

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

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12 February 2008 - 30 June 2008

	Matters current as at 12 February 3008	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 +(1)	4

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	6	22:09	6	61:16	12	4:57	0	0:00	24	88:22

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Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	19	3	0	0	0	0	2	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages				
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	6	587	79	0	694	222	0	2016	3859	0

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

** includes 1 Interim Report

Legal and Constitutional 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 Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	13.02.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	17.03.08
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	12.02.08

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator John Hogg ¹ (QLD, ALP)	19.03.08

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 Lyn Allison (VIC, 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 Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, ADG)	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

¹ Replace Senator Hurley for the committee's inquiries into the Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008 and the Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008

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 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)	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 the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
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 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)	12.03.08
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	14.02.08
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	13.02.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	12.03.08

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP) 12.02.08–17.03.08

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

- Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008, and any related bills introduced to give effect to the recommendations of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's report *Same Sex: Same Entitlements* (referred 18 June 2008)
- Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 18 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 26 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Effectiveness of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality (referred 26 June 2008)

New references

12 February 2008 – 30 June 2008

- Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008 (referred 12 March 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008 (referred 12 March 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- The Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008 (referred 19 March 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008, and any related bills introduced to give effect to the recommendations of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's report *Same Sex: Same Entitlements* (referred 18 June 2008)
- Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

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Public hearings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- 2007–08 Additional Estimates—18 & 19 February 2008, Canberra
- Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008—14 April 2008, Darwin; 16 April 2008, Sydney
- Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008—15 April 2008, Darwin; 16 April 2008, Sydney
- Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008—17 April 2008, Sydney
- 2008–09 Budget Estimates—26, 27, 28 & 29 May 2008, Canberra
- Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2008—20 June 2008, Canberra

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 (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008—Interim Report (Presented out of session 1 May 2008; tabled 13 May 2008)
- Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008—Final Report (Presented out of session 6 May 2008; tabled 13 May 2008)
- Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008 (tabled 16 June 2008)
- Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2008 (tabled 24 June 2008)
- Budget estimates 2008–09 (tabled 24 June 2008)
- Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008 (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.

