

Other Committees

Regulations and Ordinances

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23.

Current members

Senator Tchen (Chair), Senators Bartlett, Marshall, Mason, Moore and Santoro.

Former members

Senators Coonan, Brandis, Buckland and Ludwig.

Secretary

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

Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises delegated legislation to ensure:

that it is in accordance with the statute;

that it does not trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;

that it does not unduly make the rights and liberties of citizens dependent upon administrative decisions which are not subject to review of their merits by a judicial or other independent tribunal; and

that it does not contain matter more appropriate for parliamentary enactment.

Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- nil

Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

Private:	3
Briefings:	0
Total:	3

No. of instruments scrutinised	636
Notices of Motion to Disallow	4
Notices withdrawn	2
Notices pending	2

Scrutiny of Bills

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members

Senator Ray (Chair), Senator Mason (Deputy Chair), Senators Barnett, Johnston, Marshall and Murray

Secretary

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Mr Richard Pye	6277 3050	6277 5838

Principles of the committee

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

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

Between 16 November 2004 and 31 December 2004 the committee considered 60 bills, and commented on 22 bills in two Alert Digests. The committee also produced two Reports containing correspondence from ministers addressing its concerns.

Alert Digests tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- No. 11 of 2004 (1 December 2004)
- No. 12 of 2004 (8 December 2004)

Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Eleventh Report of 2004
- Twelfth Report of 2004

Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

Private: 3

Appropriations and Staffing

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19.

Members

The President (Senator the Hon. Paul Calvert) (Chairman), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon. Robert Hill), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chris Evans), Senators Allison, Boswell, Faulkner, Ferris, Heffernan and Ray

Secretary

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

Role of the committee

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

Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- 41st report

Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

Private: 1

House

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21.

Current members

The President (Senator Calvert) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator Hogg), Senators Carr, Crossin, Ferris Lightfoot and Stephens

Secretary

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

Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

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

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

Library

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 20.

Current members

The President (Sen the Hon P Calvert), Senators Kirk, Ludwig, Scullion, Tchen, Tierney and Wong.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Hilary Penfold QC	6277 7100	6277 5417

Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

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

Privileges

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18.

Current members (appointed 18 November 2004)

Senator Faulkner (Chair), Senator Knowles (Deputy Chair), Senators Humphries, Johnston, Payne, Ray and Sherry

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)	e-mail
Miss Anne Lynch	6277 3360	6277 3199	Priv.sen@aph.gov.au

Current inquiries

1 July 2004 – 15 November 2004

- Whether there was an unauthorised disclosure of the draft report of the Community Affairs References Committee in relation to poverty and financial hardship, and whether any contempt was committed in that regard (*referred 12 May 2004*)
- Whether there was an unauthorised disclosure of the draft report of the Community Affairs References Committee in relation to Hepatitis C and blood supply in Australia, and whether any contempt was committed in that regard (*referred 24 June 2004*)
- Whether there was any unauthorised disclosure of the private deliberations or the draft report of the Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America, and, if so, whether any contempt was committed in that regard (*referred 5 August 2004*)

Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

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

Procedure

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17.

Current members

The Deputy President (Senator J Hogg) (Chair), the President (Senator the Hon P Calvert), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (the Hon R Hill), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator C Evans), Senators Allison, Eggleston, Ellison, Faulkner, Ferguson, and Ray

Secretary

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Mr Harry Evans	6277 3350	6277 3199

Current inquiry

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

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Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

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Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

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

Publications

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22.

Current members

Senators Watson, Chair [appointed 18.11.04], Hutchins [appointed 18.11.04], Johnston [appointed 18.11.04], Kirk [appointed 18.11.04], Marshall [appointed 18.11.04], Moore, Deputy Chair [appointed 18.11.04] and Scullion [appointed 18.11.04]

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Jan Chapman	6277 3037	6277 3448

Public hearings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- 0

Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- 1

Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

Private:	1
Public:	0
In camera:	0
Inspections:	0
Briefings:	0
Other:	0
Total:	1

Selection of Bills

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Standing Order 24A.

Current members

The Government Whip (Senator Ferris) (Chair), the Opposition Whip (Senator George Campbell), The Nationals Whip (Senator McGauran), the Australian Democrats Whip (Senator Allison) and Senators Eggleston, Ellison, Ludwig and Webber.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Dr Rosemary Laing	6277 3020	6277 3098/6277 3099

Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Report no. 12 of 2004 1 December 2004
- Report no. 13 of 2004 6 December 2004
- Report no. 14 of 2004 8 December 2004

Meetings – All meetings held at Parliament House, Canberra

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

Private: 3
Total: 3

Senators' Interests

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A.

Current members (appointed 18 November 2004)

Senator Denman (Chair), Senator Lightfoot (Deputy Chair), Senators Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk, McGauran and Webber

Secretary

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Miss Anne Lynch	6277 3360	6277 3199	Senators.interests@aph.gov.au

Register of Senators' Interests

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Register of Senators' Interests incorporating a statement of interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 19 June and 6 December 2004 (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

Document presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Register of Senate Senior Executive Officers' Interests incorporating notifications of alterations of interests of senior executive officers lodged between 19 June and 6 December 2004 (*tabled 8 December 2004*)

Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

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

Electoral Matters (Joint Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 14 February 2002 and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2002.

Current members

Mr Tony Smith MP (Chairman), Mr Michael Danby MP (Deputy Chairman), Senator Brandis, Senator Carr, Senator Forshaw, Senator Mason, Senator Murray, Mr Steven Ciobo MP, Mr Daryl Melham MP, Ms Sophie Panopoulos MP.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Bev Forbes	6277 4564	6277 4710

Current inquiries

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- None

Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- None

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- None

Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

Private:	1
Public:	0
In camera:	0
Inspection:	0
Briefings:	0
Other:	0
Total:	1

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 14 February 2002, and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2002.

Current Members

Senator A Ferguson (Chairman), Mr L Brereton MP (Deputy Chairman), Senators Bartlett (to 18/11/02), Bishop (to 19/8/02), Bolkus, Calvert (to 19/8/02), Cook, Eggleston, Evans, Harradine, Hutchins (from 19/8/02), Johnston (from 22/8/02), JAL Macdonald, O'Brien, Payne, Stott Despoja (from 18/11/02), and Mrs J Gash MP, Ms Moylan MP, Messrs Baird MP, Baldwin MP, Beazley MP, Bevis MP, Byrne MP (from 24/9/02), Edwards MP, LDT Ferguson, MP, Hawker MP, Lindsay MP, Martin MP (to 16/8/02), Nairn MP, Price MP, Prosser MP, Scott MP, Snowdon MP, Somlyay MP, Thompson MP

Secretary

Dr Margot Kerley 6277 4629

Current Inquiries

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Review of the 2003-04 Defence Annual Report

Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Government Responses

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Watching Brief on the War on Terrorism (Tabled 2 December 2004)

Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

Private:	3
Public:	0
In camera:	0
Inspections/Briefings	
Other (Seminar)	
Total:	3

Secretaries of Sub-Committees

Dr John Carter (Foreign Affair Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4306
Mr Pierre Huetter (Trade Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4628
Mr Stephen Boyd (Defence Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 2368
Mr Pierre Huetter (Human Rights Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4466

Migration (Joint Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives and the Senate of 18 November 2004.

Current members

Mr Don Randall, MP (Chair), Mrs Julia Irwin MP (Deputy Chair), Senators Andrew Bartlett, Alan Eggleston, Linda Kirk, Tsebin Tchen, and Mr Laurie Ferguson MP, Dr Carmen Lawrence MP, Mr Michael Keenan MP, Dr Andrew Southcott MP.

Secretary

Ms Joanne Towner	Phone (02) 6277 4565	Fax (02) 6277 8506
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Current inquiry

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

Private:	1
Public:	0
In camera:	0
Inspections:	0
Briefings:	0
Total meetings:	1

National Capital and External Territories (Joint Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to resolution of the House of Representatives of 14 February 2002 and the Senate of 15 February 2002.

Current members

Senator Ross Lightfoot (Chairman), Senator Trish Crossin (Deputy Chair), the Deputy President (Senator John Hogg), the Deputy Speaker (Hon I Causley), Senator Kerry O'Brien, Senator Nigel Scullion, Senator Natasha Stott Despoja, Ms Annette Ellis MP, Mr Paul Neville MP, Ms Sophie Panopoulos MP, Mr Patrick Secker MP, Hon Warren Snowdon MP.

Secretary

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Ms Bev Forbes	6277 4564	6277 8478

Current inquiry

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Inquiry into the adequacy of funding for Australia's Antarctic Program

Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Nil

Government responses tabled

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- *Not a Town Centre: The Proposal for Pay Parking in the Parliamentary Zone*

Response presented 29 November 2004.

Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

Private	1
Public	0
Inspections	0
Briefings	0
Total	1

Treaties (Joint Standing)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives and the Senate on 18 November 2004.

Members

Dr A Southcott MP (Chair), Mr K Wilkie MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Collins, Senator Bartlett, Senator Mason, Senator Mackay, Senator Stephens, Senator Santoro, Senator Tchen, Hon D Adams MP, Mr M Johnson MP, Mrs M May MP, Ms S Panopoulos MP, Mr B Ripoll MP, Mr M Turnbull MP, Hon B Scott MP.

Secretary

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Ms Gillian Gould	6277 4002	6277 2219

Current inquiries

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Treaties tabled 7 December 2004
- The proposed agreement between Australia and the United States of America relating to the International Criminal Court

Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

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ASIO, ASIS and DSD (Joint Statutory)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Intelligence Services Act 2001.

Members

The Hon David Jull MP (Presiding Member)

Senator Alan Ferguson, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Robert Ray;

The Hon Kim Beazley MP; Mr Stewart McArthur MP; and The Hon Duncan Kerr SC MP.

Secretary

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Ms Margaret Swieringa	6277 4348	6277 2067

Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- **0**

Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

Private	1
Public	0
In camera	0
Inspections	0
Briefings	0
Other (Private Hearings)	0
Total	1

Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946.

Current members

The Speaker (The Hon D Hawker MP), the President (Senator The Hon P Calvert), Senators J Ferris and the Hon J Faulkner, Mr B Baldwin MP, Mr K Bartlett MP, Mr P Lindsay MP, Mr John Murphy MP and Ms M Vamvakinou MP

Secretary

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

Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

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Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

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Public Accounts and Audit (Joint Statutory)

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

Appointment

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Pursuant to Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951.

Committee name

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Pursuant to Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951

Membership

Members

Mr Bob Baldwin MP (Chairman)

Ms Sharon Grierson MP (Deputy-Chair)

Mr Russell Broadbent MP

Ms Anna Burke MP

Hon Jackie Kelly MP

Ms Catherine King MP

Mr Andrew Laming MP

Hon Alex Somlyay MP

Mr Lindsay Tanner MP

Mr Ken Ticehurst MP

Senators

Senator John Hogg

Senator Gary Humphries

Senator Claire Moore

Senator Andrew Murray

Senator Nigel Scullion

Senator John Watson

Current inquiries

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Inquiry into Indigenous Law and Justice
- Auditor-General's Reports
 1. Audit Report No. 25, 2003-2004, Performance Audit, Intellectual Property Policies and Practices in Commonwealth Agencies
 2. Audit Report No. 34, 2003-2004, Performance Audit, The Administration of Major Programs, Australian Greenhouse Office
 3. Audit Report No. 36, 2003-2004, Performance Audit, The Commonwealth's Administration of the Dairy Industry Adjustment Authority

Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

Nil

Government responses received

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- Report 398, Review of Auditor-General's Reports 2002-2003, Fourth Quarter (presented 24 November 2004)

Meetings/hours

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

Full committee: Twice for a total of 38 minutes

Sectional committees: Nil

Total hours: 38 minutes

Public Works (Joint Statutory)

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

Appointment

Pursuant to Public Works Act 1969.

Current members

Ms J. Moylan MP (Chair), Mr B. O'Connor MP, (Deputy Chair), Senator A. Ferguson, Senator M. Forshaw, Mr H. Jenkins MP, Mr B. Ripoll MP, Mr J. Forrest MP, Mr B. Wakelin MP, and Senator The Hon Judith Troeth

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Margaret Swieringa	6277 4348	6277 4426

Current inquiries

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- **3**
- **Development of Land for Defence Housing at McDowell in Brisbane**
- **Fitout of new leased premises for Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources in Civic, ACT**
- **Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre (MIDC) – Additional accommodation and related works**

Reports presented

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

- **5**
- **Proposed development of land at Lee Point, in Darwin, for Defence and private housing**
- **Fit-out of New Leased Premises for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet at 1 National Circuit, Barton, ACT**
- **Fit-out of New Leased Premises for the Attorney-general's Department at 3-5 National Circuit, Barton, ACT**
- **New east Building for the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, ACT**
- **Development of a New Collection Storage Facility for the National Library of Australia**
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Meetings

16 November 2004 – 31 December 2004

Private	2
Public	0
Inspections	0
Total	2

