

PART SIX

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

**Legislative and General Purpose
Standing Committees
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Senate Committee Office**

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 January 2011 - 30 June 2011

	Matters current as at 1 January 2011	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference **	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2011
Legislation	2	6	6 + (1**)	2
References	3	3	1 + (4**)	5
Total	5	9	7	7

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	6	20:21	8	76:58	10	1:44	0	0:00	24	99:03
References	10	63:17	0	0:00	18	7:28	0	0:00	28	70:45
Total	16	83:38	8	76:58	28	9:12	0	0:00	52	169:48

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	22	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
References	19	2	3	0	0	2	0	2
Total	41	2	5	0	0	2	0	2

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	12	260	65	0	859	236	0	94	427	0
References	3	0	0	215	0	0	813	1299	14403	1
Total	15	260	65	215	859	236	813	1393	14830	1

* Includes referral of Annual reports x 1; estimates x 2

** 5 interim reports

Community Affairs (Legislation)

1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 30.09.10)</i>	30.09.10
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 30.09.10)</i>	30.09.10
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
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Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	30.09.10
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Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	30.09.10

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Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	30.09.10
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Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	30.09.10

Former substitute member

Term of appointment

Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) ¹	30.05.11–03.06.11
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¹ Replaced Senator Carol Brown from 30.05.11–03.06.11

Former participating member

Term of appointment

Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)

30.05.11–03.06.11

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2011

- Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2010 (referred 27 October 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Genetically Modified Material) Bill 2010 (referred 26 November 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2011

- Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Genetically Modified Material) Bill 2010 (referred 26 November 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 10 February 2011—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- National Health Reform Amendment (National Health Performance Authority) Bill 2011 [Provisions] (referred 24 March 2011—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions] (referred 2 June 2011)

Public hearings

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- 2010–11 Additional Estimates—23 to 25 February 2011, Canberra
- Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2010—18 April 2011, Canberra; 19 April 2011, Melbourne
- Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Genetically Modified Material) Bill 2010—18 April 2011, Canberra
- National Health Reform Amendment (National Health Performance Authority) Bill 2011—17 May 2011, Canberra
- 2011–12 Budget Estimates—30 May to 3 June 2011, Canberra
- Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [Provisions]—15 June 2011, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (tabled 22 March 2011)
- Additional Estimates 2010–11 (tabled 22 March 2011)
- Annual reports (No. 1 of 2011) (tabled 23 March 2011)
- Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011—Interim report (presented out of session on 3 June 2011; tabled 14 June 2011)
- National Health Reform Amendment (National Health Performance Authority) Bill 2011 (presented out of session on 9 June 2011; tabled 14 June 2011)
- Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2011 (tabled 16 June 2011)
- Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011—Final report (tabled 22 June 2011)

Government responses

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- Nil

Estimates

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

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- Social and economic impacts of rural wind farms (referred 27 October 2010)
- Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies (referred 15 November 2010)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2011

- Access to planning options and services for people ageing with a disability (re-referred 30 September 2010) (*Reference varied 30 September 2010*)
- Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies (referred 15 November 2010)
- The effectiveness of the special arrangements established in 1999 under section 100 of the *National Health Act 1953*, for the supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medicines to remote area Aboriginal Health Services (referred 24 March 2011)
- Regulatory standards for the approval of medical devices (referred 16 June 2011)
- Government's funding and administration of mental health services in Australia (referred 23 June 2011)

New references

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- The effectiveness of the special arrangements established in 1999 under section 100 of the *National Health Act 1953*, for the supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medicines to remote area Aboriginal Health Services (referred 24 March 2011)
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Public hearings

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- Planning options and services for people ageing with a disability—18 February 2011, Canberra
- Social and economic impacts of rural wind farms—25 March 2011, Canberra; 28 March 2011, Ballarat; 29 March 2011, Sydney; 31 March 2011, Perth; 17 May 2011, Canberra
- Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies—1 April 2011, Perth; 20 April 2011, Melbourne; 27 April 2011, Brisbane; 29 April 2011, Sydney

Reports tabled

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- Gene patents (presented out of session on 26 November 2010; tabled 9 February 2011)

- Impacts of rural wind farms—Interim report (presented out of session on 14 April 2011; tabled 10 May 2011)
- Planning options and services for people ageing with a disability—Interim report (presented out of session on 14 April 2011; tabled 10 May 2011)
- Planning options and services for people ageing with a disability—Second Interim report (presented out of session on 30 May 2011; tabled 14 June 2011)
- Impacts of rural wind farms—Second Interim report (presented out of session on 30 May 2011; tabled 14 June 2011)
- The social and economic impact of rural wind farms—Final report (tabled 23 June 2011)

Government responses

1 January 2011–30 June 2011

- Funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (presented out of session on 21 December 2010, tabled 9 February 2011; report tabled 8 February 2007)
- The hidden toll; Suicide in Australia (presented out of session on 22 December 2010, tabled 9 February 2011; report tabled 24 June 2010)
- Hear Us: Inquiry into hearing health in Australia (presented out of session on 30 May 2011; tabled 14 June 2011; report tabled 13 May 2010)