

PART THREE

16 November 2004 - 31 December 2004
(beginning of the 41st Parliament)

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

Community Affairs

Community Affairs (16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004)

	Inquiries from the end of the 40 th Parliament	Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41 st Parliament	Matters re- referred and/or referred during period (including estimates and annual reports) 41 st Parliament	Reports tabled that discharged a reference 41 st Parliament	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2004
Legislation	0	0	2	0	2
References	3	3	2	0 +(1 [^])	2
Total	3	3	4	0	4

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	1	1:15	0	0:00	4	0:25	0
References	0	0:00	0	0:00	3	1:35	0
Total	1	1:15	0	0:00	7	2:00	0
							5
							3
							8
							3:15

Meetings by State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	5	0	0	0	0	0	0		
References	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	8	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	0	0	4	0	0	15	7	55	0
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	135	0
Total	0	0	4	0	0	15	22	190	0

^Report that re-referred inquiries from 40th Parliament

Community Affairs Legislation

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP) (elected Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD) (elected Deputy Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	1.12.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04

Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)

Term of appointment

18.11.04-1.12.04

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Former participating members

Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)

Term of appointment

18.11.04-1.12.04

Inquiry from the end of the 40th Parliament

- Nil

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2004

- *Provisions* of the Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004 (referred 1 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004 (referred 8 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- *Provisions* of the Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004 (referred 1 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004 (referred 8 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Matter relating to the Department of Health and Ageing – 9 December 2004, Canberra

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Estimates

2004-05 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings were not held in November 2004.

Community Affairs References

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP) (elected Chair- 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP) (elected Deputy Chair- 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	7.12.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)**	7.12.04

**replace Senator Lees for inquiry into Aged Care*

***replace Senator Lees for inquiry into children in institutional care*

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	7.12.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members *Term of appointment*

Former substitute members *Term of appointment*

Former participating members *Term of appointment*

Inquiries from the end of the 40th Parliament

- Annual Ombudsman Report on the operations of the social security breaches and penalties system (referred 16 October 2002)
- Children in institutional care (referred 4 March 2003)
- Aged Care standards (referred 23 June 2004)

Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41st Parliament

- Annual Ombudsman Report on the operations of the social security breaches and penalties system (referred 16 October 2002)
- Children in institutional care (referred 4 March 2003)
- Aged Care standards (referred 23 June 2004)

Inquiries re-referred

- Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care (re-referred 1 December 2004)
- Inquiry into Aged Care (re-referred 1 December 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2004

- Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care (re-referred 1 December 2004)
- Inquiry into Aged Care (re-referred 1 December 2004)

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Report –Inquiries re-referred (41st Parliament) (tabled 1 December 2004)

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Economics

Economics (16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004)

	Inquiries from the end of the 40 th Parliament	Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41 st Parliament	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period (including estimates and annual reports) 41 st Parliament	Reports tabled that discharged a reference 41 st Parliament	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2004
Legislation	0	0	1	1	0
References	0	0	1	0	1
Total	0	0	2	1	1

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	0	0	0:00	4	1:05	0	4
References	0	0	0:00	2	1:05	0	2
Total	0	0	0:00	6	2:10	0	6
							Total Hours
							1:05
							1:05
							2:10

Meetings by State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	21	0
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	21	0

Economics Legislation

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP) (elected Chair – 30.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL) (elected Deputy Chair – 30.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04
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**replace Senator Murray for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Peter Cook (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Inquiry from the end of the 40th Parliament

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2004

- Nil

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- *Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Superannuation Reporting) Bill 2004* (referred 1 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- *Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Superannuation Reporting) Bill 2004* (tabled 7 December 2004)

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Estimates

2004-05 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings were not held in November 2004.

Economics References

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL) (elected Chair –30.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP) (elected Deputy Chair – 30.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04
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**replace Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Francis (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Inquiry from the end of the 40th Parliament

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2004

- Possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit (referred 9 December 2004)

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit (referred 9 December 2004)

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education (16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004)

	Inquiries from the end of the 40 th Parliament	Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41 st Parliament	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period (including estimates and annual reports) 41 st Parliament	Reports tabled that discharged a reference 41 st Parliament	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2004
Legislation	2	2	3	1 +(1 [^])	2
References	3	3	3	0 +(1 [^])	3
Total	5	5	6	1	5

Number and Hours of Meeting										
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours	
Legislation	1	4:26	0	0:00	3	0:28	0	0:00	4	4:54
References	0	0:00	0	0:00	2	0:29	0	0:00	2	0:29
Total	1	4:26	0	0:00	5	0:57	0	0:00	6	5:23

Meetings by State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
References	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

	Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	0	0	14	0	0	49	0	8	81	0
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	14	0	0	49	0	8	81	0

^Reports that re-referred inquiries from 40th Parliament

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP) (elected Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)**	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)***	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)****	29.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)*****	1.12.04

**replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio*

***replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Employment portfolio*

****replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio*

*****replace Senator Wong for matters relating to the Education portfolio*

******replace Senator Wong for matters relating to the Industrial Relations portfolio*

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.02
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Inquiries from the end of the 40th Parliament

- Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Protecting Small Business Employment) Bill 2004 (referred 16 June 2004)
- Proposed amendment to Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2003 (referred 26 June 2004)

Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41st Parliament

- Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Protecting Small Business Employment) Bill 2004 (referred 16 June 2004)
- Proposed Schedule 1B of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2003 (referred 26 June 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2004

- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004 (referred 8 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004 (referred 9 December 2004)

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004 (referred 18 November 2004)
- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004 (referred 8 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004 (referred 9 December 2004)

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004 – 25 November 2004, Melbourne

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004 (tabled 29 November 2004)
- Report on the references of the 40th Parliament (re-adoption of inquiries) (tabled 8 December 2004)

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Estimates

2004-05 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings were not held in November 2004.

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) (elected Chair – 2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)**	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)***	18.11.04

**replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio*

***replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Employment portfolio*

****replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio*

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	1.12.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Inquiries from the end of the 40th Parliament

- The progress and future direction of life-long learning (referred 11 March 2004)
- Impediments to indigenous employment and measures to improve vocational training and employment outcomes for indigenous people (referred 11 March 2004)
- Living costs of students enrolled in full-time and part-time courses (referred 11 March 2004)

Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41st Parliament

- The progress and future direction of life-long learning (referred 11 March 2004)
- Impediments to indigenous employment and measures to improve vocational training and employment outcomes for indigenous people (referred 11 March 2004)
- Living costs of students enrolled in full-time and part-time courses (referred 11 March 2004)

Inquiry re-referred

- Living costs of students enrolled in full-time and part-time courses (re-referred 8 December 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2004

- Indigenous education (referred 6 December 2004)
- Unfair dismissal laws (referred 7 December 2004)
- Living costs of students enrolled in full-time and part-time courses (re-referred 8 December 2004)

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Indigenous education (referred 6 December 2004)
- Unfair dismissal laws (referred 7 December 2004)

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Report on the references of the 40th Parliament (re-adoption of inquiries) (tabled 8 December 2004)

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

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

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004)

	Inquiries from the end of the 40 th Parliament	Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41 st Parliament	Matters re- referred and/or referred during period (including estimates and annual reports) 41 st Parliament	Reports tabled that discharged a reference 41 st Parliament	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2004
Legislation	0	0	2	1	1
References	2	2	3	1 +(2 [^])	2
Total	2	2	5	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	0	0:00	4	0:30	0	0:00	4 0:30
References	0	0:00	0	0:00	2	0:16	0	0:00	2 0:16
Total	0	0:00	0	0:00	6	0:46	0	0:00	6 0:46

Meetings by State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	4	0	0	0	0	0	0		
References	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	6	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) (elected Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair -2.12.04)	29.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)*	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)**	18.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)***	18.11.04

**replace Senator Allison for matters relating to the Communications portfolio*

***replace Senator Allison for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio*

****replace Senator Allison for matters relating to the Arts portfolio*

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04

Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP) 18.11.04-29.11.04

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Inquiry from the end of the 40th Parliament

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2004

- *Provisions* of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004 (referred 8 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- *Provisions* of the National Water Commission Bill 2004 (referred 1 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004 (referred 8 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- *Provisions* of the National Water Commission Bill 2004 (tabled 7 December 2004)

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Estimates

2004-05 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings were not held in November 2004.

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD) (elected Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04

Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
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Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Inquiries from the end of the 40th Parliament

- Invasive species (referred 26 June 2003)
- Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper (referred 24 June 2004)

Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41st Parliament

- Invasive species (referred 26 June 2003)
- Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper (referred 24 June 2004)

Inquiries re-referred

- Regulation, control and management of invasive species and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002 (re-referred 1 December 2004)
- Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper (re-referred 8 December 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2004

- *Provisions* of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and related bills and matters (referred 8 December 2004)
- Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper (re-referred 8 December 2004)

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- *Provisions of the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and related bills and matters (referred 8 December 2004)*

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Report on the references of the 40th Parliament (re-adoption of inquiries) (tabled 1 December 2004)
- Report on the references of the 40th Parliament (re-adoption of inquiries) (tabled 8 December 2004)
- Turning back the tide – The invasive species challenge: Report on the Regulation, control and management of invasive species and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002 (tabled 8 December 2004)

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Finance and Public Administration

Finance and Public Administration (16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004)

	Inquiries from the end of the 40 th Parliament	Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41 st Parliament	Matters re- referred and/or referred during period (including estimates and annual reports) 41 st Parliament	Reports tabled that discharged a reference 41 st Parliament	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2004
Legislation	1	1	0	0	0
References	3	3	3	0	3
Total	4	4	3	0	3

Number and Hours of Meeting						
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other
Legislation	0	0	0:00	0	0:00	0
References	0	0	0:00	1	0:20	0
Total	0	0	0:00	1	0:20	0
						0:00
						0:20
						0:20

Meetings by State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
References	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Televised Hearings	Witnesses		Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General		
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Finance and Public Administration Legislation

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP) (elected Chair-29.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD) (elected Deputy Chair-29.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04

Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	29.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	29.11.04

Former members *Term of appointment*

Former substitute members *Term of appointment*

Former participating members *Term of appointment*

Inquiry from the end of the 40th Parliament

- Portfolio Budget Statements (referred 21 November 1996; readopted 2 December 1998) (readopted 21 March 2002)

Inquiry discharged at the beginning of the 41st Parliament

- Portfolio Budget Statements (referred 21 November 1996; readopted 2 December 1998) (readopted 21 March 2002)

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2004

- Nil

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Estimates

2004-05 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings were not held in November 2004.

Finance and Public Administration References

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP) (elected Chair-29.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-29.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)*	30.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)**	2.12.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)***	2.12.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)#	2.12.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)##	2.12.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)###	2.12.04

**replace Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into government advertising*

***replace Senator George Campbell for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program*

****replace Senator Moore for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program*

#replace Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

##replace Senator Watson for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

###replace Senator Heffernan for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (Qld, NATS)	6.12.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	6.12.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	8.12.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	29.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	29.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Inquiries from the end of the 40th Parliament

- Tabling of indexed lists of files of departments and agencies (referred 21 August 1996 pursuant to the order of 30 May 1996; readopted 1 December 1998) (readopted 21 March 2002)
- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)
- Government advertising (referred 23 June 2004)

Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41st Parliament

- Tabling of indexed lists of files of departments and agencies (referred 21 August 1996 pursuant to the order of 30 May 1996; readopted 1 December 1998) (readopted 21 March 2002)
- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)
- Government advertising (referred 23 June 2004)

Senate Order

- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)

Inquiry re-referred

- Government advertising (re-referred 18 November 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2004

- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)
- Government advertising (re-referred 18 November 2004)
- Regional Partnerships program (referred 2 December 2004)

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Regional Partnerships program (referred 2 December 2004)

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004)

	Inquiries from the end of the 40 th Parliament	Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41 st Parliament	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period (including estimates and annual reports) 41 st Parliament	Reports tabled that discharged a reference 41 st Parliament	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2004
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0
References	2	2	2	0 +(1^)	2
Total	2	2	2	0	2

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	0	0:00						
				2	0:15	0	0:00	2	0:15
References	0	0	0:00						
				2	0:54	0	0:00	2	0:54
Total	0	0	0:00						
				4	1:09	0	0:00	4	1:09

Meetings by State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

^Report that re-referred inquiries from 40th Parliament

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS) (elected Chair-19.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-19.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04

Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)

Term of appointment

18.11.04-29.11.04

Former substitute members

Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)*

Term of appointment

30.11.04-1.12.04

**replace Senator Mackay for matters relating to the Defence portfolio*

Former participating members

Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)

Term of appointment

18.11.04-29.11.04

Inquiry from the end of the 40th Parliament

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2004

- Nil

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Estimates

2004-05 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings were not held in November 2004.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) (elected Chair-22.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS) (elected Deputy Chair-22.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*	9.12.04
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**replace Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the effectiveness of the Australian military justice system*

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)

Term of appointment

18.11.04-29.11.04

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Former participating members

Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)

Term of appointment

18.11.04-29.11.04

Inquiries from the end of the 40th Parliament

- Report by the Director of Trials of the Review of Test and Evaluation in Defence (referred 14 May 2003)
- The effectiveness of the Australian military justice system (referred 30 October 2003)

Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41st Parliament

- Report by the Director of Trials of the Review of Test and Evaluation in Defence (referred 14 May 2003)
- The effectiveness of the Australian military justice system (referred 30 October 2003)

Inquiry re-referred

- The effectiveness of Australia's military justice system (re-referred 6 December 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2004

- The effectiveness of Australia's military justice system (re-referred 6 December 2004)
- Australia's relationship with China (referred 8 December 2004)

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Australia's relationship with China (referred 8 December 2004)

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Report on the references of the 40th Parliament (re-adoption of inquiries) (tabled 6 December 2004)

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Report – Bali 2002: Security threats to Australians in South East Asia (tabled 2 December 2004; report tabled 12 August 2004)

Legal and Constitutional

Legal and Constitutional (16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004)

	Inquiries from the end of the 40 th Parliament	Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41 st Parliament	Matters re- referred and/or referred during period (including estimates and annual reports) 41 st Parliament	Reports tabled that discharged a reference 41 st Parliament	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2004
Legislation	0	0	3	2	1
References	1	1	2	0 +(1 [^])	2
Total	1	1	5	2	3

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	1:56	0	0:00	3	0:08	0	0:00	4	2:04
References	0	0:00	0	0:00	1	0:05	0	0:00	1	0:05
Total	1	1:56	0	0:00	4	0:13	0	0:00	5	2:09

	Meetings by State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	1	0	7	0	0	28	0	17	65	0
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	7	0	0	28	0	17	65	0

Report that re-referred inquiries from 40th Parliament

Legal and Constitutional Legislation

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) (elected Chair-2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)*	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)**	6.12.04

**replace Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio*

***replace Senator Payne for inquiry into the Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004*

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	6.12.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgway (NSW, AD)	6.12.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Inquiry from the end of the 40th Parliament

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2004

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004 (referred 1 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004 (referred 1 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004 (referred 1 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 (referred 6 December 2004 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 – 6 December 2004, Canberra

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 (tabled 7 December 2004)
- Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004 (tabled 8 December 2004)

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Estimates

2004-05 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings were not held in November 2004.

Legal and Constitutional References

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP) (elected Chair-2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)*	18.11.04
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**replace Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio*

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	118.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	6.12.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	9.12.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Inquiry from the end of the 40th Parliament

- The needs of expatriate Australians (referred 16 October 2003)

Inquiry discharged at the beginning of the 41st Parliament

- The needs of expatriate Australians (referred 16 October 2003)

Inquiry re-referred

- Inquiry into Australian expatriates (re-referred 6 December 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2004

- Inquiry into Australian expatriates (re-referred 6 December 2004)
- Effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988* as a means to protect the privacy of Australians (referred 9 December 2004)

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988* as a means to protect the privacy of Australians (referred 9 December 2004)

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Report on the references of the 40th Parliament (re-adoption of inquiries) (tabled 6 December 2004)

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

**Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004)

	Inquiries from the end of the 40 th Parliament	Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41 st Parliament	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period (including estimates and annual reports) 41 st Parliament	Reports tabled that discharged a reference 41 st Parliament	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2004
Legislation	3	3	2	0 + (1 [^])	2
References	0	0	1	0	1
Total	3	3	3	0	3

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	0	0	0:00	3	0:36	0	3
References	0	0	0:00	4	0:52	0	4
Total	0	0	0:00	7	1:28	0	7
							Total Hours
							0:36
							0:52
							1:28

Meetings by State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

^Report that re-referred inquiries from 40th Parliament

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) (elected Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Inquiries from the end of the 40th Parliament

- The administration of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau in relation to the crash of Whyalla Airlines aircraft VH-MZK (adopted 25 November 2003)
- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas (adopted 2 March 2004)
- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples (adopted 2 March 2004)

Inquiries discharged at the beginning of the 41st Parliament

- The administration of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau in relation to the crash of Whyalla Airlines aircraft VH-MZK (adopted 25 November 2003)
- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas (adopted 2 March 2004)
- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples (adopted 2 March 2004)

Inquiries re-referred

- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Phillipines (re-referred 1 December 2004)
- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand (re-referred 1 December 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2004

- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Phillipines (re-referred 1 December 2004)
- The administration of Biosecurity Australia – Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand (re-referred 1 December 2004)

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Report on the references of the 40th Parliament (re-adoption of inquiries) (tabled 1 December 2004)

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Report – Australian Wool Innovation Limited: Applications and expenditure of funds advanced under Statutory Funding agreement dated 31 December 2000 (tabled 2 December 2004; report tabled 12 February 2004)

Estimates

2004-05 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings were not held in November 2004.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References

41st Parliament (16 November 2004 to 31 December 2004)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD) (elected Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	18.11.04

Substitute members

Date of appointment

Participating members

Date of appointment

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Inquiry from the end of the 40th Parliament

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2004

- Compensation for wheat growers (referred 8 December 2004)

New references

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Compensation for wheat growers (referred 8 December 2004)

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Reports tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

