

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

14 May 2009 - 30 June 2009

	Matters current as at 14 May 2009	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference **	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2009
Legislation	0	2	2	0
References	6	1	4 + (2)	3
Total	6	3	6 +(2)	3

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	0:00	4	43:32	3	0:54	0	0:00	7	44:26
References	1	2:00	0	0:00	3	1:15	0	0:00	4	3:15
Total	1	2:00	4	43:32	6	2:09	0	0:00	11	47:41

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	4	165	0	0	595	0	0	0	0	1
References	1	0	0	1	0	0	23	5	52	0
Total	5	165	0	1	595	0	23	5	52	1

* includes referral of estimates x 1

** includes 2 interim reports

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

14 May 2009 to 30 June 2009

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) (elected Chair on 14.05.09)	14.05.09
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS) (elected Deputy Chair on 14.05.09)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	14.05.09

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	14.05.09

Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	14.05.09
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	14.05.09

Former substitute member

Term of appointment

Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ¹	14.05.09–15.06.09
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¹ Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Amendment Bill 2009

Inquiries

As at 14 May 2009

- Nil

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2009

- Nil

New references

14 May 2009–30 June 2009

- Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (referred 14 May 2009—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

14 May 2009–30 June 2009

- Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions]—11 June 2009, Canberra
- 2009–10 Budget Estimates—25 to 28 May 2009, Canberra

Reports tabled

14 May 2009–30 June 2009

- Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (tabled 15 June 2009)
- Budget Estimates 2009–10 (tabled 23 June 2009)

Government responses

14 May 2009–30 June 2009

- Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning carbon sink forests (tabled 18 June 2009; report tabled 23 September 2008)

Estimates

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

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (References)

14 May 2009 to 30 June 2009

Method of appointment

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Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS) <i>(elected Chair on 14.05.09)</i>	14.05.09
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.05.09)</i>	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹	14.05.09
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²	18.06.09

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	14.05.09

¹ Replaces Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into natural resource management and conservation challenges

² Replaces Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities

Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	14.05.09
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
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Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	14.05.09
Senator Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
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Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	14.05.09
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	14.05.09
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Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	14.05.09
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	14.05.09

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP) ³	12.02.09–25.06.09
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) ⁴	14.05.09–10.06.09
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁵	14.05.09–25.06.09

Inquiries

As at 14 May 2009

- 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)
- Natural resource management and conservation challenges (referred 26 June 2008)
- Implications for the long-term sustainable management of the Murray-Darling Basin system (referred 27 August 2008)
- Establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania (referred 28 August 2008)
- Issues relating to the import risk analysis (IRA) for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines (referred 27 November 2008)
- Public passenger transport infrastructure and services in Australia (referred 4 December 2008)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2009

- Natural resource management and conservation challenges (referred 26 June 2008)
- Public passenger transport infrastructure and services in Australia (referred 4 December 2008)
- Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities (referred 16 June 2009)

New references

14 May 2009–30 June 2009

- Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities (referred 16 June 2009)

³ Replaced Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into the establishment of an Australian Football League team in Tasmania

⁴ Replaced Senator Heffernan for the inquiry into public passenger transport in Australia for 9 and 10 June 2009

⁵ Replaced Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin system

Public hearings

14 May 2009–30 June 2009

- Nil

Reports tabled

14 May 2009–30 June 2009

- Import risk analysis for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines—Interim Report (presented out of session on 22 May 2009; tabled 15 June 2009)
- Matters specified in part (2) of the inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin system—Interim Report (presented out of session on 22 May 2009; tabled 15 June 2009)
- Matters specified in part (2) of the inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin system—Final Report (presented out of session on 25 June 2009; tabled 11 August 2009)
- Import risk analysis for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines—Final Report (presented out of session on 25 June 2009; tabled 11 August 2009)
- Matters relating to the establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania (tabled 25 June 2009)
- Meat marketing—Final Report (presented out of session on 30 June 2009; tabled 11 August 2009)

Government responses

14 May 2009–30 June 2009

- Nil