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FORMAT OF THIS REPORT

On 15 October 2007, the Parliament was prorogued; the House of Representatives was dissolved on 17 October 2007 and a General Election was held on 24 November 2007. The 41st Parliament finished on 11 February 2008 and the 42nd Parliament commenced on the following day.

This report is divided into several sections that provide statistics on committee work during the following periods:

- the end of the 41st Parliament (1 January to 11 February 2008)
- the commencement of the 42nd Parliament (12 February to 30 June 2008)
- the half year (1 January 2008 to 30 June 2008); and
- the financial year (1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008)

Statistics on these periods are kept in order to record information based on parliamentary terms as well as half, financial and full year periods.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Committees

AGRIC	Agricultural and Related Industries
ACC	Australian Crime Commission
ACLEI	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
CA	Community Affairs
CFS	Corporations and Financial Services
ECO	Economics
EEWR	Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
ECA	Environment, Communications and the Arts
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
FPA	Finance and Public Administration
FUEL	Fuel and Energy
HSAF	Housing Affordability in Australia
LC	Legal and Constitutional Affairs
NBN	National Broadband Network
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
RRIC	Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities
SGFM	State Government Financial Management

Political Affiliations

AD	Australian Democrats
AG	Australian Greens
ALP	Australian Labor Party
CLP	Country Liberal Party
FFP	Family First Party
Ind	Independent
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
NATS	The Nationals

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Other publications available from the Committee Office:

- Committee Reports*
- Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970–2007)
(<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/register/report/index.htm>)
- The First 20 Years (History of Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees 1970–1990)
- Business of Committees (Program of committee public hearings held in Canberra and/or interstate) (<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/red.htm>)
- Public Hearings/Meetings list (list of all forthcoming public hearings and is published every Friday)
(<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/hearings/index.htm>)
- Bills to Committees Update (providing details on the progress of legislation through Senate committees)
(<http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/bills/update.htm>)

- Information pamphlets

- No. 1 Notes to assist in the preparation of submissions to Senate Committee inquiries (http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_one.htm)
- No. 2 Information for witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (general information and notes to assist with the preparation of oral evidence before Senate committees)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_two.htm)
- No. 3 Protection of witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (Senate Privilege Resolution No. 1 on procedures to be observed by Senate committees for the protection of witnesses)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_thr.htm)
- No. 4 Government Guidelines for official witnesses before Parliamentary Committees and related matters (Extract)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/gov_ext.htm)

** a selection of reports presented prior to June 1997 and all reports tabled after that date are available on the Internet*

DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Administered</i>	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Agricultural and Related Industries	Select	S	6277 3513	6277 5811
Appropriations and Staffing	Standing	S	6277 3015	6277 5784
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Australian Crime Commission	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4888	6277 4204
Community Affairs [^]	LGPS	S	6277 3515	6277 5829
Corporations and Financial Services	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3583	6277 5719
Economics [^]	LGPS	S	6277 3540	6277 5719
Electoral Matters	Joint	H	6277 2374	6277 4710
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations [^]	LGPS	S	6277 3521	6277 5706
Environment, Communications and the Arts [^]	LGPS	S	6277 3526	6277 5818
Finance and Public Administration [^]	LGPS	S	6277 3439	6277 5809
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint	H	6277 2313	6277 2221
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade [^]	LGPS	S	6277 3535	6277 5818
Fuel and Energy	Select	S	6277 3437	6277 3899
House	Standing	S	6277 3398	6277 3199
Housing Affordability in Australia	Select	S	6277 3437	6277 3899
Intelligence and Security (formerly known as ASIO, ASIS and DSD)	Joint Statutory	H	6277 2360	6277 2067
Legal and Constitutional Affairs [^]	LGPS	S	6277 3594	6277 5794
Migration	Joint	H	6277 4560	6277 4427
National Broadband Network	Select	S	6277 3635	6277 5794
National Capital and External Territories	Joint	H	6277 4355	6277 8478
Parliamentary Library	Joint	DPS	6277 7102	6277 2403
Privileges	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
Procedure	Standing	S	6277 3364	6277 3199
Public Accounts and Audit	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4615	6277 2220
Public Works	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4636	6277 4426
Publications	Standing	S	6277 3455	6277 5784
Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities	Select	S	6277 3433	6277 5706
Regulations and Ordinances	Legislative Scrutiny Standing	S	6277 3066	6277 5838
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport [^]	LGPS	S	6277 3511	6277 5811
Scrutiny of Bills	Legislative Scrutiny Standing	S	6277 3051	6277 5838
Selection of Bills	Standing	S	6277 3020	6277 3098
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
State Government Financial Management	Select	S	6277 3530	6277 5809
Treaties	Joint	H	6277 4002	6277 2219

Code

- H** Department of the House of Representatives
- DPS** Department of the Parliamentary Services
- LGPS** Legislative and General Purpose Standing
- S** Department of the Senate
- ^** Standing Committees (from 11.9.06)

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

Introduction

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office provided staffing and resources for the following committees:

- Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees;
- Specific Joint Statutory Committees; and
- Senate Select Committees

Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees

On 11 September 2006 Senate committees were restructured. The new committees will continue the work of the previous legislation and references committees for the same portfolio responsibilities. The committees have an expanded membership of eight. Particulars of each committee can be found at the relevant web page.

The Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees and the relevant portfolio/subject areas allocated to them are as follows:

<u>Community Affairs</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs• Health and Ageing
<u>Economics</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Innovation, Industry, Science and Research• Resources, Energy and Tourism• Treasury
<u>Education, Employment and Workplace Relations</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
<u>Environment, Communications and the Arts</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts• Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
<u>Finance and Public Administration</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parliament• Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Climate Change)• Finance and Deregulation• Human Services
<u>Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)• Foreign Affairs and Trade

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

- Attorney-General
- Immigration and Citizenship

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Joint Statutory Committees

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office also administered three Joint Statutory Committees comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators. These are:

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
- Australian Crime Commission, and
- Corporations and Financial Services

Senate Select Committees

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office provided staffing and resources for the following Senate Select Committees:

- Agricultural and Related Industries (appointed 14 February 2008)
- Fuel and Energy (appointed 25 June 2008)
- Housing Affordability in Australia (appointed 14 February 2008)
- National Broadband Network (appointed 25 June 2008)
- State Government Financial Management (appointed 14 February 2008)
- Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities (appointed 19 March 2008)

PART ONE

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

(remainder of the 41st Parliament)

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

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 January 2008 - 11 February 2008

	Matters current as at 1 January 2008	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 11 February 2008 *
Standing Committee	2	0	0	2

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Hours
Standing Committee	1	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	7:10

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

Witnesses						Hansard Pages			
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	0	0	16	0	0	76	15	70	0

* inquiries discharged at beginning of 42nd Parliament

Community Affairs (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 11.09.06)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 11.09.06)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	09.05.07
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	11.09.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	11.09.06

Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	08.02.07
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	11.09.06
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	11.09.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	11.09.06–12.09.06
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	12.09.06–09.05.07

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP) ¹	12.10.06–24.10.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ²	12.09.06–08.02.07
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ³	29.03.07–09.05.07
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁴	29.03.07–09.05.07
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP) ⁵	17.08.07–23.08.07

1 Replaced Senator Adams for inquiry into legislative responses to the Lockhart review on 24 October 2006

2 Replaced Senator Allison for committee's inquiry into Funding and operation of the Commonwealth-State/Territory Disability Agreement

3 Replaced Senator Allison for committee's inquiry into Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007

4 Replaced Senator Allison for committee's inquiry into Provisions of the Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007

5 Replaced Senator Boyce for committee's inquiry into the cost of living pressures on older Australians, on 23 August 2007

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	11.09.06–23.03.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.09.06–02.04.07
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	29.03.07–09.05.07
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.09.06–14.08.07

Current inquiries

As at 1 January 2008

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

Current inquiries

As at 11 February 2008

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

New references

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Cost of Living Pressures on Older Australians—8 February 2008, Brisbane

Reports tabled

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Government responses

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Estimates

No estimates hearings were held during this period.

Economics

Economics

1 January 2008 - 11 February 2008

	Matters current as at 1 January 2008	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 11 February 2008
Standing Committee	2	0	2	0

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00

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

Witnesses										
			Hansard Pages							
	Tevised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Economics (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 09.02.07)</i>	08.02.07
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 12.09.06)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	28.02.07
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.09.06

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	14.06.07
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Stephen Conroy (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	11.09.06
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	08.02.07
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.09.06

Senator Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	11.09.06
Senator The Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	09.05.07
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	29.03.07
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.09.06
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	11.09.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP) (<i>Chair</i>)	11.09.06–08.02.07
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.09.06–28.02.07

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP) ¹	12.10.06–13.10.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP) ²	11.09.06–07.12.06
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP) ³	08.02.07–15.02.07
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP) ⁴	08.02.07–16.02.07
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD) ⁵	29.03.07–09.05.07

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	11.09.06–23.03.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.09.06–02.04.07
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.09.06–14.08.07

1 Replaced Senator Bernardi for inquiry into price of petrol in Australia on 13 October 2006

2 Replaced Senator Webber for inquiry into price of petrol in Australia

3 Replaced Senator Bernardi for the consideration of the 2006–07 additional estimates on 15 February 2007

4 Replaced Senator Chapman for the consideration of the 2006–07 additional estimates on 14, 15 & 16 February 2007

5 Replaced Senator Murray for committee's inquiry into the Provisions of the Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007

Current inquiries

As at 1 January 2008

- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007 (referred 16 August 2007—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 (referred 16 August 2007—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 11 February 2008

- Nil

New references

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007—Final Interim Report (Presented out of session 11 February 2008; tabled 12 February 2008)
- National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007—Final Interim Report (Presented out of session 11 February 2008; tabled 12 February 2008)

Government responses

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Estimates

No estimates hearings were held during this period.

**Employment, Workplace Relations and
Education**

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 12.09.06)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 12.09.06)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	12.09.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	12.09.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	11.09.06

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD) ¹	28.02.07

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	12.09.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	14.06.07
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	01.03.07
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	11.09.06

¹ Replaces Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the schools and training portfolios

Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	09.05.07
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	08.02.07
Senator Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	23.03.07
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Glen Sterle (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	28.02.07
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	11.09.06
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	11.09.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.09.06–12.09.06
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	11.09.06–12.09.06
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	11.09.06–09.05.07
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	09.05.07–20.06.07

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP) ²	08.02.07–16.02.07
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2 Replaced Senator Lightfoot for the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates from noon on 15 & 16 February 2007

Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP) ³	20.06.07–25.06.07
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP) ⁴	20.06.07–26.06.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) ⁵	01.03.07–13.09.07

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	11.09.06–12.09.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.09.06–12.09.06
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.09.06–01.03.07
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	11.09.06–23.03.07
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	12.09.06–23.03.07
Senator Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	11.09.06–23.03.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.09.06–02.04.07
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.09.06–14.08.07

Current inquiry

As at 1 January 2008

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 11 February 2008

- Nil

New references

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Government responses

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

3 Replaced Senator Lightfoot on 25 June 2007

4 Replaced Senator Fisher on 26 June 2007

5 Replaced Senator George Campbell for inquiry into the current level of academic standards of school education

Estimates

No estimates hearings were held during this period.

**Environment, Communications,
Information Technology
and the Arts**

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 12.09.06)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 12.09.06)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	09.05.07
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	10.09.07
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	11.09.06

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Stephen Conroy (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	11.09.06
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.09.06

Senator Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	09.08.07
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	09.05.07
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	23.03.07
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Natasha Stott-Despoja (SA, AD)	11.09.06
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	11.09.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	11.09.06–12.02.07
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	11.09.06–09.05.07
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	12.02.07–10.09.07

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP) ¹	14.09.06–29.09.06
Senator Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ²	18.10.06–27.11.06
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ³	08.02.07–22.02.07
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP) ⁴	08.02.07–23.02.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) ⁵	11.09.06–20.06.07
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ⁶	09.05.07–06.06.07
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD) ⁷	14.09.06–06.10.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP) ⁸	09.08.07–14.08.07

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- 1 Replaced Senator Parry for the committee's inquiry into the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006 and related bills on 28 and 29 September 2006
 - 2 Replaced Senator Lundy for inquiry into the provisions of the Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2006
 - 3 Replaced Senator Wortley for committee's inquiry into Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector for the period 19.02.07 to 22.02.07
 - 4 Replaced Senator Kemp for committee's inquiry into Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector for the period 19.02.07 to 23.02.07
 - 5 Replaced Senator Lundy for committee's inquiry into Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector
 - 6 Replaced Senator Wortley on 6 June 2007
 - 7 Replaced Senator Bartlett for the committee's inquiry into the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006 and related bills
 - 8 Replaced Senator Lundy for inquiry into the Water Bills

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	08.02.07–22.02.07
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	11.09.06–23.03.07
Senator Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	11.09.06–23.03.07
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.09.06–23.03.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.09.06–02.04.07
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.06.07–10.09.07
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.09.06–14.08.07

Current inquiry

As at 1 January 2008

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 11 February 2008

- Nil

New references

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Government responses

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Estimates

No estimates hearings were held during this period.

**Finance and
Public Administration**

Finance and Public Administration (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 22.03.07)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 12.09.06)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	10.09.07
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	11.09.06
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	11.09.06

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	21.06.07
Senator Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Stephen Conroy (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	11.09.06
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	17.08.07
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	08.02.07
Senator Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06

Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	09.05.07
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	08.02.07
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	11.09.06
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	17.08.07
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	08.02.07

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Brett Mason (QLD, LP) (<i>Chair</i>)	11.09.06–23.03.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	23.03.07–09.05.07
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	09.05.07–20.06.07
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.06.07–10.09.07

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP) ¹	19.10.06–30.10.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP) ²	17.10.06–22.12.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD) ³	08.02.07–20.03.07
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (TAS, ALP) ⁴	21.06.07–27.07.07
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS) ⁵	17.08.07–07.09.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) ⁶	17.08.07–07.09.07

1 Replaced Senator Bernardi for consideration of the 2006–07 budget estimates on 30 October 2006, until 10.00pm

2 Replaced Senator Mason from 23 October to 22 December 2006

3 Replaced Senator Murray for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007

4 Replaced Senator Carol Brown for inquiry into the Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

5 Replaced Senator Fierravanti-Wells for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007

6 Replaced Senator Watson for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)

11.09.06–23.03.07

Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)

11.09.06–14.08.07

Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)

11.09.06–02.04.07

Current inquiry

As at 1 January 2008

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 11 February 2008

- Nil

New references

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Government responses

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Estimates

No estimates hearings were held during this period.

**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 January 2008 - 11 February 2008

	Matters current as at 1 January 2008	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 11 February 2008 *
Standing Committee	2	0	0	2

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00

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

Witnesses						Hansard Pages				
	Tevised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* inquiries discharged at beginning of 42nd Parliament

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 21.03.07)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 12.09.06)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	17.08.07
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	28.02.07
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	23.03.07
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	11.09.06

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	11.10.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	20.06.07
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Stephen Conroy (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	11.09.06
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.06.07

Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	08.02.07
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	23.03.07
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.09.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	11.09.06
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	11.09.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator David Johnston (WA, LP) (<i>Chair</i>)	11.09.06-23.03.07
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.09.06-14.08.07

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06-28.02.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.09.06-02.04.07

Current inquiry

As at 1 January 2008

- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (agreed by resolution of the Committee 22 June 2006)
- Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations (referred 8 November 2006)

Current inquiry

As at 11 February 2008

- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (agreed by resolution of the Committee 22 June 2006)
- Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations (referred 8 November 2006)

New references

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Government responses

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Estimates

No estimates hearings were held during this period.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 26.03.07)</i>	23.03.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 11.09.06)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) <i>(Chair to 26.03.07)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	08.02.07
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	11.09.06

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	09.08.07
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Stephen Conroy (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	08.02.07
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.09.06

Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	09.05.07
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	11.09.06
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.10.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	11.09.06–08.02.07
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.09.06–08.02.07
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	08.02.07–23.03.07

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ¹	11.09.06–07.12.06
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP) ²	06.12.06–23.02.07

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	11.09.06–23.03.07
Senator Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	11.09.06–23.03.07
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	11.09.06–23.03.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.09.06–02.04.07
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.09.06–14.08.07

Current inquiry

As at 1 January 2008

- Nil

1 Replaced Senator Ludwig for committee's inquiry into Indigenous workers whose paid labour was controlled by Government

2 Replaced Senator Scullion for committee's inquiry into the Provisions of the Native Title Amendment Bill 2006

Current inquiry

As at 11 February 2008

- Nil

New references

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Government responses

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Estimates

No estimates hearings were held during this period.

**Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

1 January 2008 - 11 February 2008

	Matters current as at 1 January 2008	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 11 February 2008 *
Standing Committee	1	0	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00

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

* inquiry discharged at beginning of 42nd Parliament

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 12.09.06)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 12.09.06)</i>	11.09.06
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	09.05.07
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	11.09.06

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	11.09.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	27.03.07
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	11.09.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.06.07
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	08.02.07
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.09.06

Senator Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	09.05.07
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	01.03.07
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	01.03.07
Senator Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	01.03.07
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.09.06
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	23.03.07
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	11.09.06
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	01.03.07
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	11.09.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.09.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.09.06–02.04.07
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Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP) ¹	08.02.07–15.02.07
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP) ²	08.02.07–16.02.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) ³	01.03.07–02.04.07
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP) ⁴	01.03.07–16.08.07
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS) ⁵	01.03.07–16.08.07
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP) ⁶	01.03.07–16.08.07
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ⁷	01.03.07–16.08.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) ⁸	09.05.07–16.08.07

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	11.09.06–01.03.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	11.09.06–01.03.07
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	11.09.06–01.03.07
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	11.09.06–01.03.07

1 Replaced Senator Heffernan for the consideration of the 2006–07 additional estimates on 15 February 2007

2 Replaced Senator Nash for the consideration of the 2006–07 additional estimates on 16 February 2007

3 Replaced Senator Ferris for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

4 Replaced Senator McGauran for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

5 Replaced Senator Nash for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

6 Replaced Senator Sterle for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

7 Replaced Senator McEwen for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

8 Replaced Senator Sterle for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	11.09.06–23.03.07
Senator Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	11.09.06–23.03.07
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.09.06–14.08.07

Current inquiry

As at 1 January 2008

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

Current inquiry

As at 11 February 2008

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

New references

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Government responses

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Estimates

No estimates hearings were held during this period.

**Joint Statutory
Committees administered by the
Senate Committee Office**

**Australian Commission for
Law Enforcement Integrity**

Australian Crime Commission

Corporations and Financial Services

**It should be noted that these committees were dissolved on
17 October 2007 and therefore did not operate during the period
1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008 (41st Parliament)**

Other Committees

Regulations and Ordinances (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23.

Current members

Senator Watson (Chair), Senators Bartlett, Brown, Fierravanti-Wells, Patterson and Wortley.

Former members

Senators Mason and Santoro.

Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Mr James Warmenhoven	(02) 6277 3066	(02) 6277 5838

Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises delegated legislation to ensure:

- that it is in accordance with the statute;
- that it does not trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- that it does not unduly make the rights and liberties of citizens dependent upon administrative decisions which are not subject to review of their merits by a judicial or other independent tribunal; and
- that it does not contain matter more appropriate for parliamentary enactment.

Reports presented

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Meetings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

Private 0

Briefings 0

Total: 0

No. of instruments scrutinised 0

Notices of Motion to Disallow 0

Notices withdrawn 0

Notices pending 0

Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members

Senator Ray (Chair), Senator Adams (Deputy Chair), Senators Barnett, McEwen, Murray and Parry

Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Ms Cheryl Wilson	(02) 6277 3050	(02) 6277 5838

Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises bills and Acts of Parliament and reports to the Senate whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:

- trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
- inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

Between 1 January 2008 and 11 February 2008, the committee did not meet or consider any bills.

Appropriations and Staffing (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19.

Members

The President (Senator the Hon. Alan Ferguson) (Chairman), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon. Nick Minchin), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chris Evans), Senators Bartlett, Boswell, Faulkner, Heffernan, Parry and Ray

Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Mr Neil Bessell	(02) 6277 3015	(02) 6277 5784

Role of the committee

The Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing determines the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills and reports to the Senate on its determinations prior to the Senate's consideration of those bills. The committee also examines matters affecting the staffing and administration of the Department of the Senate, including proposals to vary the staffing structure, and other matters referred to it by the Senate. It makes an annual report to the Senate on the operations of the Senate's appropriations and staffing and related matters (standing order 19(3)). The committee has the explicit capacity to scrutinise security funding and administration and to advise the President and the Senate as appropriate. Under a resolution of the Senate agreed to in 1987 the committee also examines proposed changes in the structure and responsibilities of the parliamentary departments.

Reports presented

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- 0

Meetings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

Private: 0

House (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21.

Current members

The President (Senator the Hon P Calvert) (Chair) to 13 August 2007 & (Senator the Hon A Ferguson) (Chair) from 14 August 2007, the Deputy President (Senator J Hogg), Senators Carr, Crossin, Parry, Lightfoot and Stephens

Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Ms Andrea Griffiths	(02) 6277 3398	(02) 6277 3199

Meetings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

Private: 0*
Public:
In camera:
Inspections:
Briefings:
Total: 0*

* Sitting jointly with a similar committee of the House of Representatives

Privileges (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18.

Current members

Senator Faulkner (Chair), Senator Ronaldson (Deputy Chair), Senators Humphries, Payne, Ray, Sherry and Watson.

Secretary

	Phone	Fax	Email
Dr Rosemary Laing	(02) 6277 3360	6277 3199	Priv.sen@aph.gov.au

Reports presented

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Meetings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

Private:

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: **0**

Procedure (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17.

Current members

The Deputy President (Senator J Hogg) (Chair), the President (Senator the Hon A Ferguson), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (the Hon N Minchin), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator C Evans), Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, Ellison, Faulkner, Ferguson, and Ray

Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Mr Harry Evans	(02) 6277 3350	(02) 6277 3199

Current inquiry

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Reports presented

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Meetings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

Private:

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: 0

Publications (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22.

Current members

Senator McGauran (Chair) [appointed 20.6.07], Senators Fisher [appointed 16.8.07], Hurley [appointed 28.2.07], Marshall [appointed 18.11.04], Nash [appointed 16.8.05], Sterle [appointed 23.6.05] and Wortley [appointed 23.6.05].

Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Mr Matthew Keele	(02) 6277 3037	(02) 6277 3448

Public hearings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Reports presented

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Meetings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

Private:

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: 0

Selection of Bills (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Appointment

Pursuant to Standing Order 24A.

Current members

The Government Whip (Senator Parry) (Chair), the Opposition Whip (Senator Campbell), the Australian Greens Whip (Senator Siewert), the Australian Democrats Whip (Senator Bartlett), the Nationals Whip (Senator Nash), Family First Party Whip (Senator Fielding) and Senators Abetz, Ludwig, McGauran and Webber.

Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Mr Richard Pye	(02) 6277 3020	(02) 6277 3098/6277 3099

Reports presented

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Meetings—All meetings held at Parliament House, Canberra

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

Private:	0
Total:	0

Senators' Interests (Standing)

41st Parliament (1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008)

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A.

Current members

Senator Webber (Chair), Senator Lightfoot (Deputy Chair), Senators Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk, McEwen and Nash

Secretary

	Phone	Fax	Email
Dr Rosemary Laing	(02) 6277 3360	(02) 6277 3199	Senators.interests@aph.gov.au

Register of Senators' Interests

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Register of Alterations to Senators' Interests December 2007. Presented to the President on 11 December 2007 pursuant to standing order 38 and tabled on 12 February 2008.

Reports presented

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

- Nil

Meetings

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

Private:

Public:

In camera:

Inspection:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: 0

Joint Standing Committees

Electoral Matters

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Migration

National Capital and External Territories

Parliamentary Library

Treaties

Joint Statutory Committees

Intelligence and Security

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings

Public Accounts and Audit

Public Works

It should be noted that these committees were dissolved on 17 October 2007 and therefore did not operate during the period 1 January 2008 to 11 February 2008 (41st Parliament)

PART TWO

**Consolidated Statistical Overview
(Remainder of the 41st Parliament)**

1 January 2008–11 February 2008

Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office
1 January 2008–11 February 2008

	Matters current as at 1 January 2008	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 11 February 2008
Standing	7	0	2	5
Joint	0	0	0	0
Total	7	0	2	5

	Number and Hours of Meeting										Total Meetings	Total Hours
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total	Total Hours		
Standing	1	7:10	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	1	7:10
Joint	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00
Total	1	7:10	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	1	7:10

	Meetings by State									
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Standing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Joint	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		

	Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Standing	0	0	0	16	0	0	76	2	13	0
Joint	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	16	0	0	76	2	13	0

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	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	31	1	2	1	1	1	3	2

Witnesses										
	Televised 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.

Economics

Economics

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	22	7 +(3)	15

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	8	36:19	7	65:27	27	7:20	0	0:00	42	109:06

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Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	37	2	2	0	1	0	0	0

Witnesses										
	Telesed Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	8	364	6	57	842	44	370	237	2070	0

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

** Includes 3 Interim Reports

Economics (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 Annette Hurley (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	12.02.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	17.03.08
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	13.02.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.02.08

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison ¹ (VIC, AD)	17.03.08
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja ² (SA, AD)	19.06.08
Senator Mathias Cormann ³ (WA, LP)	26.06.08

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

1 Replace Senator Murray for Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Power Percentage) Bill 2008 & National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [2008]

2 Replaces Senator Murray for the inquiry into Australia's space science and industry sector

3 Replaces Senator Joyce for the Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008, and replaces Senator Bushby for the Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008

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 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)	26.06.08
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 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 Mary Jo Fisher (SA, 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 Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	26.06.08
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 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 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 Glen Sterle (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	19.03.08
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 Dana Wortley (SA, 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
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Inquiries from the end of the 41st Parliament

- Nil

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2008

- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008 (referred 19 March 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- The current state of Australia's space science and industry sector, examining options to strengthen and expand Australia's position in fields that strongly align with space science and industry, giving consideration to any national strategic coordination requirements and taking into account findings and policy options of the National Innovation System Review (referred 19 March 2008)
- Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance Scheme (referred 19 March 2008)
- Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations (referred 18 June 2008)

- Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008 and A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 18 June 2008)
- Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], and Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], (referred 25 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008 [Provisions], (referred 26 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008] (referred 26 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 26 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 12 March 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Power Percentage) Bill 2008 (referred 12 March 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [2008] (referred 12 March 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008 (referred 19 March 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- The current state of Australia's space science and industry sector, examining options to strengthen and expand Australia's position in fields that strongly align with space science and industry, giving consideration to any national strategic coordination requirements and taking into account findings and policy options of the National Innovation System Review (referred 19 March 2008)
- Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance Scheme (referred 19 March 2008)
- Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 14 May 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations (referred 18 June 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008 and A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 18 June 2008)
- Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], and Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008

[Provisions], (referred 25 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008 [Provisions], (referred 26 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008] (referred 26 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 26 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- 2007–08 Additional Estimates—20 & 21 February 2008, Canberra
- Australia's Mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance Scheme—10 April 2008, Canberra; 13 June 2008, Sydney
- National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [2008] *and* Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Power Percentage) Bill 2008—12 May 2008, Melbourne
- The Current State of Australia's Space Science & Industry Sector—16 May 2008, Canberra; 23 May 2008, Adelaide
- Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008—30 May 2008, Canberra
- 2008–09 Budget Estimates—2, 3, 4 & 5 June 2008, Canberra
- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008—12 June 2008, Sydney
- Tax Laws Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008—20 June 2008, Canberra

Reports tabled

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007—Interim Report (presented out of session on 11 February 2008, tabled on 12 February 2008)
- National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007—Interim Report (presented out of session on 11 February 2008, tabled on 12 February 2008)
- Additional Estimates 2007–08 (tabled 18 March 2008)
- Annual Report (No. 1 of 2008) (tabled 20 March 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1 May 2008; tabled 13 May 2008)
- Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance Scheme—Interim Report (presented out of session on 1 May 2008; tabled 13 May 2008)

- Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim Report (presented out of session 30 May 2008; tabled 16 June 2008)
- National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [2008] and the Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Power Percentage) Bill 2008 (presented out of session 30 May 2008; tabled 16 June 2008)
- Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Final Report (presented out of session on 11 June 2008; tabled 16 June 2008)
- Australia's space science and industry sector—Interim Report (tabled 23 June 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008 (tabled 24 June 2008)
- Budget Estimates 2008–09 (tabled 24 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.

**Education, Employment and Workplace
Relations**

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

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										
	Tevised 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.

**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)

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 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

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 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 41st 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)
- 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)

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.

**Finance and
Public Administration**

Finance and Public Administration

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	5	4	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	3	7:00	7	83:37	17	2:25	0	0:00	27	93:02

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Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Standing Committee	27	0	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	10	215	18	11	482	47	52	14	70	0

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

Finance and Public Administration (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 Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 13.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	13.02.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	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 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 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 Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	15.05.08

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 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 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 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 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
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	12.03.08

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	12.02.08–14.05.08
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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

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2008

- Inquiry into the *Lobbying Code of Conduct* issued by the Government (referred 14 May 2008)

New references

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Inquiry into the *Lobbying Code of Conduct* issued by the Government (referred 14 May 2008)
- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- 2007–08 Additional Estimates—18, 19 & 22 February 2008, Canberra
- 2008–09 Budget Estimates—26, 27, 28 & 29 May 2008, Canberra
- *Lobbying Code of Conduct*—16 June 2008, Canberra; 23 June 2008, Canberra
- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) 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)
- Budget Estimates 2008–09 (tabled 24 June 2008)
- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 (tabled 24 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.

**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

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	3 +(1)	3

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	2	7:02	6	50:35	6	2:56	0	0:00	14	60:33

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Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Standing Committee	14	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses						
	Televised Hearings	Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	Government Responses
		Estimates	Other (Bills)	General		
Standing Committee	7	208	0	568	16	65
			0	0	0	0

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

** includes 1 report that re-referred inquiries from 41st Parliament

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (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 Mark Bishop (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	12.02.08
Senator Anne McEwen (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 Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	13.02.08
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 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 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 the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
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 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 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 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 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 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

- Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations (referred 8 November 2006)

- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (agreed by resolution of the Committee 22 June 2006)

Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 42nd Parliament

- Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations (referred 8 November 2006)
- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (agreed by resolution of the Committee 22 June 2006)

Inquiries re-referred

- Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations (re-referred 14 February 2008)
- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (readopted 14 February 2008)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2008

- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (readopted 14 February 2008)
- Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations (re-referred 14 February 2008)
- Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific (referred 24 June 2008)

New references

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific (referred 24 June 2008)

Public hearings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- 2007–08 Additional Estimates—20 & 21 February 2008, Canberra
- 2008–09 Budget Estimates—2, 3, 4 & 5 June 2008, Canberra
- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system—20 June 2008, Canberra; 26 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)
- 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

- Nil

Estimates

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

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	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	12.02.08–17.03.08

Former participating members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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)

- 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)

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.

**Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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										
	Tevised 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

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- 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)
- 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)

Public hearings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- 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

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)
- 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

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Estimates

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

**Joint Statutory
Committees administered by the
Senate Committee Office**

**Australian Commission for
Law Enforcement Integrity**

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

12 February 2008 - 30 June 2008

Matters current as at 12 February 2008	0	Matters referred during period	2	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	0 + (1*)	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2008	2
Joint Statutory							

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
1	2:38	0	0:00	7	3:44	3	5:30	11	11:52
Joint Statutory									

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Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joint Statutory						

Witnesses									
Telesed Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
1	0	0	10	0	0	40	4	47	0
Joint Statutory									

* report that did not discharge a reference

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint Statutory)

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

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Part 14 of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*; appointed 14 February 2008

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.03.08)</i>	14.02.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 13.03.08)</i>	14.02.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	14.02.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	14.02.08
Mr Jason Clare, MP (Blaxland, NSW, ALP)	11.03.08
Ms Melissa Parke, MP (Fremantle, WA, ALP)	11.03.08
Mr Christopher Hayes, MP (Werriwa, NSW, ALP)	11.03.08
The Hon Christopher Pyne, MP (Sturt, SA, LP)	12.03.08

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
The Hon Peter McGauran (Gippsland, VIC, NATS)	12.03.08–9.4.08

Inquiry

As at 14 February 2008

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2008

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Law enforcement integrity models (agreed by the committee 15 May 2008)

New references

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Law enforcement integrity models (agreed by the committee 15 May 2008)

Public hearings

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Examination of the Annual Report for 2006–07—10 April, Canberra

Reports tabled

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2006–07 (tabled 18 June 2008)

Government responses

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

**Australian Crime
Commission**

Australian Crime Commission

12 February 2008 - 30 June 2008

Matters current as at 12 February 2008	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2008
0	3	0+(1*)	3
Joint Statutory			

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	3	3:21	0	0:00	10	4:15	5	5:48	18	13:24

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Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Joint Statutory	16	1	0	0	0	1

Witnesses										
	Tevised Hearings			Estimates			Hansard Pages			
	Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Joint Statutory	3	0	0	23	0	0	114	23	325	0

* report that did not discharge a reference

Australian Crime Commission (Joint Statutory)

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

Method of appointment

Pursuant to the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*; appointed 14 February 2008

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.03.08)</i>	14.02.08
Mr Jason Wood, MP (La Trobe, VIC, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 13.03.08)</i>	12.03.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	14.02.08
Mr Nick Champion, MP (Wakefield, SA, ALP)	11.03.08
Mr Steve Gibbons, MP (Bendigo, VIC, ALP)	11.03.08
Mr Christopher Hayes, MP (Werriwa, NSW, ALP)	11.03.08
The Hon Christopher Pyne, MP (Sturt, SA, LP)	12.03.08

Inquiry

As at 14 February 2008

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2008

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Inquiry into the *Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007* (agreed by the Committee 17 March 2008)
- Inquiry into the legislative arrangements to outlaw serious and organised crime groups (agreed by the Committee 17 March 2008)

New references

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Examination of the Australian Crime Commission Annual Report for 2006–07 (agreed by the Committee 17 March 2008)
- Inquiry into the *Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007* (agreed by the Committee 17 March 2008)
- Inquiry into the legislative arrangements to outlaw serious and organised crime groups (agreed by the Committee 17 March 2008)

Public hearings

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Examination of the Annual Report for 2006–07—9 April 2008, Canberra
- *Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007*—1 May 2008, Canberra; 17 June 2008, Canberra

Reports tabled

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Examination of the Australian Crime Commission Annual Report 2006–07 (tabled 18 June 2008)

Government responses

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

**Corporations and Financial
Services**

Corporations & Financial Services

12 February 2008 - 30 June 2008

	Matters current as at 12 February 2008	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2008
Joint Statutory	0	3	1	2

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	3	15:33	0	0:00	6	2:26	0	0:00	9	17:59

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Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses										
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Joint Statutory	2	0	0	30	0	0	149	17	182	0

Corporations and Financial Services (Joint Statutory)

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

Method of appointment

Pursuant to section 241 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*; appointed 14 February 2008

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Mr Bernie Ripoll, MP (Oxley, QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 12.03.08)</i>	11.03.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 12.03.08)</i>	14.02.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	14.02.08
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	14.02.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	14.02.08
Ms Sharon Grierson, MP (Newcastle, NSW, ALP)	11.03.08
Mr Michael Keenan, MP (Stirling, WA, LP)	12.03.08
Ms Julie Owens, MP (Parramatta, NSW, ALP)	11.03.08
Mr Stuart Robert, MP (Fadden, QLD, LP)	12.03.08

Inquiry

As at 14 February 2008

- Oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (continuing)

Inquiry re-adopted

- Shareholder engagement and participation (re-adopted 12 March 2008)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2008

- Oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (continuing)
- Franchising Code of Conduct (agreed to by the Committee 25 June 2008)

New references

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Shareholder engagement and participation (re-adopted 12 March 2008)
- Franchising Code of Conduct (agreed to by the Committee 25 June 2008)

Public hearings

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Shareholder Engagement and Participation—15 April 2008, Canberra; 16 April 2008, Sydney
- Oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission—18 June, Canberra

Reports tabled

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Better Shareholders—Better Company: Shareholder engagement and participation in Australia (tabled 24 June 2008)

Government responses

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Select Committees

Agricultural and Related Industries

Agricultural and Related Industries

12 February 2008 - 30 June 2008

	Matters current as at 12 February 2008	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2008
Select Committee	0	2	0	2

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	1	6:23	0	0:00	8	1:44	0	0:00	9	8:07

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Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Select Committee	9	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages				
	Tevised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	1	0	0	14	0	0	96	52	373	0

Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries

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

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 21.02.08)</i>	14.02.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 21.02.08)</i>	14.02.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.02.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	14.02.08
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	14.02.08

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	15.05.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	15.05.08
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	15.05.08

Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	15.05.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	15.05.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	15.05.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	15.05.08

Current inquiry

As at 14 February 2008

- The pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global chemical and fertiliser markets, the implications for Australian farmers of world chemical and fertiliser supply and pricing arrangements, monopolistic and cartel behaviour and related matters (referred 14 February 2008)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2008

- The pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global chemical and fertiliser markets, the implications for Australian farmers of world chemical and fertiliser supply and pricing arrangements, monopolistic and cartel behaviour and related matters (referred 14 February 2008)
- Food production in Australia (referred 25 June 2008)

New references

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Food production in Australia (referred 25 June 2008)

Public hearings

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global chemical and fertiliser market—16 May 2008, Canberra

Reports tabled

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Government responses

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Fuel and Energy

Select Committee on Fuel and Energy

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

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 25 June 2008.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 26.06.08)</i>	26.06.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 26.06.08)</i>	26.06.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	26.06.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	26.06.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	26.06.08

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	26.06.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	26.06.08

Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	26.06.08

Current inquiry

As at 25 June 2008

- (a) The impact of higher petroleum, diesel and gas prices on:
 - (i) families
 - (ii) small business
 - (iii) rural and regional Australia
 - (iv) grocery prices, and
 - (v) key industries, including but not limited to tourism and transport;
- (b) the role and activities of the Petrol Commissioner, including whether the Petrol Commissioner reduces the price of petroleum;
- (c) the operation of the domestic petroleum, diesel and gas markets, including the fostering of maximum competition and provision of consumer information;
- (d) the impact of an emissions trading scheme on the fuel and energy industry, including but not limited to:
 - (i) prices,
 - (ii) employment in the fuel and energy industries, and any related adverse impacts on regional centres reliant on these industries,
 - (iii) domestic energy supply, and
 - (iv) future investment in fuel and energy infrastructure;
- (e) the existing set of state government regulatory powers as they relate to petroleum, diesel and gas products;
- (f) taxation arrangements on petroleum, diesel and gas products including:
 - (i) Commonwealth excise,
 - (ii) the goods and services tax, and
 - (iii) new state and federal taxes;
- (g) the role of alternative fuels to petroleum and diesel, including but not limited to: LPG, LNG, CNG, gas to liquids, coal to liquids, electricity and bio-fuels such as, but not limited to, ethanol;
- (h) the domestic oil/gas exploration and refinement industry, with particular reference to:
 - (i) the impact of Commonwealth, state and local government regulations on this industry,
 - (ii) increasing domestic oil/gas exploration and refinement activities, with a view to reducing Australia's reliance on imported oil, and
 - (iii) other tax incentives; and
- (i) the impact of higher petroleum, diesel and gas prices on public transport systems, including the adequacy of public transport infrastructure and record of public transport investment by state governments.

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2008

- (a) The impact of higher petroleum, diesel and gas prices on:
 - (i) families
 - (ii) small business
 - (iii) rural and regional Australia
 - (iv) grocery prices, and
 - (v) key industries, including but not limited to tourism and transport;
- (b) the role and activities of the Petrol Commissioner, including whether the Petrol Commissioner reduces the price of petroleum;
- (c) the operation of the domestic petroleum, diesel and gas markets, including the fostering of maximum competition and provision of consumer information;
- (d) the impact of an emissions trading scheme on the fuel and energy industry, including but not limited to:
 - (i) prices,
 - (ii) employment in the fuel and energy industries, and any related adverse impacts on regional centres reliant on these industries,
 - (iii) domestic energy supply, and
 - (iv) future investment in fuel and energy infrastructure;
- (e) the existing set of state government regulatory powers as they relate to petroleum, diesel and gas products;
- (f) taxation arrangements on petroleum, diesel and gas products including:
 - (i) Commonwealth excise,
 - (ii) the goods and services tax, and
 - (iii) new state and federal taxes;
- (g) the role of alternative fuels to petroleum and diesel, including but not limited to: LPG, LNG, CNG, gas to liquids, coal to liquids, electricity and bio-fuels such as, but not limited to, ethanol;
- (h) the domestic oil/gas exploration and refinement industry, with particular reference to:
 - (i) the impact of Commonwealth, state and local government regulations on this industry,
 - (ii) increasing domestic oil/gas exploration and refinement activities, with a view to reducing Australia's reliance on imported oil, and
 - (iii) other tax incentives; and
- (i) the impact of higher petroleum, diesel and gas prices on public transport systems, including the adequacy of public transport infrastructure and record of public transport investment by state governments.

Public hearings

25 June 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Reports tabled

25 June 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Government responses

25 June 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Housing Affordability in Australia

Housing Affordability in Australia

12 February 2008 - 30 June 2008

	Matters current as at 12 February 2008	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2008
Select Committee	0	1	1	0

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	14	112:00	0	0:00	8	3:05	0	0:00	22	115:05

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Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	9	3	3	2	1	2	0	2

Witnesses						Hansard Pages				
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	2	0	0	177	0	0	908	88	1456	0

Select Committee on Housing Affordability in Australia

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

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 21.02.08)</i>	14.02.08
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	14.02.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	14.02.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	14.02.08

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	14.02.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	14.02.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	17.03.08
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)	17.03.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	17.03.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
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)	17.03.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	17.03.08
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	14.02.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	17.03.08
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 the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	17.03.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
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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Current inquiry

As at 14 February 2008

- The barriers to home ownership in Australia, including:
 - (a) the taxes and levies imposed by state and territory governments;
 - (b) the rate of release of new land by state and territory governments;
 - (c) proposed assistance for first home owners by state, territory and the Commonwealth governments and their effectiveness in the absence of increased supply;
 - (d) the role of all levels of government in facilitating affordable home ownership;
 - (e) the effect on the market of government intervention in the housing sector including planning and industrial relations laws;

- (f) the role of financial institutions in home lending; and
- (g) the contribution of home ownership to retirement incomes.

Public hearings

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- 1 April 2008, Canberra; 2 April 2008, Sydney; 3 April 2008, Campbelltown; 7 April 2008, Karratha; 8 April, Perth; 14 April 2008, Brisbane; 15 April 2008, Gold Coast & Ballina; 23 April 2008, Geelong; 24 April 2008, Narre Warren & Melbourne; 28 April 2008, Adelaide; 5 May 2008, Launceston; 7 May 2008, Canberra

Reports tabled

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- A good house is hard to find: Housing affordability in Australia (tabled 16 June 2008)

Government responses

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

National Broadband Network

Select Committee on National Broadband Network

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

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 25 June 2008.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 26.06.08)</i>	26.06.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 26.06.08)</i>	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	26.06.08

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	26.06.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	26.06.08

Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	26.06.08

Current inquiry

As at 25 June 2008

- (a) The Government's proposal to partner with the private sector to upgrade parts of the existing network to fibre to provide minimum broadband speeds of 12 megabits per second to 98 per cent of Australians on an open access basis; and
- (b) The implications of the proposed National Broadband Network (NBN) for consumers in terms of:
 - (i) service availability, choice and costs
 - (ii) competition in telecommunications and broadband services, and
 - (iii) likely consequences for national productivity, investment, economic growth, cost of living and social capital.

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2008

- (a) The Government's proposal to partner with the private sector to upgrade parts of the existing network to fibre to provide minimum broadband speeds of 12 megabits per second to 98 per cent of Australians on an open access basis; and
- (b) The implications of the proposed National Broadband Network (NBN) for consumers in terms of:
 - (i) service availability, choice and costs
 - (ii) competition in telecommunications and broadband services, and
 - (iii) likely consequences for national productivity, investment, economic growth, cost of living and social capital.

Public hearings

25 June 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Reports tabled

25 June 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Government responses

25 June 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

State Government Financial Management

State Government Financial Management

12 February 2008 - 30 June 2008

	Matters current as at 12 February 2008	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2008
Select Committee	0	1	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	4	13:08	0	0:00	2	0:32	0	0:00	6	13:40

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Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Select Committee	1	0	2	1	1	1	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages				
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	0	0	0	16	0	0	245	42	1882	0

Select Committee on State Government Financial Management

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

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 21.02.08)</i>	14.02.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	14.02.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	14.02.08

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	14.02.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	14.02.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	17.03.08
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Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	17.03.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08

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Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	17.03.08
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Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	17.03.08
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Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
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)	17.03.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	14.02.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	17.03.08
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	14.02.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	17.03.08
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 the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	17.03.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator 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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Current inquiry

As at 14 February 2008

- Commonwealth and state and territory fiscal relations and state and territory government financial management, including:
 - (a) Commonwealth funding to the states and territories—historic, current and projected;
 - (b) the cash and fiscal budgetary positions of state and territory governments—historic, current and projected;

- (c) the level of debt of state/territory government businesses and utilities—historic, current and projected;
- (d) the level of borrowing by state/territory governments—historic, current and projected;
- (e) an examination of state/territory net government debt and its projected level—historic, current and projected;
- (f) the reasons for any government debt including an analysis of the level and efficiency of revenue and spending;
- (g) the level of investment in infrastructure and state-owned utilities by state and territory governments;
- (h) the effect of dividends paid by state-owned utilities on their ability to invest;
- (i) present and future ownership structures of current and former state-owned utilities and the impact of ownership on investment capacity; and
- (j) the effect of investment by state-owned utilities on Australia's capacity constraints.

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2008

- Commonwealth and state and territory fiscal relations and state and territory government financial management, including:
 - (a) Commonwealth funding to the states and territories—historic, current and projected;
 - (b) the cash and fiscal budgetary positions of state and territory governments—historic, current and projected;
 - (c) the level of debt of state/territory government businesses and utilities—historic, current and projected;
 - (d) the level of borrowing by state/territory governments—historic, current and projected;
 - (e) an examination of state/territory net government debt and its projected level—historic, current and projected;
 - (f) the reasons for any government debt including an analysis of the level and efficiency of revenue and spending;
 - (g) the level of investment in infrastructure and state-owned utilities by state and territory governments;
 - (h) the effect of dividends paid by state-owned utilities on their ability to invest;
 - (i) present and future ownership structures of current and former state-owned utilities and the impact of ownership on investment capacity; and
 - (j) the effect of investment by state-owned utilities on Australia's capacity constraints.

Public hearings

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- 27 March 2008, Adelaide; 19 May 2008, Melbourne; 20 May 2008, Hobart; 12 June 2008, Perth

Reports tabled

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Government responses

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

**Regional and Remote Indigenous
Communities**

Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities

12 February 2008 - 30 June 2008

	Matters current as at 12 February 2008	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2008
Select Committee	0	1	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	0	0:00	0	0:00	3	2:00	1	2:00	4	4:00

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Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Select Committee	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages				
	Tevised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	511	0

Select Committee on Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities

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

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 19 March 2008.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 20.03.08)</i>	20.03.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 20.03.08)</i>	19.03.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	20.03.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	20.03.08

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	20.03.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	20.03.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	20.03.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	19.03.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	20.03.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	20.03.08
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	19.03.08

Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	20.03.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	20.03.08
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	20.03.08
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	20.03.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	20.03.08
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	20.03.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	20.03.08
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	20.03.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	20.03.08
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	20.03.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	20.03.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	19.03.08

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP)	19.03.08–05.05.08
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Current inquiry

As at 19 March 2008

- (a) the effectiveness of Australian Government policies following the Northern Territory Emergency Response, specifically on the state of health, welfare, education and law and order in remote Indigenous communities;
- (b) the impact of state and territory government policies on the wellbeing of remote Indigenous communities;
- (c) the health, welfare, education and security of children in remote Indigenous communities; and
- (d) the employment and enterprise opportunities in remote Indigenous communities.

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2008

- (a) the effectiveness of Australian Government policies following the Northern Territory Emergency Response, specifically on the state of health, welfare, education and law and order in remote Indigenous communities;
- (b) the impact of state and territory government policies on the wellbeing of remote Indigenous communities;
- (c) the health, welfare, education and security of children in remote Indigenous communities; and
- (d) the employment and enterprise opportunities in remote Indigenous communities.

Public hearings

19 March 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Reports tabled

19 March 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Government responses

19 March 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

**Committee-related
activity in the chamber**

Details of Reports tabled in the Senate and other related matters

24 Individual/Packages of Bills referred through Selection of Bills Committee:

14 February 2008

Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2008

12 March 2008

Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2008

Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Power Percentage) Bill 2008 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 30 May 2008.

National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [2008] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 30 May 2008

Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 25 June 2008

Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008 to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2008

Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008 to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 16 June 2008

19 March 2008

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 16 September 2008.

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 7 May 2008.

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 30 April 2008.

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008 to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2008.

14 May 2008

Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 31 May 2008.

18 June 2008

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 24 June 2008.

Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2008 to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 24 June 2008.

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008 to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 14 October 2008.

Tax Laws Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 24 June 2008.

Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 2 September 2008.

Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report not before 25 September 2008.

25 June 2008

Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], and Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report on 16 October 2008.

Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008 to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report on 10 November 2008.

26 June 2008

Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report on 27 August 2008.

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report on 27 August 2008.

Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report on 27 August 2008.

Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report on 27 August 2008.

11 Packages of Bills referred by the Senate

14 February 2008

Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Education, Employment & Workplace Relations Committee for inquiry and report by 28 April 2008.

12 March 2008

Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and the Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 11 April 2008.

20 March 2008

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008 to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 7 May 2008.

18 June 2008

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report not before 18 August 2008.

Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report not before 26 August 2008.

Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008 and A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report not before 26 August 2008.

Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report not before 26 August 2008.

National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report not before 29 September 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* to the Legal & Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 30 September 2008 or after the consideration of any related bills, whichever is the sooner.

Provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report not before 18 August 2008.

25 June 2008

Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No.2] and related matters to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 15 August 2008.

22 References referred by the Senate

14 February 2008

Cost of Living Pressures on Older Australians (re-referred) to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 20 March 2008.

Mental Health Services in Australia (re-referred) to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 26 June 2008.

Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations (re-referred) to the Foreign Affairs, Defence & Trade Committee for inquiry and report by 15 May 2008.

Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (re-referred) to the Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 4 September 2008.

12 March 2008

Sexualisation of children in the media to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 23 June 2008.

19 March 2008

Meat marketing to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 4 September 2008.

Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance Scheme to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by May 2008.

Australia's space science and industry sector to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by October 2008, with an interim report by 23 June 2008.

20 March 2008

Effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice operating within the radio and television industry to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 9 June 2008.

Waste management in Australia, including consideration of the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008 to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by August 2008.

14 May 2008

Lobbying Code of Conduct to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 26 August 2008.

15 May 2008

Special Disability Trusts to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 18 September 2008.

Effectiveness of proposed changes to alcohol excise regime to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 24 June 2008.

17 June 2008

Petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 16 October 2008.

18 June 2008

Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by last sitting day of November 2008.

Effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 27 November 2008.

24 June 2008

Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee for inquiry and report by 30 May 2009.

Current level of academic freedom in school and higher education to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee for inquiry and report by 11 November 2008.

26 June 2008

Developing Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee for inquiry and report by 20 March 2009.

Effectiveness of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 12 November 2008.

Natural resource management and conservation challenges to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 27 November 2008.

The implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests, and any related matter to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 22 August 2008.

Reports tabled

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 16 Bills reports (plus 7 reports that did not discharge a reference) and 4 references reports (plus 4 reports that did not discharge a reference). The details are as follows:

Committee	Report	Tabled
ECO	*Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007—Final Interim report (presented out of session on 11.02.08)	12.02.08
ECO	*National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007—Final Interim report (presented out of session on 11.02.08)	12.02.08
CA	^Report on the references of the 41 st Parliament (re-adoption of inquiries)	14.02.08
FADT	^Report on the references of the 41 st Parliament (re-adoption of inquiries)	14.02.08
RRAT	^Report on the references of the 41 st Parliament (re-adoption of inquiries)	14.02.08
EEWR	Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008 [Provisions]	17.03.08
CA	A decent quality of life: Inquiry into the cost of living pressures on older Australians	20.03.08
RRAT	*Interim Report—Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and the Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (presented out of session on 24.04.08)	13.05.08
ECA	Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30.04.08)	13.05.08
RRAT	Final Report—Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and the Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (presented out of session on 30.04.08)	13.05.08

ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 01.05.08)	13.05.08
ECO	*Interim Report—Australia's Mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance Scheme (presented out of session on 01.05.08)	13.05.08
LC	*Interim Report—Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008 (presented out of session on 01.05.08)	13.05.08
LC	Final Report—Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008 (presented out of session on 06.05.08)	13.05.08
ECA	*Interim Report—Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008 (presented out of session on 07.05.08)	13.05.08
CA	*Interim Report—Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 07.05.08)	13.05.08
ECA	Final Report—Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008 (presented out of session on 09.05.08)	13.05.08
CA	Final Report – Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 [Provisions]	15.05.08
ECO	*Interim Report – Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30.05.08)	16.06.08
ECO	National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [2008] and the Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Power Percentage) Bill 2008 (presented out of session on 30.05.08)	16.06.08
ECA	*Interim Report – Effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice (presented out of session on 06.06.08)	16.06.08

ECO	Final Report – Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 11.06.08)	16.06.08
LC	Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008	16.06.08
CA	Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [2008]	18.06.08
CA	*Interim Report – Mental Health Services in Australia	19.06.08
ECA	Final Report – Effectiveness of the Broadcasting Codes of Practice	19.06.08
ECO	*Interim Report – Australia's Space Science and Industry Sector	23.06.08
CA	Ready-to-Drink Alcohol Beverages	24.06.08
FPA	Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008	24.06.08
LC	Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2008	24.06.08
ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008	24.06.08
CA	A matter relating to the PET review of 2000	26.6.08
ECA	Sexualisation of children in the contemporary media	26.6.08
LC	Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008	26.6.08

*Reports that did not discharge a reference

^ Reports that re-referred inquiries

Estimates reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 16 reports.

Reports on Annual Reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 8 reports.

Joint Statutory/Select Committees:

During the reporting period, 2 reports (plus 2 reports that did not discharge a reference) were tabled by the Joint Statutory/Select Committees.

Committee	Report	Tabled
HSAF (Select)	A good house is hard to find: Housing Affordability in Australia	16.06.08
ACLEI (Joint)	* Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2006–07	18.06.08
ACC (Joint)	* Examination of the Australian Crime Commission Annual Report 2006–07	18.06.08
CFS (Joint)	Better Shareholders—Better Company: Shareholder Engagement and Participation in Australia	24.06.08

** reports that did not discharge a reference*

Government Responses to Committee Reports

The following table shows 1 Government response to a Senate Committee Report:

Government Response	Date	Committee
Workplace Agreements (report tabled 31 October 2005)	23.06.08	EEWR

<i>Legislation</i>	<i>LLP/NAT</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AD</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>FFP</i>
Additional Comments	6		3	5	2
Dissenting Reports	4		1		1
Minority Reports	2		2	3	
Report	1				
Additional Remarks			2		
Opposition Report					
Comments					
Supplementary Comments					
Supplementary Report			1		
Supplementary Remarks					
Statement	1	2	1	1	1
Additional Comments & Points of Dissent					

Extension of Time to present Reports

During the reporting period, 15 extensions of time: 3 under a week; 2 over a week; and 10 over a month—were granted to Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports.

Leave to Meet while the Senate is in session

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted leave to meet while the Senate was in session on 6 occasions.

Membership of Committees

During the reporting period, there were 915 membership changes of Committees.

Appointment of Committees

The Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries was appointed on 14 February 2008.

The Select Committee on State Government Financial Management was appointed on 14 February 2008.

The Select Committee on Housing Affordability in Australia was appointed on 14 February 2008.

The Select Committee on Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities was appointed 19 March 2008.

The Select Committee on Fuel and Energy was appointed on 25 June 2008.

The Select Committee on National Broadband Network was appointed on 25 June 2008.

Change of Committee Name

The Senate Standing Committee on Employment, Workplace Relations & Education was changed to the Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment & Workplace Relations on 13 February 2008.

The Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications, Information Technology & the Arts was changed to the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications & the Arts on 13 February 2008.

Other Committees

Regulations and Ordinances (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23.

Current members

Senator Wortley (Chair), Senator Ronaldson (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bartlett, Carol Brown, Cormann and Moore

Secretary

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Mr James Warmenhoven	(02) 6277 3066	(02) 6277 5838

Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises delegated legislation to ensure:

- that it is in accordance with the statute;
- that it does not trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- that it does not unduly make the rights and liberties of citizens dependent upon administrative decisions which are not subject to review of their merits by a judicial or other independent tribunal; and
- that it does not contain matter more appropriate for parliamentary enactment.

Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private 6

Briefings 0

Total: 6

No. of instruments scrutinised 2200

Notices of Motion to Disallow 11

Notices withdrawn 4

Notices pending 7

Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members

Senator Ellison (Chair), Senator Bishop (Deputy Chair), and Senators Collins, McEwen, Murray and Troeth

Former members

Senator Ray (until May 2008)

Secretary

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Ms Cheryl Wilson	(02) 6277 3050	(02) 6277 5838

Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises bills and Acts of Parliament and reports to the Senate whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:

- trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
- inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

Between 12 February 2008 and 30 June 2008, the committee considered 138 bills, and commented on 70 bills in six Alert Digests. The committee also produced six Reports containing correspondence from Ministers addressing its concerns.

Alert Digests tabled

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- No. 1 of 2008 (12 March 2008)
- No. 2 of 2008 (19 March 2008)
- No. 3 of 2008 (14 May 2008)
- No. 4 of 2008 (4 June 2008)
- No. 5 of 2008 (18 June 2008)
- No. 6 of 2008 (25 June 2008)

Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- First Report of 2008 (12 March 2008)
- Second Report of 2008 (19 March 2008)
- Third Report of 2008 (14 May 2008)
- Fourth Report of 2008 (4 June 2008)
- Fifth Report of 2008 (18 June 2008)
- Sixth Report of 2008 (25 June 2008)

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private: 7

Briefings:

Total: 7

Appropriations and Staffing (Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19.

Members

The President (Senator the Hon A Ferguson) (Chair), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon C Evans), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator the Hon N Minchin), and Senators Faulkner, Lundy, Murray, Nash, Parry and Sherry

Former member

Senator Ray

Secretary

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Mr Neil Bessell	(02) 6277 3015	(02) 6277 5784

Role of the committee

The Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing determines the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills and reports to the Senate on its determinations prior to the Senate's consideration of those bills. The committee also examines matters affecting the staffing and administration of the Department of the Senate, including proposals to vary the staffing structure, and other matters referred to it by the Senate. It makes an annual report to the Senate on the operations of the Senate's appropriations and staffing and related matters (Standing Order 19(3)). The committee has the explicit capacity to scrutinise security funding and administration and to advise the President and the Senate as appropriate. Under a resolution of the Senate agreed to in 1987 the committee also examines proposed changes in the structure and responsibilities of the parliamentary departments.

Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- 2

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private: 1

House (Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21.

Current members

The President (Senator the Hon A Ferguson) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator J Hogg), and Senators Crossin, Heffernan, Parry, Stephens and Wortley

Former members

Secretary

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Ms Andrea Griffiths	(02) 6277 3398	(02) 6277 3199

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private: 2*

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Total: 2*

* Sitting jointly with a similar committee of the House of Representatives

Privileges (Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18.

Current members

Senator Brandis (Chair), Senator Collins (Deputy Chair), and Senators Hurley, McGauran, McLucas, O'Brien and Payne

Former members

Senator Ray

Secretary

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Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- 133rd Report Possible false or misleading evidence before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee – tabled 15 May 2008
- 134th Report Effective Repetition – tabled 18 June 2008
- Additional information received by the Committee in relation to the 133rd Report – tabled 26 June 2008

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private:	5
Public:	
In camera:	
Inspections:	
Briefings:	
Other:	
Total:	5

Procedure (Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17.

Current members

The Deputy President (Senator J Hogg) (Chair), the President (Senator the Hon A Ferguson), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon C Evans), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator the Hon N Minchin), and Senators Bartlett, Ellison, Faulkner, Hurley, Ludwig and Parry

Former members

Secretary

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Mr Harry Evans	(02) 6277 3350	(02) 6277 3199

Current inquiry

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private: 1

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: 1

Publications (Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22.

Current members

Senator Carol Brown (Chair) and Senators Bernardi, Marshall, Mason, Parry, Sterle and Wortley

Former members

Secretary

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Mr Matthew Keele	(02) 6277 3037	(02) 6277 3448

Public hearings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- 1st report (tabled 20 March 2008)
- 2nd report (tabled 15 May 2008)
- 3rd report (tabled 26 June 2008)

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private: 4*

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: 4

**Three meetings as a joint committee with a similar committee of the House of Representatives*

Selection of Bills (Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Standing Order 24A.

Current members

The Government Whip (Senator O'Brien) (Chair), the Opposition Whip (Senator Parry), the Australian Democrats Whip (Senator Bartlett), the Nationals Whip (Senator Nash), the Australian Greens Whip (Senator Siewert), the Family First Party Whip (Senator Fielding), and Senators Adams, Ellison, Ludwig and Webber

Former members

Secretary

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Mr Richard Pye	(02) 6277 3020	(02) 6277 3098/6277 3099

Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Report Nos 1 to 7 of 2008

Meetings – All meetings held at Parliament House, Canberra

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private:	7
Total:	7

Senators' Interests (Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A.

Current members

Senator Johnston (Chair), Senator Webber (Deputy Chair), and Senators Adams, Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk and Lightfoot

Former members

Secretary

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Dr Rosemary Laing	(02) 6277 3360	(02) 6277 3199	Senators.interests@aph.gov.au

Register of Senators' Interests

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Register of Senators' Interests June 2008. Incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 8 December 2007 and 23 June 2008.

Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Annual Report – 2007, Report 1/2008

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private:	1
Public:	
In camera:	
Inspection:	
Briefings:	
Other:	
Total:	1

Electoral Matters (Joint)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 13 February 2008 and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

Current members

Mr Melham MP (Chair), Mr Morrison MP (Deputy Chair), and Senators Birmingham, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Hutchins and Ronaldson and Mr Danby MP, Mr Scott MP and Mr Sullivan MP

Former members

Secretary

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Mr Stephen Boyd	(02) 6277 4564	(02) 6277 4710

Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Inquiry into Schedule 1 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No.1) Bill 2008 (Tabled 16 June 2008)

Government responses tabled

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private:	7
Public:	2
Inspections:	0
Total:	9

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 13 February 2008 and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

Current Members

Senator Forshaw (Chair), Mr Hawker MP (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bartlett, Bishop, Cormann, Fifield, Kirk, Sandy Macdonald, Moore, Payne, Stott Despoja, Trood and Webber and Mr Baldwin MP, Mr Bevis MP, Mr Danby MP, Ms AL Ellis MP, Mr Gibbons MP, Ms Grierson MP, Mr Hale MP, Mr Macfarlane MP, Mrs Mirabella MP, Ms Parke MP, Ms Rea MP, Mr Ripoll MP, Mr Robb MP, Mr Robert MP, Mr Ruddock MP, Ms Saffin MP, Mr Scott MP, Mr KJ Thomson MP and Ms Vamvakinou MP

Former members

Senator Eggleston

Secretary

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Dr Margot Kerley	(02) 6277 4629

Current inquiries

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2005-2006

Government Responses

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private:	32
Public:	1
Inspections/Briefings:	18
Total:	51

Secretaries of Sub-Committees

Dr John Carter (Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4306
Mr Tas Lutterell (Trade Sub-Committee)	
Dr Margot Kerley (Defence Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4547
Ms Samantha Mannette (Human Rights Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4629

Migration (Joint)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 13 February 2008 and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

Current members

Mr Danby MP (Chair), Mrs DS Vale MP (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, McEwen and Polley and Ms D'Ath MP, Mr Georgiou MP, Mr Randall MP and Mr Zappia MP

Former members

Secretary

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Ms Anna Dacre	(02) 6277 4565	(02) 6277 4427

Current inquiry

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Inquiry into Immigration detention in Australia

Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Government responses tabled

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private:	8
Public:	
In camera	
Briefings	
*Delegation	
Total:	8

National Capital and External Territories (Joint)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 13 February 2008 and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

Current members

Senator Lundy (Chair), Mr Secker MP (Deputy Chair), and the Deputy President (Senator J Hogg), the Deputy Speaker (Ms A Burke MP), and Senators Crossin, Humphries and Joyce and Mr Adams MP, Ms AL Ellis MP, Mr Neville MP and Mr Turnour MP

Former members

Senator Stott-Despoja (discharged on 16 June 2008)

Secretary

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Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Government responses tabled

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private:	8
Public:	7
Briefings:	0
Total:	15

Parliamentary Library (Joint Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 13 February 2008 and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

Current members

Senators Allison, Barnett, Hutchins, Kirk, Trood and Webber and Mr Adams MP, Mr Broadbent MP, Mr Butler MP, Mr Hawker MP, Ms Jackson MP, Mrs Mirabella MP and Mr Perrett MP

Former members

Secretary

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Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private:	2
Public	0
In camera	0
Inspections	0
Briefings:	0
Other	0
Total:	2

Treaties (Joint)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 13 February 2008 and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

Members

Mr KJ Thomson MP (Chair), and Senators Birmingham, Cash, Farrell, McGauren, Pratt and Wortley and Mr Andrews MP, Mr Forrest MP, Ms Hall MP, Ms Neal MP, Ms Parke MP, Mr Simpkins MP, Mr Trevor MP and Ms Vamvakinou MP

Former members

Senator Sandy Macdonald (Deputy Chair) and Senators Bartlett, Bushby, Marshall, Sterle

Acting Secretary

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Ms Siobhán Leyne	(02) 6277 4642	(02) 6277 2219

Current inquiries

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Treaties tabled 14 May 2008
- Treaties tabled 4 June 2008
- Treaties tabled 17 June 2008
- Treaties tabled 25 June 2008

Documents tabled

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Report 90: Review into treaties tabled 12 March 2008
- Report 91: Review into treaties tabled 12 March 2008
- Report 92: Review into treaties tabled 4 June 2008

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private:	3
Public	2
In camera	
Inspections	
Briefings:	
Other	
Total:	5

Intelligence and Security (Joint Statutory)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to *Intelligence Services Act 2001*; amended by the *Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Act 2005* on 2 December 2005

Members

Mr Bevis MP (Chair), Mr Ruddock MP (Deputy Chair), and Senators Forshaw, McGauran, Marshall and Nash and Mr Downer MP, Mr Dreyfus MP and Mr Melham MP

Former members

Senator the Hon Robert Ray

Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Mr Robert Little	(02) 6277 4348	(02) 6277 2067

Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Review of the re-listing of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) as a terrorist organisation under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*.

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private (meetings):	6
Public (hearings)	0
In camera (hearings)	1
Inspections	2
Briefings:	2
Total:	11

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings (Joint Statutory)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*.

Current members

The President (Senator the Hon A Ferguson), the Speaker (Mr H Jenkins MP), and Senators Cormann and O'Brien and Mr Hale MP, Mr Hawker MP, Mr Hayes MP, Mr Lindsay MP and Mr Price MP

Former members

Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Ms Claressa Surtees	(02) 6277 4888	(02) 6277 4204

Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Public Accounts and Audit (Joint Statutory)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*.

Membership

Ms Grierson MP (Chair), Mr Georgiou MP (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bishop, Chapman, Hogg, Lundy, Murray and Watson and Mr Baldwin MP, Mr Bevis MP, Mr Bradbury MP, Mr Butler MP, Ms King MP, Mr Morrison MP, Mr Neumann MP and Mr Robert MP

Former members

Secretary

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Mr Russell Chafer	(02) 6277 4615	(02) 6277 2220

Current inquiries

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 4 to 26 (07/08)
- Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 21 (2006/07) to 3 (2007/08)
- Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 1 to 20 (2006/07)
- Review of Auditor-Generals Reports Nos. 35 to 52 (2005/06)
- Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 7 to 34 (2005/06)
- Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 43 (2004/05) to 6 (2005/06)
- Inquiry into financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and Defence Materiel Organisation
- Inquiry into the effects of the ongoing efficiency dividend on smaller public sector agencies

Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Report 410—Tax Administration (26/6/08)

Government responses received

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Meetings/hours

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Full committee:	13
Sectional committees:	5
Total Hours:	18

Public Works (Joint Statutory)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to *Public Works Act 1969*.

Current members

Mr Butler MP (Chair), Senator Troeth (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bishop and Forshaw and Mr Champion MP, Mr Forrest MP, Mr Hale MP, Mr Lindsay MP and Mr Slipper MP

Former members

Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Mr James Catchpole	(02) 6277 4157	(02) 6277 4844

Current inquiries

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Amberley, QLD, Australian Super Hornet Facilities Project, RAAF Base Amberley.
- Canberra, ACT—Bridging of Kings Avenue over Parkes Way at the Russell roundabout.
- Canberra, ACT—Proposed fit-out for the Australian Federal Police of the Edmund Barton Building, Barton.
- Canberra, ACT—Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations at Block 9, Section 31.
- China—Construction of the Australian Pavilion at the Shanghai World EXPO 2010.
- East Bandiana, Vic—Construction of new warehousing facilities at Wadsworth Barracks.
- Geraldton-Greenough and Murchison Shire, WA—Proposed Australian SKA Pathfinder radio telescope.

Reports presented

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Referrals tabled March 2008, tabled 24 June 2008, PP: 495/2008

Other Committees

- Refurbishment of staff apartments, Australian Embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan, tabled 18 March 2008, PP: 228/2008
- Land Engineering Agency Test Services Relocation, Monegeetta, VIC, tabled 18 March 2008, PP: 227/2008
- HMAS Creswell Redevelopment, Jervis Bay Territory, tabled 18 March 2008, PP: 226/2008
- Seventy-First Annual Report, tabled 18 March 2008, PP: 225/2008

Meetings

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Private:	7
Public:	6
Inspections:	5
Total:	18

PART FOUR

**Consolidated Statistical Overview
(beginning of the 42nd Parliament)**

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office

12 February 2008–30 June 2008

	Inquiries from the 41 st Parliament	Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 42 nd Parliament	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period (including estimates and annual reports) 42 nd Parliament	Reports tabled that discharged a reference 42 nd Parliament	Current inquiries as at 31 June 2008
Standing	5	5	84 (A)	44 +(9*,3^)(B)	40
Joint	0	0	8	1 +(2*)	7
Select	0	0	7	1	6
Total	5	5	99	46	53

	Number and Hours of Meeting							Total Meetings	Total Hours	
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other			
Standing	49	252:15	52	515:42	136	49:21	1	2:05	238	819:23
Joint	7	8:42	0	0:00	24	18:55	8	11:18	39	38:55
Select	19	131:31	0	0:00	23	7:38	1	2:00	43	141:09
Total	75	392:28	52	515:42	183	75:54	10	15:23	320	999:27

	Meetings by State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing	205	9	7	1	6	3	5	2
Joint	36	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Select	25	3	5	3	2	3	0	2
Total	266	14	12	4	8	6	5	5

	Televised Hearings		Witnesses		Hansard pages		No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	Estimates	Other (Bills)	Estimates	Other (Bills)			
Standing	68	2901	257	381	5701	1362	3089	13933	1
Joint	6	0	0	63	0	0	40	507	0
Select	3	0	0	207	0	0	211	4222	0
Total	77	2901	257	651	5701	1362	3340	18662	1

(A) 16 Estimates; 8 Annual Reports; 35 Individual/Packages of Bills; 25 references

(B) 16 Estimates Reports; 8 Reports on Annual Reports; 20 Reports

*Reports that did not discharge a reference; ^ Reports that re-referred inquiries from the 41st Parliament

PART FIVE

**Consolidated Statistical Overview
(Financial Year)**

1 July 2007–30 June 2008

Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office: 1 July 2007–30 June 2008

	Matters current as at 1 July 2007	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Inquiries discharged (or lapsed) at beginning of 42 nd Parliament	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2008
Standing	28	107 (A)	5	90 +(23*,3^,1#) (B)	40
Joint	6	8	4	3 +(3*)	7
Select	0	7	0	1	6
Total	34	122	9	94	53

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing	90	52	515:42	207	70:22	3	11:10	352	1042:43
Joint	10	0	0:00	37	28:07	9	12:10	56	61:24
Select	19	0	0:00	23	7:38	1	2:00	43	141:09
Total	119	52	515:42	267	106:07	13	25:20	451	1245:16

Meetings by State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Standing	16	17	2	7	6	8	8		
Joint	2	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Select	3	5	3	2	3	0	2		
Total	21	22	5	9	9	8	11		

Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Standing	86	2901	537	628	5701	3668	3905	19212	7
Joint	8	0	0	105	0	473	72	925	2
Select	3	0	0	207	0	1249	211	4222	0
Total	97	2901	537	940	5701	5390	4188	24359	9

(A) 16 Estimates; 15 Annual Reports; 50 Individual/Packages of Bills; 22 references and 4 matters re-referred from 4th Parliament

(B) 16 Estimates Reports; 15 Reports on Annual Reports; 59 Reports

*Reports that did not discharge a reference; ^Reports that re-referred inquiries from the 4th Parliament; #Third progress report that did not discharge a reference;

PART SIX

Statistics On

**2007-08 Additional Estimates (February 2008)
and
2008-09 Budget Estimates (May/June 2008)**

**Statistics on 2007-08 Additional Estimates (February 2008)
and 2008-09 Budget Estimates (May/June 2008)**

Community Affairs

	2007-08 Additional Estimates (February 2008)	2008-09 Budget Estimates (May/June 2008)	Total
No. of public meetings	3 (20, 21 & 22 February)	4 (2,3,4 & 5 June)	7
Hours by portfolio:			
- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	10:20	23:30	33:50
- Health and Ageing	16:25	23:55	40:20
Hours of public meetings	26:45	47:25	74:10

Economics

	2007-08 Additional Estimates (February 2008)	2008-09 Budget Estimates (May/June 2008)	Total
No. of public meetings	3 (20 & 21 February; 11 March)	4 (2,3,4 & 5 June)	7
Hours by portfolio:			
- Resources, Energy and Tourism	2:35	5:51	8:26
- Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	5:02 + 1:11	9:03	14:05 1:11
- Treasury	15:17	28:27	43:44
Hours of public meetings	24:05	43:21	67:26

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

	2007-08 Additional Estimates (February 2008)	2008-09 Budget Estimates (May/June 2008)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (20 & 21 February)	4 (2,3,4 & 5 June)	6
Hours by portfolio:			
- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	15:15	36:05	51:20
Hours of public meetings	15:15	36:05	51:20

Environment, Communications and the Arts

	2007-08 Additional Estimates (February 2008)	2008-09 Budget Estimates (May/June 2008)	Total
No. of public meetings	3 (18, 19 & 22 February)	4 (26,27,28 & 29 May)	7
Hours by portfolio:			
- Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	10:58	18:19	29:17
- Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	12:48	21:15	34:07
Hours of public meetings	23:46	39:34	63:20

Statistics on 2007-08 Additional Estimates (February 2008) and 2008-09 Budget Estimates (May/June 2008)
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Finance and Public Administration

	2007-08 Additional Estimates (February 2008)	2008-09 Budget Estimates (May/June 2008)	Total
No. of public meetings	3 (18, 19 & 22 February)	4 (26,27,28 & 29 May)	7
Hours by portfolio:			
- Finance and Deregulation	9:35	10:15	19:50
- Human Services	3:11	5:46	8:57
- Parliament	3:22	4:31	7:53
- Prime Minister and Cabinet	13:09	21:51	35:00
Hours of public meetings	29:17	42:23	71:40

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

	2007-08 Additional Estimates (February 2008)	2008-09 Budget Estimates (May/June 2008)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (20 & 21 February)	4 (2,3,4 & 5 June)	6
Hours by portfolio:			
- Defence	7:30	10:50	18:20
- Foreign Affairs and Trade	9:40	17:15	26:55
- Veterans' Affairs	2:45	2:35	5:20
Hours of public meetings	19:55	30:40	50:35

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

	2007-08 Additional Estimates (February 2008)	2008-09 Budget Estimates (May/June 2008)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (18 & 19 February)	4 (26,27,28 & 29 May)	6
Hours by portfolio:			
- Attorney-General's	11:06	22:28	33:34
- Immigration and Citizenship	10:53	15:45	26:38
Hours of public meetings	21:59	38:13	60:12

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

	2007-08 Additional Estimates (February 2008)	2008-09 Budget Estimates (May/June 2008)	Total
No. of public meetings	2 (18 & 19 February)	4 (26,27,28 & 29 May)	6
Hours by portfolio:			
- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	14:14	23:23	37:37
- Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	7:51	21:24	29:15
Hours of public meetings	22:05	44:47	66:52

The number of days the committees met to consider estimates:

2007-08 Additional Estimates	6 days (18, 19, 20, 21 & 22 February & 11 March)
2008-09 Budget Estimates	8 days (26, 27, 28 & 29 May & 2, 3, 4 & 5 June)