

**Committee-related  
activity in the chamber**

## **Details of Reports tabled in the Senate and other related matters**

### **Legislation Committees:**

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 48 reports. The details are as follows:

### ***Bills***

Legislation Committees tabled 22 reports on the following Bills:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Bills</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>CA</b>	<i>Provisions of Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004</i>	8.2.05
<b>CA</b>	<i>Provisions of National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004</i>	10.2.05
<b>ECITA</b>	<i>Provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004</i>	7.3.05
<b>LC</b>	<i>Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004</i>	8.3.05
<b>ECO</b>	<i>Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No.7) Bill 2004</i>	9.3.05
<b>LC</b>	<i>Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004</i>	10.3.05
<b>EWRE</b>	<i>Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004</i>	14.3.05
<b>EWRE</b>	<i>Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004</i>	14.3.05
<b>ECO</b>	<i>Provisions of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2005</i>	16.3.05
<b>EWRE</b>	<i>Provisions of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005 and the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005</i>	10.5.05

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Bills</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>EWRE</b>	<i>Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005</i>	10.5.05
<b>EWRE</b>	<i>Provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005</i>	10.5.05
<b>RRAT</b>	Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005	10.5.05
<b>ECITA</b>	<i>Provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews And Other Measures) Bill 2005</i>	12.5.05
<b>LC</b>	<i>Provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005</i>	12.5.05
<b>LC</b>	<i>Provisions of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005</i>	12.5.05
<b>LC</b>	<i>Provisions of the National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005</i>	12.5.05
<b>RRAT</b>	AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 And the AusLink (National Land Transport – Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004	12.5.05
<b>LC</b>	Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005	20.6.05
<b>ECO</b>	Superannuation Bill 2005, Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005 and Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005	21.6.05
<b>ECO</b>	Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No.1) 2005 and the Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005	22.6.05
<b>ECO</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005	21.6.05

### **General**

Legislation Committees tabled 2 reports on the following matters:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>RRAT</b>	Administration of Biosecurity Australia - revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines	17.3.05
<b>RRAT</b>	Administration of Biosecurity Australia - revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand	17.3.05

### **Estimates reports:**

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 16 reports.

### **Annual Report reports:**

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 8 reports.

### **References Committees:**

During the reporting period, Senate References Committees tabled 12 reports (plus 3 reports that did not discharge a reference). The details are as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>CA</b>	^Reference not re-adopted from 40 <sup>th</sup> Parliament	7.3.05
<b>LC</b>	They still call Australia home: Inquiry into Australian Expatriates	8.3.05
<b>ECITA</b>	A lost opportunity? Inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and related bills and matters	10.3.05
<b>EWRE</b>	^Indigenous education funding - Interim Report	16.3.05

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
CA	Protecting vulnerable children: A national challenge – Second report on the inquiry into children in institutional or out-of-home care	17.3.05
ECITA	^Interim report – Inquiry into the Government's Energy White Paper (presented out of session on 18.4.05)	11.5.05
ECITA	<i>Lurching forward, looking back:</i> Budgetary and environmental Implications of the Government's Energy White Paper (presented out of session on 16.5.05)	14.6.05
FADT	The effectiveness of Australia's military justice system	16.6.05
RRAT	Iraqi wheat debt – repayments for wheat growers	16.6.05
EWRE	Unfair dismissal and small business employment	21.6.05
EWRE	Indigenous Education Funding	22.6.05
EWRE	Student income support	23.6.05
CA	The cancer journey: Informing choice - The delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer	23.6.05
CA	Quality and equity in aged care	23.6.05
LC	The real Big Brother: inquiry into the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i>	23.6.05

*^Reports that did not discharge a reference*

### **Joint Statutory/Select Committees:**

During the reporting period, 4 reports (plus 3 reports that did not discharge a reference) were tabled by the Joint Statutory/Select Committees.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
CFS	Australian Accounting Standards tabled in compliance with the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> on 30 August and 16 November 2004	10.2.05

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>IA</b>	After ATSI – Life in the Mainstream?	8.3.05
<b>CFS</b>	^Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	12.5.05
<b>CFS</b>	Inquiry into the Exposure Draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No.2) 2005	16.6.05
<b>CFS</b>	Property investment advice: Safe as houses?	23.6.05
<b>ACC</b>	^Examination of the annual report for 2003-04 of the Australian Crime Commission	23.6.05
<b>NT</b>	^Examination of annual reports 2003-2004	23.6.05

*^Reports that did not discharge a reference*

## **Government Responses to Committee Reports**

The following table shows 10 Government responses to Senate Committee Reports:

<b>Government response</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee</b>
Superannuation and standards of living in retirement: The adequacy of the tax arrangements for superannuation and related policy	10.2.05	<b>SUPER</b>
Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance	10.3.05	<b>ECO</b>
Recruitment and Training in the Australian Public Service	10.3.05	<b>FPA</b>
CLERP (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003 – Part 1	10.3.05	<b>CFS</b>
CLERP (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003 – Part 2	10.3.05	<b>CFS</b>
Structure and distributive effects of the Australian Taxation System	11.5.05	<b>ECO</b>
Hepatitis C and the Blood Supply In Australia	11.5.05	<b>CA</b>
Commonwealth Funding for Schools	16.6.05	<b>EWRE</b>

<b>Government response</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee</b>
Administrative Review of Veteran and Military Compensation and Income Support	16.6.05	<b>FPA</b>
A Pacific engaged: Australia's relationships with Papua New Guinea and the island states Of the south-west Pacific	24.6.05	<b>FADT</b>

A complete list of Government responses is produced in the Business of the Senate published half yearly by the Senate Table Office.

**Dissenting Reports/Additional Comments/Supplementary Reports/Comments/Additional Recommendations/Minority Reports/Reports/Additional Comments and Points of Dissent**

<b><i>Legislation:</i></b>	<b><i>ALP</i></b>	<b><i>AD</i></b>	<b><i>AG</i></b>	<b><i>IND</i></b>
Additional Comments	11	6		
Comments	3	1	1	1
Reports	4	3		
Dissenting Reports		3		
Additional Recommendations	3			
Minority Reports	6	4		
Supplementary Reports		1		
Additional Comments And Points of Dissent		1		
<b><i>References:</i></b>	<b><i>LP</i></b>	<b><i>ALP</i></b>	<b><i>AD</i></b>	<b><i>AG</i></b>
Additional Comments	2	3	1	
Supplementary Reports			1	
Dissenting Reports	4			1

<b><i>Joint/Select:</i></b>	<b><i>LP</i></b>	<b><i>ALP</i></b>	<b><i>AD</i></b>	<b><i>AG</i></b>
Supplementary Reports		4	1	
Minority Reports		4	1	
Additional Comments	3			1

### **Extension of Time to present Reports**

During the reporting period, 10 extensions of time (under a week) and 12 extensions of time (under a month) were granted to Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports.

### **Leave to Meet while the Senate is in session**

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted to meet while the Senate was in session on 19 occasions.

### **Change of Membership of Committees**

During the reporting period, there were 61 membership changes of Committees.

### **Appointment of Committee**

During the reporting period the Select Committee on Mental Health was appointed on 8 March 2005.

### **Change of Committee Name**

During the reporting period, the Joint Statutory Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund was changed to the Joint Statutory Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account on the 22 February 2005.