

**Environment, Communications and  
the Arts**

## Environment, Communications and the Arts

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	11	7 +(2)	4

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	4	22:34	7	63:20	22	6:28	0	0:00	33	92:22

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Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Standing Committee	25	2	2	0	4	0	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages				
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	7	294	0	62	738	0	378	275	2331	0

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

\*\* includes 2 Interim Reports

# Environment, Communications and the Arts (Standing)

42<sup>nd</sup> Parliament (12 February 2008 to 30 June 2008)

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.02.08)</i>	13.02.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	12.02.08

<b>Participating members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	13.02.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	12.02.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	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)	12.03.08
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 Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	12.02.08
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 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 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 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 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 Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	13.02.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	12.02.08

**Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP) 12.03.08–05.05.08

**Inquiries from the end of the 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

- Nil

## Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2008

- Waste management in Australia, including consideration of the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008 (referred 20 March 2008)
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities (referred 18 June 2008)
- Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No.2] and related matters (referred 25 June 2008)

## New references

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- The sexualisation of children in the contemporary media environment, including radio and television, children's magazines, other print and advertising material and the Internet (referred 12 March 2008)
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 19 March 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008 (referred 20 March 2008)
- Effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice operating within the radio and television industry (referred 20 March 2008)
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## Public hearings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- 2007–08 Additional Estimates—18, 19 & 22 February 2008, Canberra
- Sexualisation of children in the contemporary media environment—29 April 2008, Melbourne; 30 April 2008, Sydney
- Effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice operating within the radio and television industry—23 May 2008, Adelaide

- 2008–09 Budget Estimates—26, 27, 28 & 29 May 2008, Canberra
- Waste management in Australia, including consideration of the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008—30 June 2008, Adelaide

### **Reports tabled**

*12 February 2008–30 June 2008*

- Additional Estimates 2007-08 (tabled 18 March 2008)
- Annual Report (No. 1 of 2008) (tabled 20 March 2008)
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (Presented out of session 30 April 2008; tabled 13 May 2008)
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008—Interim Report (Presented out of session 7 May 2008; tabled 13 May 2008)
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008—Final Report (Presented out of session 9 May 2008; tabled 13 May 2008)
- Effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice—Interim Report (Presented out of session 6 June 2008; tabled 16 June 2008)
- Effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice—Final Report (tabled 19 June 2008)
- Budget Estimates 2008–09 (tabled 24 June 2008)
- Sexualisation of children in the contemporary media (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.