

PART THREE

**12 February 2008–30 June 2008
(beginning of the 42nd Parliament)**

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

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

12 February 2008 - 30 June 2008

	Matters current as at 12 February 2008	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference **	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2008
Standing Committee	0	14	8 +(3)	6

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	16	101:10	7	73:15	18	15:45	1	2:05	42	192:15

Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Standing Committee	31	1	2	1	1	2

Witnesses										
	Teleshared Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	12	748	36	218	892	129	1315	249	2003	0

* includes referral of Annual Reports (1) and Estimates (2)

** includes 2 Interim reports and 1 report that re-referred inquiries from 41st Parliament

Community Affairs (Standing)

42nd Parliament (12 February 2008 to 30 June 2008)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 13.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	13.02.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	12.02.08

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) ¹	15.05.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) ²	20.03.08
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD) ³	16.06.08

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	13.02.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	12.02.08

1 Replaces Senator Adams for the inquiry into ready-to-drink alcohol beverages

2 Replaces Senator Polley for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008

3 Replaces Senator Allison for the inquiry into ready-to-drink alcohol beverages

Senator Bob Brown (TAS, ALP)	14.02.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	13.02.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	12.02.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.02.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	12.02.08
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	14.02.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	20.03.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	12.02.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	14.02.08

Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	13.02.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	12.03.08

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP)	12.03.08–05.05.08
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Inquiries from the end of the 41st Parliament

- Cost of Living Pressures on Older Australians (referred 14 June 2007)
- Mental Health Services in Australia (referred 28 March 2007)

Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 42nd Parliament

- Cost of Living Pressures on Older Australians (referred 14 June 2007)
- Mental Health Services in Australia (referred 28 March 2007)

Inquiries re-referred

- Cost of Living Pressures on Older Australians (re-referred 14 February 2008)
- Mental Health Services in Australia (re-referred 14 February 2008)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2008

- Mental Health Services in Australia (re-referred 14 February 2008)
- Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 (referred 12 March 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Special Disability Trusts (referred 15 May 2008)
- Petrol Sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia (referred 17 June 2008)
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- The Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008 (referred 25 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 (referred 14 February 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 (referred 12 March 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- The Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 19 March 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Special Disability Trusts (referred 15 May 2008)
- Effectiveness of proposed changes to alcohol excise regime (referred 15 May 2008)
- Petrol Sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia (referred 17 June 2008)
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- The Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008 (referred 25 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Cost of living pressures on older Australians—8 February 2008, Brisbane
- 2007–08 Additional Estimates—20, 21 & 22 February 2008, Canberra
- Mental Health Services in Australia—26 March 2008, Brisbane; 27 March 2008, Sydney; 31 March 2008, Hobart; 1 April 2008, Melbourne; 1 May 2008, Darwin; 7 May 2008, Perth; 8 May 2008, Adelaide; 16 May 2008, Canberra; 20 May 2008, Canberra
- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008—29 April 2008, Alice Springs; 30 April 2008, Darwin
- Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007—6 May 2008, Melbourne; 15 May 2008, Canberra
- 2008–09 Budget Estimates—2, 3, 4 & 5 June 2008, Canberra
- Ready-to-drink alcohol beverages—11 June 2008, Canberra; 12 June 2008, Canberra

Reports tabled

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Report on the references of the 41st Parliament (re-adoption of inquiries, tabled 14 February 2008)
- Additional estimates 2007–08 (tabled 18 March 2008)
- A decent quality of life: Inquiry into the cost of living pressures on older Australians (tabled 20 March 2008)
- Annual Report (No. 1 of 2008) (tabled 20 March 2008)

- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim Report (presented out of session 7 May 2008; tabled 13 May 2008)
- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Final Report (tabled 15 May 2008)
- Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [2008] (tabled 18 June 2008)
- Interim Report—Mental Health Services in Australia (tabled 19 June 2008)
- Ready-to-drink alcohol beverages (tabled 24 June 2008)
- Budget estimates 2008–09 (tabled 24 June 2008)
- A matter relating to the PET Review of 2000 (tabled 26 June 2008)

Government responses

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Estimates

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

