Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport 1 January 2010 - 30 June 2010

	Matters current as at 1 January 2010	Matters referred	Reports tabled that discharge a reference **	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2010
Legislation	0	7	5 + ^ 1	1
References	3	3	3 +(2)	3
Total	3	10	8+^1+(2)	4

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	2:37	6	73:08	7	0:32	0	0:00	14	76:17
References	8	40:17	0	0:00	17	5:18	0	0:00	25	45:35
Total	9	42:54	6	73:08	24	5:50	0	0:00	39	121:52

	M e e tings By State							
	ACT	N S W	VIC	TAS	S A	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	22	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Total	36	1	1	0	0	1	0	0

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	7	440	9	0	916	39	0	0	0	0
References	5	0	0	127	0	0	721	199	1786	0
Total	12	440	9	127	916	39	721	199	1786	0

* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; referral of estimates x 2

** includes 2 Interim References Reports

^ includes 2 bills references discharged by 1 report

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010

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
(elected Deputy Chair on 14.05.09) (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

Committees adm	ninistered by t	he Senate (Committee Office
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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 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 members

Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)¹ Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)²

Former participating member

Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2010

• Nil

Current inquiries

As at 30 June $20\overline{1}0$

• Airports Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 24 June 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- Farm Household Support Amendment (Ancillary Benefits) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 26 May 2010)
- Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 26 May 2010)
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010 [Provisions] and the Customs Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 16 June 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Airports Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 24 June 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- 2009–10 Additional Estimates—8 & 9 February 2010, Canberra
- 2010–11 Budget Estimates—24 to 27 May 2010, Canberra
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010 [Provisions] and the Customs Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010 [Provisions]—17 June 2010, Canberra

Term of appointment 08.02.10–08.02.10 14.05.09–15.06.09

Term of appointment 14.05.09–15.06.09

¹ Replaced Senator Heffernan for the committee's consideration of the 2009–10 additional estimates on 8 February 2010

² Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Amendment Bill 2009

Reports tabled

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- Additional estimates 2009–10 (tabled 25 February 2010)
- Annual reports (No. 1 of 2010) (tabled 11 March 2010)
- Farm Household Support Amendment (Ancillary Benefits) Bill 2010 [Provisions]; and Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 4 June 2010; tabled 15 June 2010)
- Budget estimates 2010–11 (tabled 23 June 2010)
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Customs Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (tabled 23 June 2010)

Government responses

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

• Nil

Estimates

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

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (References)

1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS) (elected Chair on 14.05.09)	14.05.09
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair on 14.05.09)	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 member	Date of appointment
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP) ¹	16.03.10
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

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Replaces Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into the management of aircraft noise by Airservices Australia

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
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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 the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	16.03.10
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	14.05.09
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	14.05.09
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Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	14.05.09
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	14.05.09
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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
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Former substitute members

Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)² Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)³ Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)⁴ Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)⁵ Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)⁶ Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)⁷ Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)⁸ Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)⁹

Former participating members

Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP) Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) Term of appointment

13.08.09–18.12.09 09.06.09–10.06.09 12.02.09–25.06.09 20.08.09–14.09.09 18.06.09–18.12.09 17.09.09–27.10.09 14.05.09–25.06.09 14.05.09–04.02.10

Term of appointment

20.08.09-14.09.09 14.05.09-25.06.09 14.05.09-04.02.10 17.06.09-27.10.09 18.06.09-18.12.09

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2010

- Natural resource management and conservation challenges (referred 26 June 2008)
- Import restrictions on beef (referred 27 October 2009)
- An assessment of the effectiveness of Airservices Australia's management of aircraft noise under its responsibilities to provide air traffic services and protect the environment from the effects associated with the operation of aircraft for which it has legislative jurisdiction (referred 25 November 2009)

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

³ Replaced Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into public passenger transport in Australia for 9 and 10 June 2009

⁴ Replaced Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into the establishment of an Australian Football League team in Tasmania

⁵ Replaced Senator McGauran for the committee's inquiry into the removal of the fee rebate for the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service export certification functions

⁶ Replaced Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities

⁷ Replaced Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2009

⁸ Replaced Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin system

⁹ Replaced Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into natural resource management and conservation challenges

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2010

- Australian horse industry and an emergency animal disease response agreement (referred 17 June 2010)
- Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements (referred 23 June 2010)
- Import risk analysis process for the proposed importation of Chinese apples; and the protocols relating to the Australia/United States of America cherry trade (referred 24 June 2010)

New references

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- Australian horse industry and an emergency animal disease response agreement (referred 17 June 2010)
- Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements (referred 23 June 2010)
- Import risk analysis process for the proposed importation of Chinese apples; and the protocols relating to the Australia/United States of America cherry trade (referred 24 June 2010)

Public hearings

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- Import restrictions on beef—5, 22, 25 February & 14 May 2010, Canberra
- Effectiveness of Airservices Australia's management of aircraft noise— 28 April 2010, Perth; 21 May 2010, Melbourne; 28 May 2010, Sydney; 10 June 2010, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

- Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities—Interim report (presented out of session on 11 December 2009; tabled 2 February 2010)
- Natural resource management and conservation challenges—Interim report (presented out of session on 18 December 2009; tabled 2 February 2010)
- Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities—Final report (presented out of session on 18 December 2009; tabled 2 February 2010)
- Natural resource management and conservation challenges—2nd Interim report (presented out of session on 23 December 2009; tabled 2 February 2010)
- Natural resource management and conservation challenges—Final report (tabled 4 February 2010)

- Import restrictions on beef—Second interim report (tabled 25 February 2010)
- Import restrictions on beef—Third interim report (tabled 11 March 2010)
- Import restrictions on beef—First report (tabled 18 March 2010)
- Import restrictions on beef—Final report (tabled 23 June 2010)

Government responses

1 January 2010–30 June 2010

• Nil