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FORMAT OF THIS REPORT

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

- the half year (1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006); and
- the financial year (1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006)

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

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ABBREVIATIONS

Committees

ACC	Australian Crime Commission
CA	Community Affairs
CFS	Corporations and Financial Services
ECO	Economics
EWRE	Employment, Workplace Relations and Education
ECITA	Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
FPA	Finance and Public Administration
FTA	Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America
LC	Legal and Constitutional
MH	Mental Health
NT	Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
SUPER	Superannuation and Financial Services

Political Affiliations

AD	Australian Democrats
AG	Australian Greens
ALP	Australian Labor Party
APA	Australian Progressive Alliance
CLP	Country Liberal Party
FFP	Family First Party
Ind	Independent
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
NATS	The Nationals

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Other publications available from the Committee Office:

- Committee Reports*
- Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970 – 2004)
(<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/register/report/index.htm>)
- Supplements are published at the end of each year
- The First 20 Years (History of Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees 1970 – 1990)
- Business of Committees (Program of committee public hearings held in Canberra and/or interstate) (<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/red.htm>)
- Public Hearings/Meetings list (list of all public hearings to be held in the following fortnight, published every Friday)
(<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/hearings/index.htm>)
- Bills to Committees Update (providing details on the progress of legislation through Senate committees) (<http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/bills/update.htm>)

- Information pamphlets-
 - No. 1 Notes to assist in the preparation of submissions to Senate Committee inquiries
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_one.htm)
 - No. 2 Information for witnesses appearing before Senate Committees
(general information and notes to assist with the preparation
of oral evidence before Senate committees)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_two.htm)
 - No. 3 Protection of witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (Senate Privilege
Resolution No. 1 on procedures to be observed by Senate committees for the
protection of witnesses)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_thr.htm)
 - No. 4 Government Guidelines for official witnesses before Parliamentary Committees
and related matters (Extract)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/gov_ext.htm)
- Guidelines for Committee Chairs
- Senate Committees: A Handbook for Senators' Staff

** a selection of reports presented prior to June 1997 and all reports tabled after that date are available on the Internet*

DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Administered</i>	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Appropriations and Staffing	Standing	S	6277 3015	6277 5784
Australian Crime Commission	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4888	6277 4204
Community Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3515	6277 5829
Corporations and Financial Services	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3583	6277 5719
Economics*	LGPS	S	6277 3540	6277 5719
Electoral Matters	Joint	H	6277 4564	6277 4710
Employment, Workplace Relations and Education*	LGPS	S	6277 3521	6277 5706
Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*	LGPS	S	6277 3526	6277 5818
Finance and Public Administration*	LGPS	S	6277 3439	6277 5809
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint	H	6277 4629	6277 2221
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade* House	LGPS	S	6277 3535	6277 5818
Intelligence and Security (formerly known as ASIO, ASIS and DSD)	Standing	S	6277 3398	6277 3199
Legal and Constitutional*	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4348	6277 2067
Library#	LGPS	S	6277 3594	6277 5794
Mental Health	Standing	DPS	6277 7100	6277 5417
Migration	Select	S	6277 3019	6277 3130
National Capital and External Territories	Joint	H	6277 4565	6277 8506
Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account	Joint	H	6277 4348	6277 2067
Parliamentary Library#	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Privileges	Joint	DPS	6277 7102	6277 2403
Procedure	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
Public Accounts and Audit	Standing	S	6277 3364	6277 3199
Public Works	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4615	6277 2220
Publications	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4636	6277 4426
Regulations and Ordinances	Standing	S	6277 3037	6277 3448
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport*	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3066	6277 5838
Scrutiny of Bills	Standing	S	6277 3511	6277 5811
Selection of Bills	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3051	6277 5838
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3020	6277 3098
Treaties	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
	Joint	H	6277 4002	6277 2219

Code

H	Department of the House of Representatives
DPS	Department of the Parliamentary Services
LGPS	Legislative and General Purpose Standing
S	Department of the Senate
*	Legislation and References Committees
#	There are two committees with responsibility for Library matters

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

Introduction

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

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

Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees

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

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

Community Affairs

- Legislation
- References

Health and Ageing

Families, Community Services and
Indigenous Affairs

Economics

- Legislation
- References

Treasury

Industry, Tourism and Resources

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

- Legislation
- References

Education, Science and Training

Employment and Workplace Relations

Environment, Communications,
Information Technology and the Arts

- Legislation
- References

Environment and Heritage
Communications and Information Technology
and the Arts

Finance and Public Administration

- Legislation
- References

Parliament
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Finance and Administration
Human Services

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

- Legislation
- References

Foreign Affairs and Trade
Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

Legal and Constitutional

- Legislation
- References

Attorney-General
Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

Rural and Regional Affairs and
Transport

- Legislation
- References

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Transport and Regional Services

Joint Statutory Committees

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

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

Senate Select Committee

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office provided staffing and resources for the Select Committee on Mental Health (appointed 8 March 2005).

PART ONE

1 January 2006 - 30 June 2006

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

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 January 2006 - 30 June 2006

	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	9	8	2
References	2 +(1##)	2	2 +(1^^)	2
Total	3	11	10	4

Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings
Legislation	6	31:05	6	69:20	10	6:15	0	0:00	22
References	8	35:05	0	0:00	9	6:15	6	31:35	23
Total	14	66:10	6	69:20	19	12:30	6	31:35	45
									106:40
									72:55
									179:35

Meetings By State									
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD	
Legislation	19	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	
References	11	0	0	0	1	4	5	2	
Total	30	2	1	0	1	4	5	2	

Witnesses									
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	10	587	91	0	791	441	0	1129	0
References	3	0	17	85	0	68	517	87	2
Total	13	587	108	85	791	509	517	1216	2
								1649	
								586	
								2235	

##Response to petitions; ^^Report to discharge Response to petitions

Community Affairs Legislation

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) (elected Chair-1.7.05)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-1.7.05)	1.12.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	2.3.06
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	1.7.05

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)*	30.3.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)**	11.5.06
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)***	22.6.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)****	22.6.06

**replaces Senator Nettle for matters relating to Family and Community Services*

***replaces Senator Nettle for inquiry into the Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005*

****replaces Senator Polley for inquiry into Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006*

*****replaces Senator Nettle for inquiry into Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006*

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)	1.7.05
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
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 Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	1.3.06
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 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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	27.2.06
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	9.12.05
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	10.8.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
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 Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	9.12.05
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 Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	7.2.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	9.12.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	9.12.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	21.6.06

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-1.12.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Chair-18.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Deputy Chair-18.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05-27.2.06

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Mitchell Fifield (Vic, LP)*	23.11.05-28.11.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)**	9.2.06-17.2.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)***	11.5.06-29.5.06

**replaced Senator Barnett for inquiry into the provisions of the Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) Bill 2005 and a related bill on 23 November 2005*

***replaced Senator Barnett for the consideration of the 2005-06 additional estimates on 15, 16 & 17 February 2006*

****replaced Senator Adams for the consideration of the 2006-07 Budget Estimates on 29 May 2006*

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04-1.12.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Inquiry

As at 1 January 2006

- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005 (referred 8 December 2005)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2006

- The Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Provisions of the Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005, the Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Bill 2005 and the Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005 (referred 8 February 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Family Assistance, Society Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (referred 1 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 30 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- National Health and Medical Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 30 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- The Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005 – 3 February 2006, Melbourne; 6 February 2006, Sydney
- Additional Estimates 2005-06 – 15 & 16 February 2006, Canberra
- Provisions of the Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005, the Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Bill 2005 and the Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005 – 2 March 2006, Canberra
- Provisions of the Family Assistance, Society Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006 – 14 March 2006, Canberra
- Provisions of the Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2006; National Health and Medical Research Council Amendment Bill 2006; Inquiry into a matter relating to PET Review of 2000 - 28 April 2006, Canberra
- Budget Estimates 2006-07 – 29, 30 & 31 May 2006 and 1 June 2006, Canberra
- The Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005 – 22 June 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005 (tabled 8 February 2006)
- Provisions of the Family Assistance, Society Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 24 March 2006, tabled 27 March 2006)
- Provisions of the Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005, the Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Bill 2005 and the Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005 (tabled 27 March 2006)
- Additional estimates 2005-06 (tabled 28 March 2006)
- Annual Reports No. 1 of 2006 (tabled 29 March 2006)
- National Health and Medical Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006; tabled 9 May 2006)
- Provisions of the Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2006 (tabled 9 May 2006)
- Budget estimates 2006-07 (tabled 20 June 2006)

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Estimates

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

Community Affairs References

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP) (elected Chair-1.7.05)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-1.7.05)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	15.9.05
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	1.7.05

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)	1.7.05
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
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 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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	10.8.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.05
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 Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	9.12.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	9.12.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	21.6.06

Former members

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	<i>Term of appointment</i> 18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Chair- 18.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Deputy Chair- 18.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	1.7.05-15.9.05

Former substitute members

Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)*	<i>Term of appointment</i> 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
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)^	11.10.05-20.6.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)^^	13.10.05-20.6.06

*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

^replaced Senator Carol Brown for inquiry into petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities

^^replaced Senator Allison for inquiry into petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities

Former participating members

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	<i>Term of appointment</i> 18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	7.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2006

- Workplace exposure to toxic dust (referred 22 June 2005)
- Petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities (referred 5 October 2005)

Response to petitions

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Management and prevention of gynaecological cancers and sexually transmitted infections (referred 7 December 2005)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2006

- Gynaecological cancer in Australia (referred 11 May 2006)
- An examination of the funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA) (referred 11 May 2006)

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Gynaecological cancer in Australia (referred 11 May 2006)
- An examination of the funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA) (referred 11 May 2006)

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities – 20 February 2006, Perth; 21 February 2006, Darwin; 22 February 2006, Alice Springs (there were several site visits); 8 March 2006, Cairns; 27 April 2006, Canberra; 16 May 2006, Adelaide
- Management and prevention of gynaecological cancers and sexually transmitted infections - 3 March 2006, Canberra
- Gynaecological cancer in Australia – 23 June 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Response to the petition on gynaecological health issues (tabled 30 March 2006)
- Workplace exposure to toxic dust (presented out of session on 31 May 2006; tabled on 13 June 2006)
- Beyond petrol sniffing: Renewing hope for Indigenous communities (tabled 20 June 2006)

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Poverty and financial hardship – A hand up not a hand out: Renewing the fight against poverty (presented out of session on 7 March 2006; tabled 27 March 2006; report tabled 11 March 2004)
- Services and treatment options for persons with cancer (tabled 22 June 2006; report tabled 23 June 2005)

Economics

Economics

1 January 2006 - 30 June 2006

	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 +(3*)	2
References	0	0	0	0
Total	1	10	9	2

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	9	28:20	6	58:27	14	8:00	0	0:00	29	94:47
References	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00
Total	9	28:20	6	58:27	14	8:00	0	0:00	29	94:47

Meetings By State									
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD	
Legislation	27	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	27	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	10	484	100	0	711	339	0	63	528	0
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10	484	100	0	711	339	0	63	528	0

**Interim reports that did not discharge a reference*

Economics Legislation

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP) (elected Chair – 30.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP) (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

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)**	22.6.06

**replaces Senator Murray for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*

***replaces Senator Webber for inquiry into price of petrol in Australia*

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	16.8.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
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 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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04

Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, 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)	18.11.04
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
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 Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)*	10.3.05-16.3.05
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)**	15.10.05-7.11.05

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

***replaced Senator Stephens for the period 15 October to 7 November 2005*

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator the Hon Peter Cook (WA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Inquiry

As at 1 January 2006

- Provisions of the Future Fund Bill 2005 (referred 8 December 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2006

- Provisions of the Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Price of petrol in Australia (referred 22 June 2006)

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Provisions of the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2006 (referred 30 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 (referred 11 May 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006; Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006; Excise Laws Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (referred 11 May 2006)
- Provisions of the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2006 and Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Instalment Transfer Interest Charge Imposition) Bill 2006 (referred 14 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 3) Bill 2006 (referred 14 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Price of petrol in Australia (referred 22 June 2006)

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Provisions of the Future Fund Bill 2005 – 7 & 9 February 2006, Canberra
- Additional Estimates 2005-06 – 15 & 16 February 2006, Canberra
- Provisions of the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2006 – 19 April 2006, Sydney; 8 May 2006, Canberra
- Budget Estimates 2006-07 – 29, 30 & 31 May 2006 and 1 June 2006, Canberra
- Provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 – 5 June 2006, Canberra

- Provisions Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006; Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006; Excise Laws Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006– 5 June 2006, Canberra
- Provisions Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006; Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006; Excise Laws Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 – 6 June 2006, Canberra
- Provisions of the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2006 and Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Instalment Transfer Interest Charge Imposition) Bill 2006 – 19 June 2006, Canberra
- Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 3) Bill 2006 – 19 June 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Provisions of the Future Fund Bill 2005 (tabled 27 February 2006)
- Additional estimates 2005-06 (tabled 30 March 2006)
- Annual Reports No. 1 of 2006 (tabled 30 March 2006)
- Interim Report - Provisions of the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006; tabled 9 May 2006)
- Provisions of the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2006 (tabled 11 May 2006)
- Interim Report - Provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 7 June 2006; tabled 13 June 2006)
- Interim Report - Provisions Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and three related bills (presented out of session on 7 June 2006; tabled 13 June 2006)
- Provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 14 June 2006; tabled 15 June 2006)
- Provisions Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and three related bills (presented out of session on 14 June 2006; tabled 15 June 2006)

- Budget estimates 2006-07 (tabled 20 June 2006)
- Provisions of the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2006 and Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Instalment Transfer Interest Charge Imposition) Bill 2006 (tabled 22 June 2006)
- Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 3) Bill 2006 (tabled 22 June 2006)

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Estimates

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

Economics References

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP) (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

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	23.6.05

**replaces Senator Murray for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	16.8.05
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
Senator the Hon Ronald 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 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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04

Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
Senator Robert Francis Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	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
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Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04-23.6.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)**	15.3.05-23.6.05

**replaced Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*

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

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Inquiry

As at 1 January 2006

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2006

- Nil

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

1 January 2006 - 30 June 2006

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	7	1
References	1	0	1
Total	1	7	2

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	2	6:52	6	9	0:43	0	17
References	7	22:19	0	3	0:55	3	13
Total	9	29:11	6	12	1:38	3	30
							104:51

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	14	0	3	0	0	0	0
References	3	0	0	4	0	3	3
Total	17	0	3	4	0	3	3

Witnesses						Hansard Pages			
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	6	339	17	0	805	70	9	72	0
References	0	0	0	55	0	344	35	504	1
Total	6	339	17	55	805	70	44	576	1

**Withdrawn Bill

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

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 George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04

**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 Andrew Murray (WA, AD)**	18.11.04

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

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

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	10.11.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.8.05
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	1.7.05
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 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)	11.5.06
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
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 the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.10.05
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	7.2.06
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 Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Glen Sterle (WA, ALP)	5.10.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	21.6.06

Former members

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	<i>Term of appointment</i> 18.11.04-14.4.05
<i>(Chair – 24.1.05-14.4.05)</i>	
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)*	11.5.05-30.5.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)**	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)***	29.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)****	1.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)*****	23.6.05-10.8.05
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)#	18.8.05-10.10.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)##	15.9.05-13.10.05
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)###	8.11.05-15.11.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)^	9.11.05-29.11.05
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)^^	10.11.05-29.11.05
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)^^^	10.11.05-29.11.05
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)^^^^	9.2.06-17.2.06

*replaced Senator Troeth for the consideration of the 2005-06 budget estimates on 30 May 2005

**replaced Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Employment portfolio

***replaced Senator Wong for matters relating to the Education portfolio

****replaced Senator Wong for matters relating to the Industrial Relations portfolio

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

#replaced Senator George Campbell for inquiry into provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005

##replaced Senator Barnett for inquiry into provisions of the Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005

###replaced Senator Barnett for inquiry into the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 on 14 November 2005 from 9am to 5pm and on 15 November 2005 from 9am to 1pm

^replaced Senator Johnston for inquiry into the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and a related bill

^^replaced Senator Marshall for inquiry into the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and a related bill

^^replaced Senator George Campbell for inquiry into the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and a related bill

^^^^replaced Senator Barnett for the consideration of the 2005-06 additional estimates on 15, 16 and 17 February 2006

Former participating members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Inquiry

As at 1 January 2006

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2006

- Provisions of the Independent Contractors Bills 2006 and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Independent Contractors) Bill 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Provisions of the OHS and SRC Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 1 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 30 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 30 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 11 May 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Independent Contractors Bills 2006 and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Independent Contractors) Bill 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
WITHDRAWN on 22 June 2006

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Additional Estimates 2005-06 – 15 & 16 February 2006, Canberra
- Provisions of the OHS and SRC Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 – 21 April 2006, Melbourne
- Provisions of the Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 – 4 May 2006, Melbourne
- Budget Estimates 2006-07 – 29, 30 & 31 May 2006 and 1 June 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Additional estimates 2005-06 (tabled 28 March 2006)
- Annual Reports No. 1 of 2006 (tabled 29 March 2006)
- Provisions of the OHS and SRC Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (tabled 9 May 2006)
- Provisions of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2006 (tabled 10 May 2006)
- Provisions of the Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 June 2006; tabled 13 June 2006)
- Provisions of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 6 June 2006; tabled 13 June 2006)
- Budget estimates 2006-07 (tabled 20 June 2006)

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- 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 2006 to 30 June 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP) (elected Chair –1.7.05)	1.7.05
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 George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	1.7.05
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 Andrew Murray (WA, AD)**	18.11.04

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

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

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 Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.8.05
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	1.7.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	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)	13.9.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	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 Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
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 Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	13.10.05
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 Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Glen Sterle (WA, ALP)	5.10.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	21.6.06

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
(Chair – 2.12.04-30.6.05)	
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)*	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)**	8.3.05-30.6.05

**replaced Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Employment portfolio*

***replaced Senator Collins for matters relating to education*

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Inquiry

As at 1 January 2006

- Pacific region seasonal contract labour (referred 7 December 2005)

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2006

- Pacific region seasonal contract labour (referred 7 December 2005)

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Pacific region seasonal contract labour – 21 March 2006, Mildura; 22 March 2006, Renmark; 23 March 2006, Robinvale; 24 March 2006, Shepparton; 19 April 2006, Brisbane; 20 April 2006, Bundaberg; 5 June 2006, Darwin

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Unfair dismissal and small business employment (tabled 30 March 2006; report tabled 21 June 2005)

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Legislation	2	6	8	0
References	2	1	1	2
Total	4	7	9	2

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	2	6:18	6	65:21	15	3:24	0	0:00	23	75:03
References	10	48:41	0	0:00	6	2:39	4	34:00	20	85:20
Total	12	54:59	6	65:21	21	6:03	4	34:00	43	160:23

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	8	2	2	0	2	0	2	4
Total	31	2	2	0	2	0	2	4

Witnesses

Hansard Pages

	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	7	274	16	0	872	102	0	97	224	0
References	3	0	0	121	0	0	808	296	2195	0
Total	10	274	16	121	872	102	808	393	2419	0

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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 the Hon Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	7.2.06
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (Vic, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	5.10.05
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	1.7.05

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	5.9.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	7.9.05
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	5.10.05
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 Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	6.10.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	7.9.05

Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	9.2.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
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 Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	1.7.05
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
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	8.2.05-30.6.05
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	1.7.05-5.10.05
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04-7.2.06

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 Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)#	12.5.05-26.5.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)##	8.2.05-30.6.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)###	8.2.05-30.6.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)*^	8.2.05-30.6.05
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)*^^	7.9.05-12.9.05
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)*^^^	7.9.05-12.9.05
Senator Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)*^^^	30.3.06-2.5.06

*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

##replaced Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Communications portfolio

###replaced Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio

*^replaced Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Arts portfolio

*^^replaced Senator Wortley for inquiry into Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill and related bills

*^^^replaced Senator Santoro for inquiry into Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill and related bills

*^^^replaced Senator Patterson for inquiry into the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	17.3.05-30.6.05

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2006

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 9 November 2005 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority Bill 2005 and the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (referred 8 December 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2006

- Nil

New references

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- Provisions of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 30 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 30 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of Do Not Call Register Bill 2006 and Do Not Call Register (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 (referred 11 May 2006)

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Additional Estimates 2005-06 – 13 & 14 February 2006, Canberra
- Provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority Bill 2005 and the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 – 31 January 2006, Canberra
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 30 March 2006 – 13 April 2006, Canberra)
- Budget Estimates 2006-07 – 22, 23, 24 & 25 May 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority Bill 2005 and the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (tabled 7 February 2006)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005 (tabled 8 February 2006)
- Additional estimates 2005-06 (tabled 28 March 2006)
- Annual Reports No. 1 of 2006 (tabled 29 March 2006)
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006; tabled 9 May 2006)
- Provisions of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2006 (tabled 9 May 2006)
- Provisions of Do Not Call Register Bill 2006 and Do Not Call Register (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 (tabled 19 June 2006)
- Budget estimates 2006-07 (tabled 20 June 2006)

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Estimates

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

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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 Judith Adams (WA, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-13.10.05)	11.10.05
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	9.2.06
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (Vic, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	1.7.05

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 Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (Qld, NATS)	1.7.05
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 Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	9.2.06
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	30.3.06

Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	30.3.06
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 Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	30.3.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	18.8.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	1.7.05

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
<i>(Deputy Chair-18.11.04-14.4.05)</i>	
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05
<i>(Chair-18.11.04-23.6.05)</i>	
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP)	14.4.05-11.10.05
<i>(Deputy Chair-12.5.05-11.10.05)</i>	
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-9.2.06

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)*	16.8.05-9.2.06
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)**	5.9.05-11.10.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)*	27.2.06-28.3.06

**replaced Senator Conroy for inquiry into the economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment*

***replaced Senator Ronaldson for inquiry into the economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment*

**replaced Senator Marshall for inquiry into the economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment*

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	8.2.05-23.6.05
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	5.9.05-11.10.05

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2006

- Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment (referred 17 March 2005)
- Australia's national parks (referred 7 December 2005)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2006

- Australia's national parks (referred 7 December 2005)
- Women in sport and recreation in Australia (referred 29 March 2006)

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Women in sport and recreation in Australia (referred 29 March 2006)

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment – 10 February 2006, Wagga Wagga; 28 February 2006, Canberra
- Australia's national parks – 31 March 2006, Canberra; 21 April 2006, Brisbane; 12 May 2006, Sydney; 5 June 2006, Melbourne; 6 June 2006, Adelaide; 16 June 2006, Canberra; 28 June 2006, Uluru; 30 June 2006, Cairns

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Living with salinity – a report on progress: The extent and economic impact of salinity in Australia (tabled 28 March 2006)

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Finance and Public Administration

Finance and Public Administration

1 January 2006 - 30 June 2006

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	4	0
References	1	0	2
Total	1	4	2

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	8:00	63:38	6	0:48	0	0:00	13	72:26
References	0	0:00	0:00	1	0:10	0	0:00	1	0:10
Total	1	8:00	63:38	7	0:58	0	0:00	14	72:36

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Meetings By State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	13	0	0	0	0	0	0		
References	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	14	0	0	0	0	0	0		

	Witnesses			Hansard Pages						
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	7	424	19	0	800	92	0	85	400	0
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	424	19	0	800	92	0	85	400	0

Finance and Public Administration Legislation

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Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<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 Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	13.9.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
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 Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	1.7.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
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 Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	13.9.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	29.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05-13.9.05

Former substitute member

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
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Inquiry

As at 1 January 2006

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2006

- Nil

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Provisions of the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (referred 8 February 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Additional Estimates 2005-06 – 13 & 14 February 2006, Canberra
- Provisions of the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2005 – 7 March 2006, Canberra
- Budget Estimates 2006-07 – 22, 23, 24 & 25 May 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Provisions of the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (tabled 28 March 2006)
- Additional estimates 2005-06 (tabled 30 March 2006)
- Annual Reports No. 1 of 2006 (tabled 29 March 2006)
- Budget estimates 2006-07 (tabled 20 June 2006)

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Estimates

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

Finance and Public Administration References

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<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 Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	13.9.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	23.6.05

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
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 Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.8.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	6.12.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	8.12.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
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 Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	13.9.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	29.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05-13.9.05

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)*	9.2.05-10.2.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)**	30.11.04-23.6.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)***	2.12.04-23.6.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)****	14.6.05-23.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW,ALP)^	22.6.05-30.6.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)^^	23.6.05-17.8.05
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)^^^	2.12.04-6.10.05
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)^^^^	2.12.04-6.10.05
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)^^^^^	2.12.04-6.10.05
Senator Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)#	14.6.05-13.10.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)##	23.6.05-13.10.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)###	22.6.05-6.12.05

*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

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

^^replaced Senator Watson for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

^^^replaced Senator Moore for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

^^^^replaced Senator Fifield for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

#replaced Senator Fifield for inquiry into Gallipoli Peninsula

##replaced Senator Murray for inquiry into Gallipoli Peninsula

###replaced Senator Moore for inquiry into government advertising

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Inquiry

As at 1 January 2006

- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2006

- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)
- The transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure (referred 20 June 2006)

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- The transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure (referred 20 June 2006)

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

1 January 2006 - 30 June 2006

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	3:10	6	60:20	10	2:34	0	0:00	17	66:04
References	7	28:38	0	0:00	6	1:06	0	0:00	13	29:44
Total	8	31:48	6	60:20	16	3:40	0	0:00	30	95:48

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	7	1	1	1	2	1	0	0
Total	24	1	1	1	2	1	0	0

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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation

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Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP) (elected Chair-14.9.05)	13.9.05
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-19.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	6.10.05
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	7.9.05

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	5.10.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
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 Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	13.9.05
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 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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.8.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	10.8.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	6.9.05

Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	29.11.04
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 the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	6.9.05
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	13.10.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	10.8.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	10.8.05

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	29.11.04-29.7.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04-11.8.05
<i>(Chair 19.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.8.05-16.8.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	16.8.05-13.9.05

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)*	30.11.04-1.12.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)**	13.10.05-3.11.05

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

***replaced Senator Ferguson for consideration of 2005-06 supplementary Budget estimates on 2 & 3 November 2005*

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
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04-7.9.05
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04-13.9.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04-6.10.05

Inquiry

As at 1 January 2006

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2006

- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (resolved 22 June 2006 through the Committee)

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Provisions of the Australian Trade Commission Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 30 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 30 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (resolved 22 June 2006 through the Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Additional Estimates 2005-06 – 15 & 16 February 2006, Canberra
- Budget Estimates 2006-07 – 29, 30 & 31 May 2006 and 1 June 2006, Canberra
- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system – 19 June 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Additional estimates 2005-06 (tabled 28 March 2006)
- Annual Reports No. 1 of 2006 (tabled 29 March 2006)
- Provisions of the Australian Trade Commission Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006; tabled 9 May 2006)
- Provisions of the Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006; tabled 9 May 2006)
- Budget estimates 2006-07 (tabled 20 June 2006)

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- 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 2006 to 30 June 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) (elected Chair-22.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-26.7.05)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	6.10.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	6.9.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	23.6.05

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*	28.2.06

**replaces Senator Stott Despoja for inquiry into naval shipbuilding in Australia*

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	5.10.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
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 Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	13.9.05
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 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 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)	1.7.05
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.8.05

Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	10.8.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	6.9.05
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	13.10.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	10.8.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	10.8.05

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
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	29.11.04-29.7.05
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04-11.8.05
<i>(Deputy Chair-22.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.8.05-16.8.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	16.8.05-6.9.05

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
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)***	10.3.05-30.6.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)#	22.6.05-30.6.05
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)****	8.3.05-29.7.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)##	21.6.05-29.7.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)###	22.6.05-29.7.05

Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)*^	8.3.05-18.8.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*^^	23.6.05-12.9.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*^^^	23.6.05-8.12.05

*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

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

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

#replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon

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

###replaced Senator Mackay for inquiry into Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon

*^replaced Senator Hutchins for inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq

*^^replaced Senator Stott Despoja for inquiry into Chen Yonglin

*^^^replaced Senator Stott Despoja for inquiry into Vivian Solon

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	1.7.05-6.10.05

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2006

- Australia's relationship with China (referred 8 December 2004)
- Naval shipbuilding in Australia (referred 10 November 2005)

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2006

- Naval shipbuilding in Australia (referred 10 November 2005)

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Naval shipbuilding in Australia – 28 March 2006, Canberra; 3 April 2006, Perth; 19 & 20 April 2006, Adelaide; 27 April 2006, Melbourne; 28 April 2006, Hobart; 28 June 2006, Sydney

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- China's emergence: Implications for Australia (tabled 30 March 2006)

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Legal and Constitutional

Legal and Constitutional

1 January 2006 - 30 June 2006

	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	3	14	13 +(1*)	4
References	1	1	1	1
Total	4	15	14	5

Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings
Legislation	11	49:04	8	70:56	11	9:10	0	0:00	30
References	0	0:00	0	0:00	3	0:19	0	0:00	3
Total	11	49:04	8	70:56	14	9:29	0	0:00	33
									129:29

Meetings By State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	22	7	1	0	0	0	0		
References	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	25	7	1	0	0	0	0		

Witnesses									
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	7	330	0	840	790	0	586	5029	1
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	24	1
Total	7	330	0	840	790	0	589	5053	2

*Report that did not discharge a reference

Legal and Constitutional Legislation

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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 Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-23.6.05)	23.6.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	23.6.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.5.05
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	18.11.04

Substitute members

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

**replaces 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 Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	10.11.05
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
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 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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.8.05
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	13.10.05
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	1.12.05
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	9.12.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
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 the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	9.12.05
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	7.2.06
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04-11.5.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Deputy Chair-2.12.04-23.6.05)</i>	

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)*	6.12.04-7.12.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)**	17.3.05-12.5.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)***	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)****	14.9.05-15.9.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)^	9.12.05-7.2.06
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)^^	9.12.05-7.2.06
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)^^^	7.12.05-27.2.06

**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*

****replaced Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio*

*****replaced Senator Kirk for inquiry into provisions of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005*

^replaced Senator Crossin for inquiry into the Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005

^^replaced Senator Mason for inquiry into the Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005

^^^replaced Senator Crossin for inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Citizenships Bill 2005 and a related bill

Former participating members

Term of appointment

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

Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	6.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2006

- Provisions of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 (referred 7 September 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Australian Citizenship Bill 2005 and the Australian Citizenship (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2005 (referred 30 November 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005 (referred 8 December 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2006

- Provisions of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 (referred 7 September 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Crimes Act Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill (No.1) 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Customs Legislation Amendment (Modernising Import Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Financial Transaction Reports Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005 (referred 8 February 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Exposure draft of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2005 (referred 9 February 2006)
- Provisions of the Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 1 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006 (referred 30 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- Provisions of the Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill 2006 (referred 30 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Bill 2006, the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 and the Law Enforcement (AFP Professional Standards and Related Measures) Bill 2006 (referred 30 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (referred 30 March 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Provisions of the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006 (referred 11 May 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Crimes Act Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill (No.1) 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Customs Legislation Amendment (Modernising Import Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Financial Transaction Reports Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Additional Estimates 2005-06 – 13, 14, 17 & 27 February 2006, Canberra
- Provisions of the Australian Citizenship Bill 2005 and the Australian Citizenship (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2005 – 30 January 2006, Melbourne; 6 February 2006, Canberra
- Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005 – 31 January 2006, Sydney
- Provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005 – 3 March 2006, Canberra
- Exposure draft of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2005 – 14 March 2006, Sydney
- Provisions of the Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006 – 15 March 2006, Sydney
- Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006 – 26 April 2006, Sydney
- Provisions of the Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006 – 27 April 2006, Sydney

- Provisions of the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Bill 2006, the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 and the Law Enforcement (AFP Professional Standards and Related Measures) Bill 2006 – 27 April 2006, Sydney
- Budget Estimates 2006-07 – 22, 23, 24 & 25 May 2006, Canberra
- Provisions of the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006 – 26 May 2006, Canberra; 6 June 2006, Sydney

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005 (tabled 7 February 2006)
- Provisions of the Australian Citizenship Bill 2005 and the Australian Citizenship (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2005 (tabled 27 February 2006)
- Provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005 (presented out of session on 24 March 2006, tabled 27 March 2006)
- Provisions of the Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006 (tabled 27 March 2006)
- Additional estimates 2005-06 (tabled 28 March 2006)
- Annual Reports No. 1 of 2006 (tabled 29 March 2006)
- Exposure Draft of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2005 (presented out of session on 13 April 2006; tabled 9 May 2006)
- Interim Report - Provisions of the Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006; tabled 9 May 2006)
- Provisions of the Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006; tabled 9 May 2006)
- Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006; tabled 9 May 2006)
- Provisions of the Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 4 May 2006; tabled 9 May 2006)

- Provisions of the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Bill 2006, the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 and the Law Enforcement (AFP Professional Standards and Related Measures) Bill 2006 (tabled 11 May 2006)
- Provisions of the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006 (tabled 13 June 2006)
- Budget estimates 2006-07 (tabled 20 June 2006)

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005 (tabled 11 May 2006; report tabled 27 March 2006)

Estimates

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

Legal and Constitutional References

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) (elected Chair-23.6.05)	23.6.05
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair – 14.9.05)	6.9.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	23.6.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	16.8.05

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 Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
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 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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	13.10.05
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	9.12.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04

Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	15.9.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Chair-2.12.04-23.6.05)</i>	
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	23.6.05-30.6.05
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	18.11.04-16.8.05
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-6.9.05
<i>(Deputy Chair-2.12.04-6.9.05)</i>	

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)*	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
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)****	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)#	14.9.05-6.10.05

*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

****replaced Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio

#replaced Senator Fierravanti-Wells for inquiry into the administration of the Migration Act

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.8.05-6.9.05

Inquiry

As at 1 January 2006

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

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2006

- Indigenous Stolen Wages (referred 13 June 2006)

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Indigenous Stolen Wages (referred 13 June 2006)

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958* (tabled 2 March 2006)

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Legal aid and access to justice (tabled 7 February 2006; report tabled 15 June 2004)

**Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport**

Rural And Regional Affairs and Transport

1 January 2006 - 30 June 2006

	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	4	6	0
References	2	0	0	2
Total	4	4	6	2

Number and Hours of Meeting							
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Total Meetings
Legislation	3	4:36	7	67:12	14	2:16	24
References	7	41:21	0	0:00	6	6:05	13
Total	10	45:57	7	67:12	20	8:21	37
							Total Hours
							74:04
							47:26
							121:30

Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Legislation	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	8	2	1	0	0	2	0
Total	32	2	1	0	0	2	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages		
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions
Legislation	8	275	2	24	865	9	147	19
References	2	0	0	98	0	0	547	169
Total	10	275	2	122	865	9	694	188
								No Of Pages
								139
								1737
								1876
								Government Responses
								0
								1
								1

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) (elected Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-11.10.05)	1.7.05
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	1.7.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	9.2.06
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	1.7.05

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	16.8.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	23.6.05
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.8.05
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 Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	1.7.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	6.10.05
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 the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06

Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	9.2.06
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 Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	13.10.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	23.6.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Deputy Chair – 18.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-9.2.06

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
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP)***	13.10.05-1.11.05
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)****	11.5.06-25.5.06

*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

***replaced Senator Ferris for consideration of 2005-06 supplementary Budget estimates on 30 October & 1 November 2005

****replaced Senator Nash for the consideration of the 2006-07 Budget Estimates on 25 May 2006

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	16.8.05-9.2.06

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2006

- The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (adopted 27 May 2005)
- National Animal Welfare Bill 2005 (referred 22 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2006

- Nil

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Provisions of the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Security Plans and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (referred 11 May 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Additional Estimates 2005-06 – 13, 14 & 17 February 2006, Canberra
- Annual Reports No. 1 of 2006 (tabled 30 March 2006)
- The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak – 1 & 29 March 2006, Canberra
- Budget Estimates 2006-07 – 22, 23, 24 & 25 May 2006, Canberra
- Provisions of the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Security Plans and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (referred 11 May 2006 – 26 May 2006, Canberra)

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Additional estimates 2005-06 (tabled 30 March 2006)
- Annual Reports No. 1 of 2006 (tabled 10 May 2006)
- Provisions of the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Security Plans and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (tabled 15 June 2006)
- Budget estimates 2006-07 (tabled 20 June 2006)
- The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (tabled 20 June 2006)
- National Animal Welfare Bill 2005 (tabled 22 June 2006)

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- 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 2006 to 30 June 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) (elected Chair – 9.11.05)	7.11.05
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	16.8.05
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	1.7.05

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	16.8.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.8.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	6.10.05
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.7.05

Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	16.8.05
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	18.8.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	9.12.05
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	13.10.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
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)	18.11.04-23.6.05
<i>(Chair – 18.11.04-23.6.05)</i>	
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-16.8.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	23.6.05-7.11.05
<i>(Chair – 23.6.05-7.11.05)</i>	

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	18.8.05-7.11.05

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2006

- Water policy initiatives (referred 14 September 2005)
- Australia's future oil supply (referred 29 November 2005)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2006

- Water policy initiatives (referred 14 September 2005)
- Australia's future oil supply (referred 29 November 2005)

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Water policy initiatives – 7 March 2006, Canberra
- Australia's future oil supply – 11 & 12 April 2006, Perth; 12 May 2006, Canberra; 9 June 2006, Sydney; 29 June 2006, Melbourne; 30 June 2006, Sydney

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Operation of the wine-making industry (tabled 22 June 2006; report tabled 13 October 2005)

**Joint Statutory
Committees**

Australian Crime Commission

Australian Crime Commission

1 January 2006 - 30 June 2006

Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Joint Statutory	2	0	2

Number and Hours of Meeting											
Public		Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours	
7		20:59	0	0:00	6	3:41	0	0:00	13	24:40	Joint Statutory

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	8	1	0	0	1	2	0	1

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages				Government Responses	
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Joint Statutory	2	0	0	53	0	0	344	31	534	1

Australian Crime Commission (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to the Australian Crime Commission Act 2002; appointed 18 November 2004

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP) (elected Chair-1.3.06)	27.2.06
The Hon Duncan Kerr, MP (Denison, Tas, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-9.12.04)	6.12.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	29.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	23.6.05
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	1.7.05
Mrs Joanna Gash, MP (Gilmore, NSW, LP)	6.12.04
Mr Christopher Hayes (Werriwa, NSW, ALP)	13.9.05
Mr Kym Richardson, MP (Kingston, SA, LP)	6.12.04
Mr Jason Wood, MP (La Trobe, Vic, LP)	6.12.04

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic) (NATS)	29.11.04-6.12.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	1.12.04-23.6.05
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	1.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	29.11.04-30.6.05
Mr Anthony Byrne, MP (Holt, Vic, ALP)	6.12.04-13.9.05
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP) (Chair-9.12.04-27.1.06)	6.12.04-27.1.06

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2006

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Amphetamines and Other Synthetic Drugs (adopted 5 December 2005)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2006

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Amphetamines and Other Synthetic Drugs (adopted 5 December 2005)

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Australian Crime Commission Annual Report 2004-05 – 28 March 2006, Canberra
- Amphetamines and Other Synthetic Drugs - 3 May 2006, Adelaide; 4 May 2006, Perth; 15 May 2006, Brisbane; 16 May 2006, Sydney; 5 & 19 June 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Cybercrime (tabled 9 February 2006; report tabled 24 March 2004)

Corporations and Financial Services

Corporations & Financial Services

1 January 2006 - 30 June 2006

Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June
Joint Statutory	2	1	3

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
9	47:50	0	0:00	10	2:19	0	19
Joint Statutory							50:09

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
13	2	3	0	0	1	0
Joint Statutory						

Witnesses					Hansard Pages		
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions
2	0	0	157	0	0	806	23
Joint Statutory							428
							0

Corporations and Financial Services (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to section 242 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*; appointed 18 November 2004

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP) (elected Chair-2.12.04)	1.12.04
Ms Anna Burke, MP (Chisholm, Vic, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-8.12.04)	2.12.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	1.12.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	1.12.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.12.04
Mr Mark Baker, MP (Braddon, Tas, LP)	16.8.05
Mr Kerry Bartlett, MP (Macquarie, NSW, LP)	6.12.04
Mr Chris Bowen, MP (Prospect, NSW, ALP)	2.12.04
Mr Stewart McArthur, MP (Corangamite, Vic, LP)	6.12.04

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.12.04-30.6.05
The Hon Ms Jackie Kelly, MP (Lindsay, NSW, LP)	6.12.04-16.8.05

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2006

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Corporate responsibility (adopted 22 June 2005)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2006

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Superannuation industry (adopted 30 June 2006)
- Shareholder engagement (adopted 30 June 2006)

New references

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Superannuation industry (adopted 30 June 2006)
- Shareholder engagement (adopted 30 June 2006)

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Corporate responsibility – 20 February 2006, Perth; 23 & 24 February 2006, Melbourne; 9 & 10 March 2006, Sydney; 27 & 29 March 2006, Canberra; 5 April 2006, Melbourne
- Oversight of ASIC – 13 June 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Corporate Responsibility: Managing risk and creating value (tabled 21 June 2006)

Government responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

**Native Title and the Aboriginal
And Torres Strait Islander Land
Account**

Native Title & The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Land Account

1 January 2006 - 23 March 2006

Matters current as at 1 January	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 23 March
Joint Statutory	2	0	2
			0

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
0	0:00	0	0:00	4	0:25	0	4
Joint Statutory							0:25

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joint Statutory						

Witnesses						Hansard Pages		
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joint Statutory								

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2006 to 23 March 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to section 205 of the *Native Title Act 1993*; amended by *Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Act 2005*, Number 8 of 2005, Date of assent: 22 February 2005, s.4, Schedule 1 (items 208-210); appointed on 18 November 2004; (in accordance with the *Native Title Act 1993*, the committee ceased operation on 23 March 2006)

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP) (elected Chair-15.9.05)	29.11.04
The Hon Robert McMullan (Fraser, ACT, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-11.5.05)	11.5.05
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	1.12.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	7.9.05
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)*	29.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	1.7.05
Mr Daryl Melham (Banks, NSW, ALP)	20.6.05
Mr Don Randall, MP (Canning, WA, LP)	6.12.04
The Hon Mr Peter Slipper, MP (Fisher, Qld, LP)	6.12.04
Mr David Tollner, MP (Solomon, NT, CLP)	6.12.04

**Chair – 9.12.04-14.9.05*

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Mrs Maria Vamvakinou, MP (Calwell, Vic, ALP) (Deputy Chair-9.12.04-10.5.05)	6.12.04-11.5.05
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	7.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	1.12.04-7.9.05

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2006

- Statutory reporting role (continuing)
- Native Title Representative Bodies (re-adopted 9 December 2004)

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 23 March 2006

- Examination of annual reports 2004-2005 (presented out of session on 21 March 2006; tabled 27 March 2006)
- Operation of native title representative bodies (presented out of session on 21 March 2006; tabled 27 March 2006)

Select Committees

Mental Health

Mental Health

1 January 2006 - 28 April 2006

	Matters current as at 11 February	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 28 April
Select	1	0	1 + (1*)	0

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select	2	10:22	0	0:00	8	8:51	0	0:00	10	19:13

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

	Witnesses			Hansard Pages					No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
								No of Submissions		
Select	0	0	0	29	0	0	179	35	275	0

**Report that did not discharge a reference*

Select Committee on Mental Health

1 January 2006 to 28 April 2006

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 8 March 2005; ceased operation on 28 April 2006

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD) (elected Chair on 8.3.05)	8.3.05
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) (elected Deputy Chair on 15.3.05)	10.3.05
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	10.3.05
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	10.3.05
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	10.3.05
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP)	10.3.05
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	10.3.05

Inquiry

As at 1 January 2006

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Mental Health, be appointed to inquiry into and report by the second sitting Thursday in March 2006 on the provision of mental health services in Australia, with particular reference to: (a) the extent to which the National Mental Health Strategy, the resources committed to it and the division of responsibility for policy and funding between all levels of government have achieved its aims and objectives, and the barriers to progress; (b) the adequacy of various modes of care for people with a mental illness, in particular, prevention, early intervention, acute care, community care, after hours crisis services and respite care; (c) opportunities for improving co-ordination and delivery of funding and services at all levels of government to ensure appropriate and comprehensive care is provided throughout the episode of care; (d) the appropriate role of the private and non-government sectors; (e) the extent to which unmet need in supported accommodation, employment, family and social support services, is a barrier to better mental health outcomes; (f) the special needs of groups such as children, adolescents, the aged, Indigenous Australians, the socially and geographically isolated and of people with complex and co-morbid conditions and drug and alcohol dependence; (g) the role and adequacy of training and support for primary carers in the treatment, recovery and support of people with a mental illness; (h) the role of primary health care in promotion,

prevention, early detection and chronic care management; (i) opportunities for reducing the effects of iatrogenesis and promoting recovery-focussed care through consumer involvement, peer support and education of the mental health workforce, and for services to be consumer-operated; (j) the overrepresentation of people with a mental illness in the criminal justice system and in detention, the extent to which these environments give rise to mental illness, the adequacy of legislation and processes in protecting their human rights and the use of diversion programs for such people; (k) the practice of detention and seclusion within mental health facilities and the extent to which it is compatible with human rights instruments, humane treatment and care standards, and proven practice in promoting engagement and minimizing treatment refusal and coercion; (l) the adequacy of education in de-stigmatising mental illness and disorders and in providing support service information to people affected by mental illness and their families and carers; (m) the proficiency and accountability of agencies, such as housing, employment, law enforcement and general health services, in dealing appropriately with people affected by mental illness; (n) the current state of mental health research, the adequacy of its funding and the extent to which best practice is disseminated; (o) the adequacy of data collection, outcome measures and quality control for monitoring and evaluating mental health services at all levels of government and opportunities to link funding with compliance with national standards; and (p) the potential for new modes of delivery of mental health care, including e-technology.

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 28 April 2006

- 1 February 2006, Hobart; 2 February 2006, Gold Coast

Reports tabled

1 January 2006 – 28 April 2006

- First report – A national approach to mental health: From crisis to community (tabled 30 March 2006)
- Final report – A national approach to mental health: From crisis to community (presented out of session on 28 April 2006, tabled on 9 May 2006)

**Committee-related
activity in the chamber**

Details of Reports tabled in the Senate and other related matters

Matters referred to Legislation Committees

Bills referred through Selection of Bills Committee:

8 February 2006

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005, the Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Bill 2005 and the Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005 (report by 27 March 2006)

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (report by 27 March 2006)

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005 (report by 27 March 2006)

1 March 2006

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Family Assistance, Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (report by 24 March 2006)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Provisions of the OHS and SRC Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (report by 9 May 2006)

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 27 March 2006)

30 March 2006

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Provisions of the National Health and Medical Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 2 May 2006)

Provisions of the Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 9 May 2006)

Economics Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2006 (report by 2 May 2006)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 2 May 2006)

Provisions of the Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 2 May 2006)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 2 May 2006)

Provisions of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 9 May 2006)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Australian Trade Commission Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 2 May 2006)

Provisions of the Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 2 May 2006)

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006 (report by 2 May 2006)

Provisions of the Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill 2006 (report by 2 May 2006)

Provisions of the Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (report by 2 May 2006)

Provisions of the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Bill 2006, the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 and the Law Enforcement (AFP Professional Standards and Related Measures) Bill 2006 (report by 11 May 2006)

11 May 2006

Economics Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 (report by 7 June 2006)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill 2006; (report by 6 June 2006)

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006, (report by 13 June 2006)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Security Plans and Other Measures) Bill 2006; (report by 15 June 2006)

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

The Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005 (report by 17 August 2006)

14 June 2006

Economics Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2006 and Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Instalment Transfer Interest Charge Imposition) Bill 2006 (report by 21 June 2006)

Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 3) Bill 2006 (report by 21 June 2006)

22 June 2006

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 1 August 2006)

Economics Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 9 August 2006)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Independent Contractors Bill 2006 and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Independent Contractors) Bill 2006 (report by 25 August 2006)

Provisions of the Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 1 August 2006) - **WITHDRAWN**

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Crimes Act Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill (No. 1) 2006 (report by 1 August 2006)

Customs Legislation Amendment (Modernising Import Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (report by 1 August 2006)

Financial Transaction Reports Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 1 August 2006)

Bills referred by Senate resolution:**11 May 2006****Economics Legislation Committee**

Provisions of the Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006; Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006; Excise Laws Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (report by 9 June 2006)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Provisions of the Do Not Call Register Bill 2006 and Do Not Call Register (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 (report by 19 June 2006)

References referred:**22 June 2006****Economics Legislation Committee**

Price of petrol in Australia (report by 9 October 2006)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (resolved by the Committee)

Matters referred to References Committees**29 March 2006****Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee**

Women in sport and recreation (report by first sitting day in September 2006)

11 May 2006

Community Affairs References Committee

Gynaecological cancer in Australia (report by 19 October 2006)

An examination of the funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (report by last sitting week in 2006)

13 June 2006

Legal & Constitutional References Committee

Indigenous Stolen Wages (report by last sitting day in 2006)

20 June 2006

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

The transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure (report by 19 October 2006)

Matters adopted by Joint Statutory Committee

30 June 2006

Corporations and Financial Services

Superannuation industry

Shareholder engagement

Reports tabled

Legislation Committees:

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 60 reports (plus 4 reports that did not discharge a reference). The details are as follows:

Bills

Legislation Committees tabled 35 reports (plus 4 reports that did not discharge a reference) on bills. Bills can be referred either by the Senate's adoption of a report by the Selection of Bills Committee or by Senate resolution. The following bills were the subject of reports (unless otherwise indicated these bills have been referred through the Selection of Bills Committee process):

Committee	Bills	Tabled
ECITA	Provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Bill 2005 and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005	7.2.06
LC	Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005	7.2.06
CA	Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005 (by resolution of Senate)	8.2.06
ECITA	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005	8.2.06
ECO	Provisions of the Future Fund Bill 2005	27.2.06
LC	Provisions of the Australian Citizenship Bill 2005 and Australian Citizenship (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2005	27.2.06
CA	Provisions of the Family Assistance, Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 24.3.06)	27.3.06
LC	Provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005 (presented out of session on 24.3.06)	27.3.06
CA	Provisions of the Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005; Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Bill 2005 and Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No.1) Bill 2005	27.3.06
LC	Provisions of the Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 24.3.06)	27.3.06
FPA	Provisions of the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2005	28.3.06

Committee	Bills	Tabled
LC	Exposure Draft of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2005 (presented out of session on 13 April 2006) (by resolution of Senate)	9.5.06
CA	National Health and Medical Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006)	9.5.06
ECO	*Interim Report – Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006)	9.5.06
ECITA	Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006)	9.5.06
FADT	Provisions of the Australian Trade Commission Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006)	9.5.06
FADT	Provisions of the Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006)	9.5.06
LC	*Interim Report – Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006)	9.5.06
LC	Provisions of the Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006)	9.5.06
LC	Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 4 May 2006)	9.5.06
LC	Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 May 2006)	9.5.06
CA	Provisions of the Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2006	9.5.06

Committee	Bills	Tabled
ECITA	Provisions of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2006	9.5.06
EWRE	Provisions of the OHS and SRC Legislation Amendment Bill 2006	9.5.06
EWRE	Provisions of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2006	10.5.06
ECO	Provisions of the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2006	11.5.06
LC	Provisions of the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Bill 2006; the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 and the Law Enforcement (AFP Professional Standards and Related Measures) Bill 2006	11.5.06
EWRE	Provisions of the Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 2 June 2006)	13.6.06
EWRE	Provisions of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 6 June 2006)	13.6.06
ECO	*Interim report - Provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and the Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 7 June 2006)	13.6.06
ECO	*Interim report - Provisions of the Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and three related bills (presented out of session on 7 June 2006) (by resolution of Senate)	13.6.06
LC	Provisions of the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006	13.6.06

Committee	Bills	Tabled
ECO	Provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and the Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 14 June 2006)	15.6.06
ECO	Provisions of the Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and three related bills (presented out of session on 14 June 2006) (by resolution of Senate)	15.6.06
RRAT	Provisions of the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Security Plans and Other Measures) Bill 2006	15.6.06
ECITA	Provisions of the Do Not Call Register Bill 2006 and the Do Not Call Register (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 (by resolution of Senate)	19.6.06
ECO	Provisions of the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2006 And the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Instalment Transfer Interest Charge Imposition) Bill 2006	22.6.06
ECO	Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 3) Bill 2006	22.6.06
RRAT	National Animal Welfare Bill 2005	22.6.06

**Interim Reports that did not discharge a reference*

General

Legislation Committees tabled 1 report on the following matters:

Committee	Report	Tabled
RRAT	The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak	20.6.06

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 5 reports (plus 1 report to discharge Response to petitions). The details are as follows:

Committee	Report	Tabled
LC	Administration and operation of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	2.3.06
ECITA	Living with salinity – a report on progress: The extent and economic impact of salinity in Australia	28.3.06
CA	^Response to the petition on gynaecological health issues	30.3.06
FADT	China's emergence: Implications for Australia	30.3.06
CA	Workplace exposure to toxic dust (presented out of session on 31 May 2006)	13.6.06
CA	Beyond petrol sniffing: Renewing hope for Indigenous communities	20.6.06

^Report to discharge Response to petitions

Joint Statutory/Select Committees:

During the reporting period, 4 reports (plus 1 report that did not discharge a reference) were tabled by the Joint Statutory/Select Committees.

Committee	Report	Tabled
NT	Examination of annual reports 2004-05 (presented out of session on 21 March 2006)	27.3.06
NT	Operation of native title representative bodies (presented out of session on 21 March 2006)	27.3.06
MH	*A national approach to mental health: From Crisis to community - First report	30.3.06

Committee	Bills	Tabled
MH	A national approach to mental health: From Crisis to community -Final report (presented out of session on 28 April 2006)	9.5.06
CFS	Corporate Responsibility: Managing risk and creating value	21.6.06

**Report that did not discharge a reference*

Government Responses to Committee Reports

The following table shows 9 Government responses to Senate Committee Reports:

Government response	Date	Committee
Legal aid and access to justice	7.2.06	LC (Ref)
Cybercrime	9.2.06	ACC (Joint)
Poverty and financial hardship – A hand up not a hand out: Renewing the fight Against poverty (presented out of session on 7 March 2006)	27.3.06	CA (Ref)
Unfair dismissal and small business employment	30.3.06	EWRE (Ref)
Final report (presented out of session on 2 May 2006)	9.5.06	FTA (Select)^
Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005	11.5.06	LC (Leg)
Early access to superannuation benefits (and discussion paper) (presented out of session on 16 June 2006)	19.6.06	SUPER (Select)^
Services and treatment options for persons with cancer	22.6.06	CA (Ref)
Operation of the wine-making Industry	22.6.06	RRAT (Ref)

^Select Committees in-operative

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 Remarks; Comments; Supplementary Report with Additional Comments; Minority Reports; Report; Additional Remarks; Reservation; Supplementary Report; Addendum; Additional Comments and Points of Dissent; and Additional Comment/Dissent

(Note: These statistics record the signatory to the reports)

<i>Legislation:</i>	<i>LP</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AD</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>NAT</i>	<i>FFP</i>
Additional Comments	3	28	6	1	2	2
Reports						
Dissenting Reports		8	4	4		1
Minority Reports		1	13	7		
Supplementary Remarks		2		3		
Additional Remarks		2				
Comments						1
Report		2				
Reservation		1				
Supplementary Report			1			
Addendum				1		
Supplementary Report with Additional Comments			1			
Additional Comments and Points of Dissent			1			
Additional Comment/ Dissent			1			
<i>References:</i>	<i>LP</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AD</i>	<i>AG</i>		
Additional Comments				1		1
Dissenting Reports	1					

<i>Select/Joint:</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AD</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>MP</i>
Supplementary Report	3			1
Additional Comments		1		
Dissenting Reports	2			2
Minority Reports				1

Extension of Time to present Reports

During the reporting period, 5 extensions of time (under a week), 2 extensions of time (under a month) and 12 extensions of time (over 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 16 occasions.

Change of Membership of Committees

During the reporting period, there were 67 membership changes of Committees.

Other Committees

Regulations and Ordinances (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23.

Current members

Senator Watson (Chair), Senators Bartlett, Brown, Fierravanti-Wells, Mason and Wortley.

Former members

Senator Santoro.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr James Warmenhoven	6277 3066	6277 5838

Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises delegated legislation to ensure:

- that it is in accordance with the statute;
- that it does not trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- that it does not unduly make the rights and liberties of citizens dependent upon administrative decisions which are not subject to review of their merits by a judicial or other independent tribunal; and
- that it does not contain matter more appropriate for parliamentary enactment.

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private:	7
Briefings:	0
Total:	7

No. of instruments scrutinised	1,213
Notices of Motion to Disallow	24
Notices withdrawn	10
Notices pending	14

Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members

Senator Ray (Chair), Senator Mason (Deputy Chair), Senators Barnett, Johnston, McEwen and Murray

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Jeanette Radcliffe	6277 3050	6277 5838

Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises bills and Acts of Parliament and reports to the Senate whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:

- trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
- inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

Between 1 January and 30 June 2006, the committee considered 100 bills, and commented on 50 bills in six Alert Digests. The committee also produced four Reports containing correspondence from ministers addressing its concerns.

Alert Digests tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- No. 1 of 2006 (8 February 2006)
- No. 2 of 2006 (1 March 2006)
- No. 3 of 2006 (29 March 2006)
- No. 4 of 2006 (10 May 2006)
- No. 5 of 2006 (14 June 2006)
- No. 6 of 2006 (21 June 2006)

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- First Report of 2006 (1 March 2006)
- Second Report of 2006 (29 March 2006)
- Third Report of 2006 (14 June 2006)
- Fourth Report of 2006 (21 June 2006)

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private: 6

Appropriations and Staffing (Standing)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19.

Members

The President (Senator the Hon. Paul Calvert) (Chairman), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon. Nick Minchin), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chris Evans), Senators Bartlett, Boswell, Faulkner, Ferris, Heffernan and Ray

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Neil Bessell	6277 3015	6277 5784

Role of the committee

The Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing determines the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills and reports to the Senate on its determinations prior to the Senate's consideration of those bills. The committee also examines matters affecting the staffing and administration of the Department of the Senate, including proposals to vary the staffing structure, and other matters referred to it by the Senate. It makes an annual report to the Senate on the operations of the Senate's appropriations and staffing and related matters (standing order 19(3)). The committee has the explicit capacity to scrutinise security funding and administration and to advise the President and the Senate as appropriate. Under a resolution of the Senate agreed to in 1987 the committee also examines proposed changes in the structure and responsibilities of the parliamentary departments.

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- 1

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private: 0

House (Standing)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21.

Current members

The President (Senator the Hon P Calvert) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator J Hogg), Senators Carr, Crossin, Ferris, Lightfoot and Stephens

Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Ms Andrea Griffiths	(02) 6277 3398	(02) 6277 3199

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private: 2*

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Total: 2

* Sitting jointly with a similar committee of the House of Representatives

Library

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 20.

Current members

The President (Sen the Hon P Calvert), Senators Brandis (appointed on 15 March 2005), Faulkner, Joyce (appointed on 16 August 2005), Kirk (discharged on 23 June 2005), McEwen (appointed on 23 June 2005), Polley (appointed on 23 June 2005) Scullion (discharged on 16 August), Tchen and Stephens (discharged on 23 June 2005), Tierney (discharged on 15 March 2005), Trood (appointed on 23 June 2005).

Former members

Tierney (discharged on 15 March 2005), Senators Kirk, Tchen, Stephens (discharged on 23 June 2005) and Scullion (discharged on 16 August 2005)

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Hilary Penfold QC	6277 7100	6277 5417

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private:

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: **Nil**

Privileges (Standing)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18.

Current members

Senator Faulkner (Chair), Senator Ronaldson (Deputy Chair), Senators Humphries, Johnston, Payne, Ray and Sherry

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)	e-mail
Dr Rosemary Laing	6277 3360	6277 3199	Priv.sen@aph.gov.au

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- 125th report – Person referred to in the Senate – Professor Barbara Pocock (*tabled 27 February 2006*)
- 126th report – Persons referred to in the Senate – Certain persons on behalf of the Exclusive Brethren (*tabled 21 June 2006*)

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private: 3

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: 3

Procedure (Standing)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17.

Current members

The Deputy President (Senator J Hogg) (Chair), the President (Senator the Hon P Calvert), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (the Hon N Minchin), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator C Evans), Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, Ellison, Faulkner, Ferguson, and Ray

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Harry Evans	6277 3350	6277 3199

Current inquiry

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- (22 June 2006) Proposal to alter the structure of the Senate committee system (for inquiry and report by 10 August 2006).

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private:

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: Nil

Publications (Standing)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22.

Current members

Senators Watson, Chair [appointed 18.11.04], Hutchins [appointed 18.11.04; discharged 23.6.05], [appointed 23.6.05] Johnston [appointed 18.11.04], Kirk [appointed 18.11.04; discharged 23.6.05], Marshall [appointed 18.11.04], Moore, Deputy Chair [appointed 18.11.04; discharged 23.6.05], Nash [appointed 16.8.05], Polley [appointed 23.6.05], Sterle [appointed 23.6.05], Scullion [appointed 18.11.04; discharged 16.8.05] and Wortley [appointed 23.6.05].

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Jan Chapman	6277 3037	6277 3448

Public hearings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- No. 10 (tabled 2 March 2006)
- No. 11 (tabled 30 March 2006)
- No. 12 (tabled 11 May 2006)
- The distribution of the Parliamentary Paper Series. (tabled 13 June 2006)
- No. 13 (tabled 22 June 2006)

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private:	3*
	1
Public:	3*
In camera:	0
Inspections:	1*
Briefings:	1*
Other:	0
Total:	9

**Meeting as a joint committee with a similar committee of the House of Representatives*

Selection of Bills (Standing)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to Standing Order 24A.

Current members

The Government Whip (Senator Ferris) (Chair), the Opposition Whip (Senator George Campbell), the Nationals Whip (Senator Scullion), the Australian Democrats Whip (Senator Bartlett), the Australian Greens Whip (Senator Siewert) and Senators Eggleston, Ellison, Ludwig and Webber.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Richard Pye	6277 3020	6277 3098/6277 3099

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Reports Nos 1 to 6 of 2006

Meetings – All meetings held at Parliament House, Canberra

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private: 6

Total: 6

Senators' Interests (Standing)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A.

Current members

Senator Webber (Chair), Senator Lightfoot (Deputy Chair), Senators Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk, McEwen and Nash

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)	e-mail
Dr Rosemary Laing	6277 3360	6277 3199	Senators.interests@aph.gov.au

Register of Senators' Interests

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Register of Senators' Interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 6 December 2005 and 18 June 2006 (*tabled 21 June 2006*)

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Report 1/2006 – Annual Report 2005 (*tabled 27 February 2006*)
- Report 2/2006 – Review of Arrangements for Registration of Senators' Interests (*tabled 6 April 2006*)

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private:	3
Public:	
In camera:	
Inspection:	
Briefings:	
Other:	
Total:	3

Electoral Matters (Joint)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 18 November 2004 and agreed to by the Senate on 18 November 2004.

Current members

Mr Peter Lindsay MP (Chairman), Mr Michael Danby MP (Deputy Chairman), Senator George Brandis, Senator Kim Carr, Senator John Hogg, Senator Brett Mason, Senator Andrew Murray, Mr Steven Ciobo MP, Mr Alan Griffin MP, Mrs Sophie Mirabella MP.

Changes:

- Senator Hogg replaced Senator Forshaw on 9/11/05
- Mr Griffin replaced Mr Melham on 6/9/05
- Mr Lindsay replaced Mr Smith on 7/2/06

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Stephen Boyd	6277 4564	6277 4710

Current inquiry

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Civics and Electoral Education

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Disclosure of Donations to Political Parties & Candidates

Government responses tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private:	7
Public:	0
In camera:	0
Briefings:	3
Other:	
Total:	10

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 18 November 2004, and agreed to by the Senate on 18 November 2004.

Current Members

Senator A B Ferguson (Chairman), Hon G J Edwards, MP (Deputy Chair), Senator A Bartlett, Senator P M Crossin, Senator A Eggleston, Senator S Hutchins, Senator D Johnston, Senator L J Kirk, Senator C M Moore, Senator M A Payne, Senator N Scullion, Senator N J Stott Despoja, Senator R S Webber, Hon B G Baird, MP, Mr P A Barresi, MP, Mr M Danby, MP, Mrs P Draper, MP, Mrs J Gash, MP, Mr S W Gibbons, MP, Mr B W Haase, MP, Mr M J Hatton, MP, Hon D F Jull, MP, Hon J E Moylan, MP, Hon G D Prosser, MP, Hon B C Scott, MP, Mr R C G Sercombe, MP, Hon W E Snowdon, MP, Dr A J Southcott, MP, Mr C P Thompson, MP, Ms M Vamvakinou, MP, Mr B H Wakelin, MP, Mr K W Wilkie, MP

Secretary

Dr Margot Kerley (02) 6277 4629

Current inquiries

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Inquiry into Australia's relationship with Malaysia
- Inquiry into Australia's aid program in the Pacific
- Inquiry into Australia's relationship with India as an emerging world power
- A Review of the Australia-New Zealand Closer Economic Relations (CER) Trade Agreement
- Inquiry into Australia's regional strategic defence requirements
- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2004-2005
- Inquiry into Australian Defence Force Regional Air Superiority

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- **Report No 133**
Inquiry into Australia's response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami
Tabled - Thursday 22 June 2006
- **Report No 132**
Inquiry into Australia's Relationship with the Republic of Korea
Tabled - Thursday 22 June 2006

- **Report No 131**
Expanding Australia's Trade and Investment Relations with North Africa
Tabled - Monday 22 May 2006
- **Report No 130**
Australia's Defence Relations with the United States
Tabled - Monday 22 May 2006
- **Report No 129**
Report of the Delegation: Visit to Australian Defence Forces Deployed to
Support the Rehabilitation of Iraq - 22 to 28 October 2005
Tabled - Monday 22 May 2006

Government Responses

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- **Report No 126**
Review of the Defence Annual Report 2003-04
Tabled - Monday 10 October 2005
Date of Government Response: 27 March 2006
- **Report No 125**
Inquiry into Australia's Human Rights Dialogue Process
Tabled - Monday 12 September 2005
Date of Government Response: 2 March 2006
- **Report No 121**
Australia's engagement with the World Trade Organisation
Tabled - Monday 9 August 2004
Date of Government Response: 2 March 2006
- **Report No 117**
Australia's Maritime Strategy
Tabled - Monday 21 June 2004
Date of Government Response: 25 May 2006

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private:	44
Public:	7
Inspections/Briefings:	5
Total:	56

Secretaries of Sub-Committees

Dr John Carter (Foreign Affair Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4306
Dr John Carter (Trade Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4306
Dr Margot Kerley (Defence Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4629
Ms Sara Edson (Human Rights Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4547

Migration (Joint)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives and the Senate of 18 November 2004.

Current members

Mr Don Randall, MP (Chair), Senator Linda Kirk (Deputy Chair), Senators Andrew Bartlett, Alan Eggleston, Stephen Parry and Mr Laurie Ferguson MP, Mrs Julia Irwin MP, Mr Michael Keenan MP, Dr Carmen Lawrence MP, and Dr Andrew Southcott MP.

Secretary

Ms Joanne Towner

Phone (02)
6277 4565

Fax (02)
6277 8506

Current inquiry

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Skills recognition, upgrading and licensing

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Government responses tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private:	5 (a short public hearing followed)
Public:	4 (a private briefing followed)
In camera:	0
Briefings:	
Total meetings:	9

National Capital and External Territories (Joint)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to resolution of the House of Representatives of 18 November 2004 and the Senate of 18 November 2004.

Current members

Senator Ross Lightfoot (Chairman), Senator Kate Lundy (Deputy Chair), the Deputy President (Senator John Hogg), the Deputy Speaker (Hon Ian Causley), Senator Kim Carr, Senator Barnaby Joyce, Senator Natasha Stott Despoja, Ms Annette Ellis MP, Mr Paul Neville MP, Ms Sophie Mirabella MP, Mr Patrick Secker MP, Hon Warren Snowdon MP.

Changes:

- Senator Lundy replaced Senator O'Brien on 10/8/05
- Senator Joyce replaced Senator Scullion on 17/8/05
- Senator Carr replaced Senator Lundy from 8/12/05
- Senator Lundy replaced Senator Carr from 12/3/06
- Senator Carr replaced Senator Crossin on 28/3/06

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Stephen Boyd	6277 4564	6277 8478

Current inquiry

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- None

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Current & Future Governance Arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories

Government responses tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- None

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private	13
Public	4
Inspections	2
Briefings	7
Total	26

Parliamentary Library (Joint Standing)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 7 December 2005, and agreed to by the House of Representatives on 7 December 2005.

Current members

Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD) appointed on 9 December 2005

Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP) appointed on 2 March 2006

Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) appointed on 30 March 2006

Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS) appointed on 2 March 2006

Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP) appointed on 2 March 2006

Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP) appointed on 30 March 2006

The Hon Mr Dick Adams MP (Lyons, Tas, ALP) appointed on 27 March 2006

The Hon Mr John Anderson MP (Gwydir, NSW, NATS) appointed on 28 February 2006

Mr Russell Broadbent MP (McMillan, Vic, LP) appointed on 28 February 2006

Mr Petro Georgiou MP (Kooyong, Vic, LP) appointed on 28 February 2006

Mr Michael Hatton MP (Blaxland, NSW, ALP) appointed on 27 February 2006

Mr Brendan O'Connor MP (Gorton, Vic, ALP) appointed on 27 February 2006

Mr Barry Wakelin MP (Grey, SA, LP) appointed on 28 February 2006

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Roxanne Missingham	6277 7102	6277 2403

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private: 1

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: 1

Treaties (Joint)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives and the Senate on 18 November 2004.

Members

Dr A Southcott MP (Chair), Mr K Wilkie MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Bartlett, Senator Brown (*from 13 Sept 05*), Senator Mason, Senator Santoro, Senator Sterle, Senator Trood, Senator Wortley, Hon D Adams MP, Mr M Johnson MP, Mr M Keenan MP (*from 11 Aug 05*), Mrs M May MP, Mrs S Mirabella MP, Mr B Ripoll MP, Hon B Scott MP, Mr Turnbull MP (*to 11 Aug 05*).

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr James Rees	6277 4642	6277 2219

Current inquiries

Treaty tabled on 11 October 2005

Treaty tabled on 28 February 2006

Treaties tabled on 28 March 2006

Treaties tabled on 10 May 2006

Treaties tabled on 20 June 2006

Documents tabled

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Report 71: Treaty tabled on 29 November 2005 (*presented 27 Feb (both Houses)*)
- Report 72: Treaties tabled on 29 November 2005(2) (*presented 28 March (both Houses)*)
- Report 72: Treaties tabled on 29 November 2005(2)—erratum (*presented 29 March (H) and 30 March (S)*)
- Report 73: Treaties tabled in February 2006 (*presented 10 May (both Houses)*)
- Report 74: Treaty tabled on 28 March 2006 (*presented 29 May ((H) and 13 June (S))*)

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- 7 February 2006 (private)
- 27 February 2006 (public hearing)
- 28 February 2006 (private)
- 27 March 2006 (public hearing)
- 28 March 2006 (private)
- 8 May 2006 (public hearing)
- 22 May 2006 (private)
- 13 June 2006 (private)
- 19 June 2006 (public hearing)
- 20 June 2006 (public hearing)
- 20 June 2006 (private)

Intelligence and Security (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to *Intelligence Services Act 2001*; amended by the *Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Act 2005* on 2 December 2005

Members

The Hon David Jull MP (Presiding Member)

Senator Alan Ferguson, Senator Julian McGauran (till 28 March 2006), Senator the Hon Robert Ray, Senator the Hon John Faulkner (appointed 9 December 2005), Senator Fiona Nash (appointed 9 May 2006);

Mr Stewart McArthur MP; The Hon Duncan Kerr SC MP; and Mr Anthony Byrne MP, Mr Stephen Ciobo MP (appointed 8 December 2005)

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Margaret Swieringa	6277 4348	6277 2067

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- *Review of the listing of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) as a terrorist organisation*

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private (meetings)	8
Public (hearings)	0
In camera (hearings)	5
Inspections	3
Briefings	4
Total	20

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*.

Current members

The Speaker (The Hon D Hawker MP), the President (Senator The Hon P Calvert), Senators the Hon J Faulkner and J Ferris and, Mr A Cadman MP, Mr K Bartlett MP, Mr P Lindsay MP, Mr J Murphy MP and Ms M Vamvakinou MP

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Claressa Surtees	6277 4888	6277 4204

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Public Accounts and Audit (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*.

Committee name

Joint Statutory Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Membership

Members

Mr Tony Smith MP (Chairman)
(appointed 7 February 2006) (elected Chairman on 9.2.06)
Ms Sharon Grierson MP (Deputy-Chair)
Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP
Mr Russell Broadbent MP
Dr Craig Emerson MP
Dr Dennis Jensen MP *(from 29 May 2006)*
Hon Jackie Kelly MP
Ms Catherine King MP
Mr Andrew Laming MP
Mr Lindsay Tanner MP

Senators

Senator Mark Bishop
(from 11 May 2006)
Senator John Hogg
Senator Gary Humphries
Senator Andrew Murray
Senator Nigel Scullion
Senator John Watson

Former members

Mr Bob Baldwin MP (Chairman to 7 February 2006)
Senator Claire Moore (to 11 May 2006)
Mr Ken Ticehurst MP (to 29 May 2006)

Current inquiries

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Further review of aviation security in Australia
- Review of Auditor-General's Reports
- Certain taxation matters
- Reforms to financial reporting and equipment acquisition at Defence and DMO

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Nil

Government responses received

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Report 403 – Access of Indigenous Australians to law and justice services

Meetings/hours

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Full committee:	23 meetings	16 hours 30 minutes
Sectional committees:	17 meetings	47 hours
Total hours:	40 meetings	63 hours 30minutes

Public Works (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

Appointment

Pursuant to *Public Works Act 1969*.

Current members

Ms J. Moylan MP (Chair), Mr B. O'Connor MP, (Deputy Chair), Senator A. Ferguson (to 11/8/05) , Senator M. Forshaw (from 1/12/04 to 23/6/05 and from 9/11/05), Senator D. Wortley (from 23/6/05 to 9 /11/05), Senator Stephen Parry (from 11/8/05) Mr H. Jenkins MP, Mr B. Ripoll MP, Mr J. Forrest MP, Mr B. Wakelin MP, and Senator The Hon Judith Troeth

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Margaret Swieringa	6277 4348	6277 4426

Current inquiries

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Proposed fit-out of New Leased Premises for DEWR at Brindabella Park, ACT (Referred 22 June 2006)
- Development of Canine Kennelling & Training facilities for AFP at Majura, ACT (Referred 22 June 2006)
- Facilities for Troop Lift Helicopter, RAAF Base Townsville, Qld (Referred 1 June 2006)
- Facilities Upgrade to Shoalwater Bay Training Area, Rockhampton, Qld (Referred 11 May 2006)
- Australian Institute of Police Management Redevelopment, North Head, Manly, NSW (Referred 29 March 2006)
- Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Facilities Project, Enoggera, Qld (Referred 29 March 2006)
- Provision of Facilities for Project Single LEAP – Phase 1. (Referred 29 March 2006)
- Villawood Immigration Detention Centre Redevelopment, Sydney, NSW (Referred 16 February 2006)

Reports presented

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

- Fit-out of New Leased Premises for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission at 120 Collins Street, Melbourne Report 11/2006 Tabled 21 June 2006
- Proposed Construction of Housing for Defence at Fairview Rise, Ipswich, Queensland Report 10/2006 Tabled 14 June 2006
- HMAS Cairns Redevelopment Report 9/2006 Tabled 14 June 2006
- Proposed Fit-out of New Leased Premises for Centrelink at Greenway, ACT Report 8/2006 Tabled 24 May 2006
- Proposed Fit-out of New Leased Premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as Section 84, Precincts B and C, Canberra Report 7/2006 Tabled 10 May 2006
- Proposed Fit-out of New Leased Premises for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in Civic, ACT Report 6/2006 Tabled 10 May 2006
- Sixty-ninth Annual Report Tabled 28 March 2006
- Redevelopment of Post-1945 Conflicts Galleries and Discovery Room for the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, ACT Report 5/2006 Tabled 28 March 2006
- Proposed Fit-out of and Extension to Leased Premises for IP Australia in Woden, ACT Report 4/2006 Tabled 28 March 2006
- Proposed Relocation of 171st Aviation Squadron to Holsworthy Barracks, NSW Report 3/2006 Tabled 15 February 2006
- Proposed Construction of a New Chancery Building for the Australian Embassy in Rangoon, Burma Report 2/2006 Tabled 15 February 2006
- Proposed Construction of a New Chancery Building for the Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia Report 1/2006 Tabled 15 February 2006

Meetings

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

Private	19	(includes In-Camera hearings)
Public	11	
Inspections	11	
Total	41	

PART TWO

Consolidated Statistical Overview (Half Year)

1 January 2006 - 30 June 2006

1 January 2006 – 30 June 2006

	Matters current as at 1 January 2006	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2006
Legislation	9	61 + (1**)	60 + (4*)	10
References	11 + (1##)	5	5 + (1^^)	11
Select/Joint	7	2	4 + (1*)	5
Total	27	68	69	26

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	35	137:25	51	517:26	89	33:10	0	0:00	175	688:01
References	39	176:04	0	0:00	34	17:29	13	77:25	86	270:58
Select/Joint	18	79:11	0	0:00	28	15:16	0	0:00	46	94:27
Total	92	392:40	51	517:26	151	65:55	13	77:25	307	1053:26

Meetings by State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	159	11	5	0	0	0	0	0
References	41	5	4	1	9	7	10	9
Select/Joint	33	3	3	1	1	3	0	2
Total	233	19	12	2	10	10	10	11

	Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	62	3195	405	32	6477	1843	174	1988	8041	1
References	9	0	17	405	0	68	2671	625	5750	5
Select/Joint	4	0	0	239	0	0	1329	89	1237	3
Total	75	3195	422	676	6477	1911	4174	2702	15028	9

***Reports that did not discharge a reference; **Withdrawn Bill; ##Response to petitions; ^^Report to discharge Response to petitions Out of the 60 Legislation reports tabled 16 were Estimates reports and 8 were Annual Report reports*

PART THREE

Consolidated Statistical Overview (Financial Year)

1 July 2005 - 30 June 2006

Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office

1 July 2005 – 30 June 2006

	Matters current as at 1 July 2005	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2006
Legislation	10	92 +(1 **)	92 +(4*)	10
References	14	11 +(1 ##)	14 +(2#,2*,1^^)	11
Select/Joint	7	4	6 +(2*,1^)	5
Total	31	107	112	26

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	73	304:00	67	687:33	151	45:12	0	0:00	1036:45
References	75	334:31	0	0:00	101	38:00	16	92:25	464:56
Select/Joint	45	222:38	0	0:00	60	30:57	8	25:36	279:11
Total	193	861:09	67	687:33	312	114:09	24	118:01	1780:52

Meetings by State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	262	20	7	0	0	1	0	3	
References	123	12	7	1	12	16	10	9	
Select/Joint	75	8	12	1	3	7	1	6	
Total	460	40	26	2	15	24	11	18	

Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	97	4414	939	154	8350	3600	688	25515	2
References	25	0	26	776	0	162	5111	11878	14
Select/Joint	9	0	0	595	0	0	3414	3944	9
Total	131	4414	965	1525	8350	3762	9213	41337	25

*Reports that did not discharge a reference; **Withdrawn Bill; ^Supplementary report for a completed reference; ^^Report to discharge Response to petitions;

#Plus two additional reports tabled to discharge one reference; ##Response to petitions

Out of the 92 Legislation reports tabled 16 were Estimates reports and 15 were Annual Report reports

PART FOUR

Statistics On

**2005-06 Additional Estimates (February 2006)
and
2006-07 Budget Estimates (May/June 2006)**

Statistics on 2005-06 Additional Estimates (February 2006) and 2006-07 Budget Estimates (May/June 2006)
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Community Affairs

	2005-06 Additional Estimates (February 2006)	2006-07 Budget Estimates (May/June 2006)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (15/2 & 16/2)	4 (29/5, 30/5, 31/5 & 1/6)	6
Hours by portfolio:			
- Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	11:40	22:40	34:20
- Health and Ageing	11:25	23:35	35:00
Hours of public meetings	23:05	46:15	69:20

Economics

	2005-06 Additional Estimates (February 2006)	2006-07 Budget Estimates (May/June 2006)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (15/2 & 16/2)	4 (29/5, 30/5, 31/5 & 1/6)	6
Hours by portfolio:			
- Industry, Tourism and Resources	4:10	9:48	13:58
- Treasury	14:31	29:58	44:29
Hours of public meetings	18:41	39:46	58:27

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

	2005-06 Additional Estimates (February 2006)	2006-07 Budget Estimates (May/June 2006)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (15/2 & 16/2)	4 (29/5, 30/5, 31/5 & 1/6)	6
Hours by portfolio:			
- Employment and Workplace Relations	10:48	21:01	31:49
- Education, Science and Training	11:09	19:14	30:23
Hours of public meetings	21:57	40:15	62:12

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

	2005-06 Additional Estimates (February 2006)	2006-07 Budget Estimates (May/June 2006)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (13/2 & 14/2)	4 (22/5, 23/5, 24/5 & 25/5)	6
Hours by portfolio:			
- Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	17:33	31:59	49:32
- Environment and Heritage	4:52	10:57	15:49
Hours of public meetings	22:25	42:56	65:21

Statistics on 2005-06 Additional Estimates (February 2006) and 2006-07 Budget Estimates (May/June 2006)
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Finance and Public Administration

	2005-06 Additional Estimates (February 2006)	2006-07 Budget Estimates (May/June 2006)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (13/2 & 14/2)	4 (22/5, 23/5, 24/5 & 25/5)	6
Hours by portfolio:			
- Finance and Administration	7:47	12:30	20:17
- Human Services	2:55	7:25	10:20
- Parliament	1:54	4:11	6:05
- Prime Minister and Cabinet	9:11	17:45	26:56
Hours of public meetings	21:47	41:51	63:38

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

	2005-06 Additional Estimates (February 2006)	2006-07 Budget Estimates (May/June 2006)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (15/2 & 16/2)	4 (29/5, 30/5, 31/5 & 1/6)	6
Hours by portfolio:			
- Defence	9:30	19:20	28:50
- Foreign Affairs and Trade	8:10	18:30	26:40
- Veterans' Affairs	1:55	2:55	4:50
Hours of public meetings	19:35	40:45	60:20

Legal and Constitutional

	2005-06 Additional Estimates (February 2006)	2006-07 Budget Estimates (May/June 2006)	Total
No. of public meetings	4 (13/2, 14/2, 17/2 & 27/2)	4 (22/5, 23/5, 24/5 & 25/5)	8
Hours by portfolio:			
- Attorney-General's	18:18	23:38	41:56
- Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	10:47	18:13	29:00
Hours of public meetings	29:05	41:51	70:56

Statistics on 2005-06 Additional Estimates (February 2006) and 2006-07 Budget Estimates (May/June 2006)
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Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

	2005-06 Additional Estimates (February 2006)	2006-07 Budget Estimates (May/June 2006)	Total
No. of public meetings	3 (13/2, 14/2 & 17/2)	4 (22/5, 23/5, 24/5 & 25/5)	7
Hours by portfolio:			
- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	10:58	18:36	29:34
- Transport and Regional Services	15:46	21:52	37:38
Hours of public meetings	26:44	40:28	67:12

The number of days the estimates committees sat:

2005-06 Additional Estimates	6 days (13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 27 February 2006)
2006-07 Budget Estimates	8 days (22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31 May & 1 June 2006)