

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

	Matters current as at 1 January 2007	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Standing Committee	5	11	11	5

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Standing Committee	8	13:32	6	64:53	16	3:06	0
							30
							81:31

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	27	2	0	0	1	0	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages		
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages
Standing Committee	11	359	78	0	733	367	0	999
							111	2

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 26.3.07)</i>	23.3.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 11.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) <i>(Chair to 26.3.07)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06

Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	9.5.07
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.10.06

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-8.2.07
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.9.06-8.2.07
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	8.2.07-23.3.07

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)*	11.9.06-7.12.06
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)**	6.12.06-23.2.07

**replaced Senator Ludwig for committee's inquiry into Indigenous workers whose paid labour was controlled by Government*

***replaced Senator Scullion for committee's inquiry into the Provisions of the Native Title Amendment Bill 2006*

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2007

- Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2007

- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 13 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- International Trade Integrity Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Migration Amendment (Sponsorship Obligations) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- AusCheck Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 8 February 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 8 February 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 29 March 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 13 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- International Trade Integrity Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- Migration Amendment (Sponsorship Obligations) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 – 22 January 2007, Canberra
- Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 22 January 2007, Canberra
- Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006 – 23 January 2007, Canberra
- Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 30 January 2007, Sydney
- Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 – 31 January 2007, Sydney
- 2006-07 Additional Estimates – 12 & 13 February 2007, Canberra
- AusCheck Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 1 March 2007, Canberra
- Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 29 March 2007, Canberra
- Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 2 May 2007, Adelaide
- 2007-08 Budget Estimates – 21, 22, 23 & 24 May 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 (tabled 7 February 2007)
- Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006 (tabled 8 February 2007)
- Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (tabled 8 February 2007)
- Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 20 February 2007; tabled on 26 February 2007)
- Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 23 February 2007; tabled on 26 February 2007)
- AusCheck Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 14 March 2007; tabled on 20 March 2007)
- Additional estimates 2006-07 (tabled 21 March 2007)
- Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2007) (tabled 22 March 2007)
- Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 20 April 2007; tabled on 9 May 2007)

- Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (tabled 9 May 2007)
- Budget estimates 2007-08 (tabled 19 June 2007)

Government responses

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006 (tabled 10 May 2006; report tabled 27 March 2006)
- Administration and Operation of the *Migration Act 1958* (tabled 14 June 2007; report tabled 2 March 2006)

Estimates

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

