

**Education, Employment and Workplace
Relations**

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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	6	4	2

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	5	24:00	6	51:20	11	3:07	0	0:00	22	78:27

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Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Standing Committee	18	1	1	0	0	1	1

Witnesses						Hansard Pages				
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	7	190	40	0	653	500	0	101	2200	1

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

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (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 Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 13.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	13.02.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	17.03.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Glen Sterle (WA, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	13.02.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	12.02.08

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, 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
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	14.02.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.08
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 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 Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	14.02.08
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 Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	12.02.08
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 Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	13.02.08
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)	12.03.08
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)	14.02.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.03.08

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	12.02.08–17.03.08
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Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP)

12.03.08–05.05.08

Inquiries from the end of the 41st Parliament

- Nil

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2008

- Academic freedom in school and higher education (referred 24 June 2008)
- Developing Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change (referred 26 June 2008)

New references

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 14 February 2008)
- Academic freedom in school and higher education (referred 24 June 2008)
- Developing Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change (referred 26 June 2008)

Public hearings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- 2007–08 Additional Estimates—20 & 21 February 2008, Canberra
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008—4 March 2008, Perth; 6 March 2008, Sydney; 7 March 2008, Melbourne; 10 March 2008, Brisbane; 11 March 2008, Canberra

Reports tabled

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 17 March 2008)
- Additional Estimates 2007–08 (tabled 18 March 2008)
- Annual Report (No. 1 of 2008) (tabled 20 March 2008)
- Budget Estimates 2008–09 (tabled 24 June 2008)

Government responses

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Workplace Agreements (tabled 23 June 2008; report tabled 31 October 2005)

Estimates

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