

**Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport**

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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	9	4 +(2)	5

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	6	32:01	6	66:52	23	6:23	0	0:00	35	105:16

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Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Standing Committee	34	0	0	0	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	11	295	78	33	832	420	236	199	1413	0

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

** includes 1 Interim Report and 1 report that re-referred an inquiry from 41st Parliament

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (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 Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 13.02.08)</i>	14.02.08
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	12.02.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, 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 Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	13.02.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
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, 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 John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	12.02.08
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 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 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)	20.03.08
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	14.02.08
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 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 John Watson (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
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

- Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (referred 19 September 2007)

Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 42nd Parliament

- Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (referred 19 September 2007)

Inquiries re-referred

- Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (re-referred 14 February 2008)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2008

- Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (re-referred 14 February 2008)
- Concerns in relation to meat marketing, with particular reference to the need for effective supervision of national standards and controls and the national harmonisation of regulations applying to the branding and marketing of meat (referred 19 March 2008)
- Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and related matters (adopted by committee 29 May 2008)
- Natural resource management and conservation challenges (referred 26 June 2008)
- Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests (referred 26 June 2008)

New references

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- Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and the Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (referred 12 March 2008)
- Concerns in relation to meat marketing, with particular reference to the need for effective supervision of national standards and controls and the national harmonisation of regulations applying to the branding and marketing of meat (referred 19 March 2008)
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Public hearings

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- 2007–08 Additional Estimates—18 & 19 February 2008, Canberra

- Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—26 March 2008, Canberra; 27 March 2008, Canberra; 31 March 2008, Perth; 22 April 2008, Canberra
- 2008–09 Budget Estimates—26, 27, 28 & 29 May 2008
- Meat marketing—10 June 2008, Canberra
- Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector—30 June 2008, Canberra

Reports tabled

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- Report on the references of the 41st Parliament (re-adoption of inquiries, tabled 14 February 2008)
- Additional Estimates 2007–08 (tabled 18 March 2008)
- Annual Report (No. 1 of 2008) (tabled 20 March 2008)
- Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and the Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Interim Report (Presented out of session 24 April 2008; tabled 13 May 2008)
- Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and the Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Final Report (Presented out of session 30 April 2008; tabled 13 May 2008)
- Budget Estimates 2008–09 (tabled 25 June 2008)

Government responses

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- Nil

Estimates

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