2005)

## **New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula (referred 11 May 2005)

## **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Regional Partnerships program – 2, 3 & 10 February 2005, Canberra; 24 February 2005, The Entrance (NSW); 25 February 2005, Brisbane; 10 March 2005, Canberra; 13 & 14 April 2005, Cairns; 23 June 2005, Canberra; 28 June 2005, Armidale; 29 June 2005, Tamworth; 30 June 2005, Launceston
- Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula – 17 June 2005, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Recruitment and Training in the Australian Public Service (tabled 10 March 2005; report tabled 18 September 2003)
- Administrative Review of Veteran and Military Compensation and Income Support (tabled 16 June 2005; report tabled 4 December 2003)



**Foreign Affairs, Defence  
and Trade**

## Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	0	3	3	0
References	2	2	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

### Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	0:00	7	57:40	2	0:03	0	0:00	9	57:43
References	8	31:45	0	0:00	9	3:57	0	0:00	17	35:42
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>31:45</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>57:40</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4:00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>93:25</b>

### Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	15	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Witnesses

	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	7	422	0	0	684	0	0	5	20	0
References	6	0	0	72	0	0	452	65	1106	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1126</b>	<b>1</b>

# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

## Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS) (elected Chair-19.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-19.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04

## Substitute members

*Date of appointment*

## Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

**Former members**

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)

*Term of appointment*

18.11.04-29.11.04

**Former substitute members**

Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)\*

*Term of appointment*

30.11.04-1.12.04

*\*replaced Senator Mackay for matters relating to the Defence portfolio*

**Former participating members**

Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)

*Term of appointment*

18.11.04-29.11.04

18.11.04-14.4.05

**Current inquiry**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- Nil

**Current inquiry**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- Nil

**New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil

**Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 16, 17 & 18 February 2005, Canberra
- 2005-06 Budget Estimates – 30 & 31 May, 1 & 2 June 2005, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 14 March 2005)
- Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil

## **Estimates**

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) (elected Chair-22.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS) (elected Deputy Chair-22.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	23.6.05

<b>Substitute members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)**	8.3.05
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)***	8.3.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)****	10.3.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)#	21.6.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)##	22.6.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)###	22.6.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)#*	23.6.05

*\*\*replace Senator Hutchins for inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq*

*\*\*\*replace Senator Mackay for inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq*

*\*\*\*\*replace Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq*

*#replace Senator Mackay for inquiry into Australia's relationship with China*

*##replace Senator Mackay for inquiry into Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon*

*###replace Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon*

*#\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for inquiry into Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon*

<b>Participating members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04

Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*	9.12.04-16.6.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)#	15.6.05-21.6.05

*\*replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the effectiveness of the Australian military justice system*

*#replaced Senator Mackay for inquiry into Australia's relationship with China*

### **Former participating members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05

### **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- The effectiveness of Australia's military justice system (re-referred 6 December 2004)
- Australia's relationship with China (referred 8 December 2004)

### **Current inquiries**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- Australia's relationship with China (referred 8 December 2004)
- Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq (referred 8 March 2005)
- Asylum for consular officials and deportation of Vivian Solon (referred 16 June 2005)

### **New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq (referred 8 March 2005)
- Asylum for consular officials and deportation of Vivian Solon (referred 16 June 2005)

### **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq – 29 March 2005, Canberra
- Australia's relationship with China – 14, 16, 20, 21 & 22 June 2005, Canberra; 27 June 2005, Melbourne; 29 June 2005, Sydney

### **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- The effectiveness of Australia's military justice system (tabled 16 June 2005)

### **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- A Pacific engaged: Australia's relationships with Papua New Guinea and the island states of the south-west Pacific (presented out of session on 24 June 2005; report tabled 12 August 2003)



# **Legal and Constitutional**

## Legal and Constitutional

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	1	10	9	2
References	2	1	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>

### Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	6	22:51	8	87:43	11	2:07	0	0:00	25	112:41
References	3	9:50	0	0:00	4	0:09	0	0:00	7	9:59
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>32:41</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>87:43</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2:16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>122:40</b>

### Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	NT	QLD
Legislation	23	2	0	0	0	0	0
References	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Witnesses

	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	12	446	71	0	905	334	0	115	1347	0
References	1	0	0	42	0	0	177	54	664	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>0</b>

# Legal and Constitutional Legislation

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

## Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) (elected Chair-2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.5.05
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	23.6.05

## Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)*	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)**	23.6.05

*\*replace Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio*

*\*\*replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Attorney-General's portfolio*

## Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	6.12.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04

Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	14.6.05
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	6.12.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04-11.5.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)*	6.12.04-7.12.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)**	17.3.05-12.5.05

*\*replaced Senator Payne for inquiry into the Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004*

*\*\*replaced Senator Greig for inquiry into provisions of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005*

### **Former participating members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	29.11.04-11.5.05
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004 (referred 1 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

### **Current inquiries**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- *Provisions* of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- *Provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)*

### **New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 (referred 9 February 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005 (referred 16 March 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)*
- *Provisions of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005 (referred 16 March 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)*
- *Provisions of the National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 16 March 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)*
- *Provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)*
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)*

### **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004 – 1 February 2005, Sydney
- Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 14, 15 & 18 February 2005, Canberra
- Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 – 23 February 2005, Sydney
- *Provisions of the National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 – 13 April 2005, Canberra*
- *Provisions of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005 – 13 April 2005, Canberra*
- *Provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005 – 14 April 2005, Canberra*
- 2005-06 Budget Estimates – 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27 May 2005, Canberra
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005 – 15 June 2005, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004 (tabled 8 March 2005)
- Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 (tabled 10 March 2005)
- Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 15 March 2005)
- Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005 (tabled 12 May 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005 (tabled 12 May 2005)
- *Provisions* of the National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (tabled 12 May 2005)
- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (presented out of session on 17 June 2005; tabled 20 June 2005)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil

## **Estimates**

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

# Legal and Constitutional References

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

## Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP) (elected Chair-2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	23.6.05
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	23.6.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	18.11.04

## Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)*	18.11.04

*\*replace Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio*

## Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	6.12.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	9.12.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

### **Former members**

Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	<i>Term of appointment</i> 18.11.04-23.6.05
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### **Former substitute members**

Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)*	<i>Term of appointment</i> 7.3.05-20.5.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)**	12.5.05-23.6.05
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)***	15.6.05-23.6.05

*\*replaced Senator Scullion for inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the Privacy Act 1988 on 21 & 22 April 2005, and 19 & 20 May 2005*

*\*\*replaced Senator Greig for inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the Privacy Act 1988*

*\*\*\*replaced Senator Scullion for inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the Privacy Act 1988*

### **Former participating members**

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	<i>Term of appointment</i> 18.11.04-14.4.05
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### **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- Inquiry into Australian expatriates (re-referred 6 December 2004)
- Effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988* as a means to protect the privacy of Australians (referred 9 December 2004)

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958* (referred 21 June 2005)



## **New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958* (referred 21 June 2005)

## **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988* as a means to protect the privacy of Australians – 22 April 2005, Melbourne; 19 May 2005, Melbourne; 20 May 2005, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- They still call Australia home: Inquiry into Australian Expatriates (tabled 8 March 2005)
- The real Big Brother: Inquiry into the *Privacy Act 1988* (tabled 23 June 2005)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil



**Rural and Regional Affairs  
and Transport**

## Rural And Regional Affairs and Transport

1 January 2005 - 30 June 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Legislation	2	8	7	3
References	1	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>

### Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	8	16:38	8	77:33	13	3:17	0	0:00	29	97:28
References	5	14:29	0	0:00	7	1:27	0	0:00	12	15:56
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>31:07</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>77:33</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4:44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>113:24</b>

### Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	29	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	8	0	1	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Witnesses

	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	15	282	31	27	845	107	114	34	225	0
References	2	0	0	43	0	0	247	13	73	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>0</b>

# Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) (elected Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04

<b>Substitute members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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<b>Participating members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)**	23.6.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04

Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	23.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

### **Former members**

*Term of appointment*

### **Former substitute members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)*	9.2.05-18.2.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)**	10.3.05-10.5.05

*\*replaced Senator Ferris for the consideration of the 2004-05 additional estimates on 18 February 2005*

*\*\*replaced Senator Cherry for inquiry into the provisions of the Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005*

### **Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
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### **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Phillipines (re-referred 1 December 2004)
- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand (re-referred 1 December 2004)

### **Current inquiries**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (adopted 27 May 2005)
- Regulatory framework under the *Maritime Transport Security Act 2005* (referred 16 June 2005)
- National Animal Welfare Bill 2005 (referred 22 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

## **New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- *Provisions* of the AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and the AusLink (National Land Transport – Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004 (referred 9 February 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005 (referred 9 March 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (adopted 27 May 2005)
- Regulatory framework under the *Maritime Transport Security Act 2005* (referred 16 June 2005)
- National Animal Welfare Bill 2005 (referred 22 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

## **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand – 9 February 2005, Canberra
- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Phillipines – 9 February 2005, Canberra
- Additional Estimates 2004-05 – 14, 15 & 18 February 2005, Canberra
- Meat and Livestock – 9 March 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005 – 17 March 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and the AusLink (National Land Transport – Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004 – 18 March 2005, Canberra; 12 April 2005, Canberra
- 2005-06 Budget Estimates – 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27 May 2005, Canberra
- The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak – 15 & 22 June 2005, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Additional Estimates 2004-05 (tabled 15 March 2005)
- Annual Report No.1 of 2005 (tabled 16 March 2005)
- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines (tabled 17 March 2005)

- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand (tabled 17 March 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005 (tabled 10 May 2005)
- *Provisions* of the AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and the AusLink (National Land Transport – Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004 (tabled 12 May 2005)
- Budget Estimates 2005-06 (tabled 20 June 2005)

### **Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil

### **Estimates**

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.



# Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References

*1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

## Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD) (elected Chair – 23.6.05)	23.6.05
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04

## Substitute members

*Date of appointment*

## Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

### **Former members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD) (elected Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04-23.6.05
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### **Former substitute members**

*Term of appointment*

### **Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
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### **Current inquiry**

*As at 1 January 2005*

- Compensation for wheat growers (referred 8 December 2004)

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 30 June 2005*

- Operation of the wine-making industry (referred 16 March 2005)

### **New references**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Operation of the wine-making industry (referred 16 March 2005)

### **Public hearings**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Compensation for wheat growers – 22 February 2005, Perth; 23 February 2005, Canberra
- Operation of the wine-making industry – 27 June 2005, Adelaide; 27 June 2005, Berri (SA); 28 June 2005, Mildura

### **Reports tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Iraqi wheat debt – repayments for wheat growers (tabled 16 June 2005)

**Government responses tabled**

*1 January 2005 – 30 June 2005*

- Nil

