

PART ONE

1 July 2005 - 31 December 2005

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

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 July 2005 - 31 December 2005

Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	0	5	1
References	1	0	2
Total	1	5	3

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	8	37:25	2	22:55	12	4:45	0	22	65:05
References	3	13:40	0	0:00	5	1:43	0	8	15:23
Total	11	51:05	2	22:55	17	6:28	0	30	80:28

Meetings By State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	21	1	0	0	0	0	0		
References	6	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	27	2	0	0	0	0	0		

Witnesses									
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	7	166	0	267	442	0	229	1366	0
References	1	0	33	0	0	207	74	1115	3
Total	8	166	33	267	442	207	303	2481	3

##Response to petitions

Community Affairs Legislation

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) (elected Chair-1.7.05)	18.11.04
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-1.7.05)	1.12.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	1.7.05

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	22.6.05
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 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 the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	9.12.05
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	10.8.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
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 Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	1.7.05

Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	9.12.05
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 Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	9.12.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	9.12.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.7.05

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-1.12.04
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Chair-18.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Deputy Chair-18.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Mitchell Fifield (Vic, LP)*	23.11.05-28.11.05
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**replaced Senator Barnett for inquiry into the provisions of the Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) Bill 2005 and a related bill on 23 November 2005*

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04-1.12.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2005

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2005

- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005 (referred 8 December 2005)

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- *Provisions of the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005 (referred 10 August 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)*
- *Provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 7 September 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)*
- *Provisions of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 5 October 2005 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)*
- *Provisions of the National Health Amendment (Budget Measures – Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005 (referred 5 October 2005 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)*
- *Provisions of the Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) Bill 2005 and the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work) Bill 2005 (referred 9 November 2005)*
- *Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005 (referred 8 December 2005)*

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- *Provisions of the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005 – 18 August 2005, Canberra*
- *Provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005 – 13 October 2005, Canberra*
- *Provisions of the National Health Amendment (Budget Measures – Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005 – 13 October 2005, Canberra*
- *2005-06 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 2 and 3 November 2005, Canberra*
- *Provisions of the Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) Bill 2005 and the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work) Bill 2005 – 17 November 2005, Albury; 21, 22 & 23 November 2005, Canberra*
- *Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005 – 15 December 2005, Canberra*

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- *Provisions of the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005 (tabled 5 September 2005)*
- *Provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005 (tabled 7 November 2005)*

- *Provisions* of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (tabled 7 November 2005)
- *Provisions* of the National Health Amendment (Budget Measures – Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005 (tabled 7 November 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) Bill 2005 and the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work) Bill 2005 (tabled 28 November 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Estimates

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

Community Affairs References

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP) (elected Chair-1.7.05)	18.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-1.7.05)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	15.9.05
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	1.7.05

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)*	11.10.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)**	13.10.05

**replace Senator Carol Brown for inquiry into petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities*

***replace Senator Allison for inquiry into petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities*

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	22.6.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	10.8.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05

Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.05
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 Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	9.12.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	9.12.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.7.05

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Chair- 18.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Deputy Chair- 18.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	1.7.05-15.9.05

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)*	7.12.04-17.3.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)**	7.12.04-23.6.05
Senator the Hon Peter Cook (WA, ALP)***	10.2.05-23.6.05

*replaced Senator Lees for inquiry into children in institutional care

**replaced Senator Lees for inquiry into Aged Care

***replaced Senator Hutchins for inquiry into the delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	7.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2005

- Workplace exposure to toxic dust (referred 22 June 2005)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2005

- Workplace exposure to toxic dust (referred 22 June 2005)
- Petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities (referred 5 October 2005)

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities (referred 5 October 2005)

Response to petitions

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Management and prevention of gynaecological cancers and sexually transmitted infections (referred 7 December 2005)

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Workplace exposure to toxic dust – 29 September 2005, Melbourne; 30 September 2005, Sydney; 10 November 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Government responses tabled

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- Nursing: The patient profession: Time for action (tabled 10 November 2005; report tabled 26 June 2002)
- Forgotten Australians: A report on Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children – First Report (tabled 10 November 2005; report tabled 30 August 2004)
- Protecting vulnerable children: A national challenge: Inquiry into Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children – Second Report (tabled 10 November 2005; report tabled 17 March 2005)

Economics

Economics

1 July 2005 - 31 December 2005

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	1	4	4	1
References	1	0	1	0
Total	2	4	5	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	3	7:19	2	19:54	5	1:20	0	0:00	10	28:33
References	1	2:45	0	0:00	2	0:53	0	0:00	3	3:38
Total	4	10:04	2	19:54	7	2:13	0	0:00	13	32:11

Meetings By State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	8	2	0	0	0	0	0		
References	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	11	2	0	0	0	0	0		

Witnesses							Hansard Pages			
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses	
Legislation	2	76	30	0	229	0	33	205	0	
References	0	0	0	6	0	41	1	9	0	
Total	2	76	30	6	229	41	34	214	0	

Economics Legislation

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP) (elected Chair – 30.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP) (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

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04

**replace Senator Murray for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	16.8.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
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 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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, 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)	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 Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
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 Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)*	10.3.05-16.3.05
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)**	15.10.05-7.11.05

**replaced Senator Webber for inquiry into the provisions of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005*

***replaced Senator Stephens for the period 15 October to 7 November 2005*

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator the Hon Peter Cook (WA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2005

- *Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)*

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2005

- *Provisions of the Future Fund Bill 2005 (referred 8 December 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)*

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- *Provisions of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005* (referred 5 October 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Bill 2005* (referred 12 October 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions of the Future Fund Bill 2005* (referred 8 December 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- *Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005* – 11 August 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005* – 28 October 2005, Sydney
- *Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Bill 2005* – 28 October 2005, Sydney
- 2005-06 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 2 and 3 November 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- *Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005* (tabled 8 September 2005)
- Annual Report No. 2 of 2005 (tabled 10 November 2005)
- *Provisions of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005* (tabled 10 November 2005)
- *Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Bill 2005* (tabled 10 November 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Estimates

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

Economics References

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP) (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 Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	23.6.05
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	23.6.05

**replace Senator Murray for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	16.8.05
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
Senator the Hon Ronald 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 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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
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 Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
Senator Robert Francis Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	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 Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05
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Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.04-23.6.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)**	15.3.05-23.6.05

**replaced Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*

***replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit*

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2005

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

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2005

- Nil

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit – 15 August 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Consenting adults deficits and household debt: Links between Australia's current account deficit, the demand for imported goods and household debt, (tabled 13 October 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

1 July 2005 - 31 December 2005

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	4	6	10	0
References	1	1	1	1
Total	5	7	11	1

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	11	57:38	2	20:46	10	0	0:29	23	78:53
References	3	18:11	0	0:00	5	0	2:55	8	21:06
Total	14	75:49	2	20:46	15	0	3:24	31	99:59

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

Witnesses							Hansard Pages			
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses	
Legislation	9	189	147	62	264	194	5590	12471	0	
References	0	0	9	33	0	204	62	1755	2	
Total	9	189	156	95	264	398	5652	14226	2	

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP) (elected Chair – 10.5.05)	14.4.05
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)*	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04

**Chair from 18.11.04 to 24.1.05*

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, 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 Workplace Relations portfolio*

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	10.11.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.8.05
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	1.7.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
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 Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.10.05
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 Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Glen Sterle (WA, ALP)	5.10.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.7.05

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP) <i>(Chair – 24.1.05-14.4.05)</i>	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)*	11.5.05-30.5.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)**	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)***	29.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)****	1.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)*****	23.6.05-10.8.05
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)#	18.8.05-10.10.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)##	15.9.05-13.10.05
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)###	8.11.05-15.11.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)^	9.11.05-29.11.05
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)^^	10.11.05-29.11.05
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)^^^	10.11.05-29.11.05

*replaced Senator Troeth for the consideration of the 2005-06 budget estimates on 30 May 2005

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

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

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

****replaced Senator Barnett for inquiry into the provisions of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005

#replaced Senator George Campbell for inquiry into provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005

##replaced Senator Barnett for inquiry into provisions of the Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005

###replaced Senator Barnett for inquiry into the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 on 14 November 2005 from 9am to 5pm and on 15 November 2005 from 9am to 1pm

^replaced Senator Johnston for inquiry into the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and a related bill

^replaced Senator Marshall for inquiry into the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and a related bill

^^replaced Senator George Campbell for inquiry into the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and a related bill

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Current inquiries

As at 1 July 2005

- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Upfront Student Union Fees) Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005 through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and the Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2005

- Nil

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005 (referred 10 August 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 14 September 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No.4) Bill 2005 and the Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 12 October 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 (referred 12 October 2005)
- Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendments) Bill 2005 (referred 9 November 2005)

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Upfront Student Union Fees) Bill 2005 – 4 July 2005, Melbourne; 5 July 2005, Armidale; 6 July 2005, Perth; 7 July 2005, Canberra
- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005 and *Provisions* of the Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 - 23 September 2005, Melbourne
- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 – 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 November 2005, Canberra
- 2005-06 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 2 and 3 November 2005, Canberra
- Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendments) Bill 2005 – 22 November 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- *Provisions* of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and the Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (tabled 9 August 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Upfront Student Union Fees) Bill 2005 (tabled 10 August 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005 (tabled 18 August 2005)
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005 (tabled 18 August 2005)
- Annual Report No. 2 of 2005 (tabled 8 September 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005 (tabled 10 October 2005)

- *Provisions* of the Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (tabled 13 October 2005)
- Bills relating to the establishment of Carnegie Mellon University 2005 - *Provisions* of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No.4) Bill 2005 and the Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2005 (tabled 7 November 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 (presented out of session on 22 November 2005; tabled 28 November 2005)
- Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendments) Bill 2005 (tabled 29 November 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Estimates

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

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP) (elected Chair –1.7.05)	1.7.05
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP) (elected Deputy Chair –23.6.05)	14.4.05
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, 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 Workplace Relations portfolio*

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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)	18.8.05
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	1.7.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	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)	13.9.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	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 Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.7.05
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 Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
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 Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	13.10.05
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 Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Glen Sterle (WA, ALP)	5.10.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
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

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
(Chair – 2.12.04-30.6.05)	
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)*	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)**	8.3.05-30.6.05

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

***replaced Senator Collins for matters relating to education*

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2005

- Industrial Agreements (referred 23 June 2005)

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2005

- Pacific region seasonal contract labour (referred 7 December 2005)

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Pacific region seasonal contract labour (referred 7 December 2005)

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Industrial Agreements – 26 September 2005, Sydney; 29 September 2005, Melbourne; 25 October 2005, Perth

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Workplace Agreements (presented out of session on 31 October 2005; tabled 7 November 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Office of the Chief Scientist (tabled 10 November 2005; report tabled 5 August 2004)
- Beyond Cole: The future of the construction industry: Confrontation or co-operation? (presented out of session on 22 December 2005; report tabled 21 June 2004)

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

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

1 July 2005 - 31 December 2005

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	0	4	2	2
References	2	1	1	2
Total	2	5	3	4

Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings
Legislation	1	8:26	2	21:41	8	1:38	0	0:00	11
References	4	16:11	0	0:00	10	3:04	1	13:00	15
Total	5	24:37	2	21:41	18	4:42	1	13:00	26
									64:00

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

Witnesses							Hansard Pages			
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses	
Legislation	3	137	29	0	256	105	0	28	194	0
References	0	0	0	63	0	264	37	324	0	0
Total	3	137	29	63	256	105	65	518	0	0

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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 the Hon Michael Ronaldson (Vic, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	5.10.05
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	1.7.05

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	5.9.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	7.9.05
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	5.10.05
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 Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	6.10.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05
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 Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	7.9.05
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 Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
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 Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04-8.2.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	8.2.05-30.6.05
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	1.7.05-5.10.05

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)*	18.11.04-8.2.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)**	18.11.04-8.2.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)***	18.11.04-8.2.05
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)****	10.2.05-15.2.05
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)#	12.5.05-26.5.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)##	8.2.05-30.6.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)###	8.2.05-30.6.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)*^	8.2.05-30.6.05
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)*^^	7.9.05-12.9.05
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)*^^^	7.9.05-12.9.05

*replaced Senator Allison for matters relating to the Communications portfolio

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

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

****replaced Senator Santoro for consideration of the 2004-05 additional estimated on 15 February 2005

#replaced Senator Santoro for the consideration of the 2005-06 budget estimates on 25 and 26 May 2005

##replaced Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Communications portfolio

###replaced Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio

*^replaced Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Arts portfolio

*^^replaced Senator Wortley for inquiry into Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill and related bills

*^^^replaced Senator Santoro for inquiry into Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill and related bills

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	2.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	17.3.05-30.6.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2005

- Nil

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2005

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 9 November 2005 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority Bill 2005 and the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (referred 8 December 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill and the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Issues) Bill 2005, and the provisions of related bills (referred 6 September 2005)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005 (referred 9 November 2005 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority Bill 2005 and the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 (referred 8 December 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill and the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Issues) Bill 2005, and the provisions of related bills – 9 September 2005, Canberra
- 2005-06 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 31 October and 1 November 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Annual Report No. 2 of 2005 (tabled 8 September 2005)
- Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill and the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Issues) Bill 2005, and the provisions of related bills (tabled 12 September 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Estimates

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

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD) (elected Chair-23.6.05)	23.6.05
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-13.10.05)	11.10.05
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (Vic, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	1.7.05

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)*	16.8.05
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)**	5.9.05

**replace Senator Conroy for inquiry into the economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment*

***replace Senator Ronaldson for inquiry into the economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment*

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (Qld, NATS)	1.7.05
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 Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)*	16.8.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05

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 Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	1.7.05
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 Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	18.8.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	1.7.05

**for inquiry into the economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment*

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair-18.11.04-14.4.05)</i>	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD) <i>(Chair-18.11.04-23.6.05)</i>	18.11.04-23.6.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair-12.5.05-11.10.05)</i>	14.4.05-11.10.05

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	8.2.05-23.6.05
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	5.9.05-11.10.05

Current inquiries

As at 1 July 2005

- Performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime (referred 14 March 2005)
- Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment (referred 17 March 2005)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2005

- Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment (referred 17 March 2005)
- Australia's national parks (referred 7 December 2005)

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Australia's national parks (referred 7 December 2005)

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment – 6 September 2005, Canberra; 14 October 2005, Sydney; 16 November 2005, Adelaide; 18 November 2005, Perth

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Performance of the Australian Telecommunications Regulatory Regime (tabled 10 August 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Finance and Public Administration

Finance and Public Administration

1 July 2005 - 31 December 2005

Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	0	1	0
References	4	3	1
Total	4	4	1

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Legislation	0	0:00	2	1	0:08	0	3
References	10	38:50	0	13	5:41	2	25
Total	10	38:50	2	14	5:49	2	28
							Total Hours
							21:03
							46:31
							67:34

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	20	0	0	0	5	0	0
Total	23	0	0	0	5	0	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages		
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages
Legislation	2	193	0	253	0	0	0	0
References	6	0	59	0	0	706	23	189
Total	8	193	59	253	0	706	23	189
								Government Responses
								1
								0
								1

Finance and Public Administration Legislation

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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 Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	13.9.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
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 Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	1.7.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Concette Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
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 Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	13.9.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	29.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05-13.9.05

Former substitute member

Term of appointment

Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)*	10.2.05-15.2.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)**	11.5.05-27.5.05

**replaced Senator Heffernan for the consideration of the 2004-05 additional estimates on 14 and 15 February 2005*

***replaced Senator Heffernan for the consideration of the 2005-06 budget estimates from 23 to 27 May 2005*

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2005

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2005

- Nil

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- 2005-06 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 31 October and 1 November 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Annual Report No. 2 of 2005 (tabled 8 September 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Annual reports referred to legislation committees – Report No. 1 of 2005 (tabled 11 August 2005; report tabled 10 May 2005)

Estimates

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

Finance and Public Administration References

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
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 Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	13.9.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	23.6.05

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	11.5.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Concette Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.8.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, 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 Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
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 Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	13.9.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	29.11.04

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05-13.9.05

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)*	9.2.05-10.2.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)**	30.11.04-23.6.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)***	2.12.04-23.6.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)****	14.6.05-23.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)^	22.6.05-30.6.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)^^	23.6.05-17.8.05
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)^^^	2.12.04-6.10.05
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)^^^^	2.12.04-6.10.05
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)^^^^^	2.12.04-6.10.05
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)#	14.6.05-13.10.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)##	23.6.05-13.10.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)###	22.6.05-6.12.05

*replaced Senator Heffernan for inquiry into the Regional Partnerships Program on 10 February 2005

**replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into government advertising

***replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

****replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into Gallipoli Peninsula

^replaced Senator George Campbell for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

^^replaced Senator Stephens for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program except on 14-15 July and 18-19 July 2005

^^^replaced Senator Watson for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

^^^^replaced Senator Moore for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

^^^^^replaced Senator Fifield for inquiry into the operation of the Regional Partnerships program

#replaced Senator Fifield for inquiry into Gallipoli Peninsula

##replaced Senator Murray for inquiry into Gallipoli Peninsula

###replaced Senator Moore for inquiry into government advertising

Former participating members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05

Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Current inquiries

As at 1 July 2005

- 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)
- Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula (referred 11 May 2005)

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2005

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

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Regional Partnerships program – 14 July 2005, Port Hedland; 15 July 2005, Broome; 18 July 2005, Bunbury; 11, 12 & 17 August 2005, Canberra; 15 September 2005, Canberra
- Government advertising – 18 & 19 August 2005, Canberra; 7 October 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Regional Partnerships and Sustainable Regions Programs (tabled 6 October 2005)
- Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula (tabled 13 October 2005)
- Government advertising and accountability (tabled 6 December 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 July 2005 - 31 December 2005

Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	0	1	0
References	3	2 +(2#,1*)	2
Total	3	3	2

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	0:00	2	4	0:15	0	0:00	6	19:50
References	7	34:20	0	12	2:29	0	0:00	19	36:49
Total	7	34:20	2	16	2:44	0	0:00	25	56:39

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Meetings By State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	6	0	0	0	0	0	0		
References	17	1	0	0	1	0	0		
Total	23	1	0	0	1	0	0		

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	2	118	0	0	222	0	0	0	0	0
References	5	0	0	79	0	0	516	17	149	4
Total	7	118	0	79	222	0	516	17	149	4

#Plus two additional reports tabled to discharge one reference; *Report that did not discharge a reference

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation

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Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP) (elected Chair-14.9.05)	13.9.05
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-19.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	6.10.05
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	7.9.05

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	5.10.05
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 Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	13.9.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Concette Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.8.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	10.8.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	6.9.05
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 Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	6.9.05
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	13.10.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	10.8.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	10.8.05

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	29.11.04-29.7.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04-11.8.05
<i>(Chair 19.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.8.05-16.8.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	16.8.05-13.9.05

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)*	30.11.04-1.12.04
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)**	13.10.05-3.11.05

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

***replaced Senator Ferguson for consideration of 2005-06 supplementary Budget estimates on 2 & 3 November 2005*

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04-7.9.05
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	18.11.04-13.9.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04-6.10.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2005

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2005

- Nil

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- 2005-06 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 2 and 3 November 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Annual Report No. 2 of 2005 (tabled 8 September 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Estimates

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

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) (elected Chair-22.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-26.7.05)	18.11.04
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	6.10.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	6.9.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	23.6.05

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	5.10.05
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 Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	13.9.05
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 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)	1.7.05
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Concette Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.8.05
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	10.8.05
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 Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	6.9.05
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	13.10.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	10.8.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	10.8.05

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	29.11.04-29.7.05
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04-11.8.05
<i>(Deputy Chair-22.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.8.05-16.8.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	16.8.05-6.9.05

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*	9.12.04-16.6.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)**	15.6.05-21.6.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)***	10.3.05-30.6.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)#	22.6.05-30.6.05
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)****	8.3.05-29.7.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)##	21.6.05-29.7.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)###	22.6.05-29.7.05
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)*^	8.3.05-18.8.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*^^	23.6.05-12.9.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*^^^	23.6.05-8.12.05

**replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the effectiveness of the Australian military justice system*

***replaced Senator Mackay for inquiry into Australia's relationship with China*

****replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq*

*****replaced Senator Mackay for inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq*

#replaced Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon

##replaced Senator Mackay for inquiry into Australia's relationship with China

###replaced Senator Mackay for inquiry into Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon

**^replaced Senator Hutchins for inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq*

**^^replaced Senator Stott Despoja for inquiry into Chen Yonglin*

**^^^replaced Senator Stott Despoja for inquiry into Vivian Solon*

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.11.04
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	1.7.05-6.10.05

Current inquiries

As at 1 July 2005

- Australia's relationship with China (referred 8 December 2004)
- Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq (referred 8 March 2005)
- Asylum for consular officials and deportation of Vivian Solon (referred 16 June 2005)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2005

- Australia's relationship with China (referred 8 December 2004)
- Naval shipbuilding in Australia (referred 10 November 2005)

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Naval shipbuilding in Australia (referred 10 November 2005)

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Asylum for consular officials and deportation of Vivian Solon – 25 July 2005, Sydney; 26 July 2005, Canberra; 8 August 2005, Canberra; 6 & 7 September 2005, Canberra
- Australia's relationship with China – 1 August 2005, Perth; 13 September 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq (tabled 18 August 2005)
- Mr Chen Yonglin's request for political asylum (tabled 12 September 2005)
- The removal, search for and discovery of Ms Vivian Solon—Interim report (tabled 15 September 2005)

- Opportunities and challenges: Australia's relationship with China – First report (tabled 10 November 2005)
- The removal, search for and discovery of Ms Vivian Solon—Final report (tabled 8 December 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- General Agreement on Trade in services and an Australia-US Free Trade Agreement (tabled 8 September 2005; report tabled 27 November 2003)
- The Effectiveness of Australia's Military Justice System (tabled 5 October 2005; report tabled 16 June 2005)
- Taking stock: Current health preparation arrangements for the deployment of Australian Defence Forces overseas (presented out of session on 4 November 2005; tabled 7 November 2005, report tabled 12 August 2004)
- Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq (presented out of session on 16 November 2005; tabled 28 November 2005, report tabled 18 August 2005)

Legal and Constitutional

Legal and Constitutional

1 July 2005 - 31 December 2005

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	2	6	5	3
References	1	0	0 +(1*)	1
Total	3	6	5	4

Number and Hours of Meeting						
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Total Meetings
Legislation	7	33:04	2	23:40	7	16
References	7	32:33	0	0:00	7	14
Total	14	65:37	2	23:40	14	30
						Total Hours
						56:55
						33:17
						90:12

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Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Legislation	13	5	0	0	0	0
References	7	2	1	0	2	0
Total	20	7	1	0	2	0

Hansard Pages						
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)
Legislation	4	195	211	20	138	552
References	3	0	0	89	0	0
Total	7	195	211	109	138	552
						No Of Pages
						2592
						2312
						4904
						Government Responses
						0
						0
						0

*Report that did not discharge a reference

Legal and Constitutional Legislation

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Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) (elected Chair-2.12.04)	18.11.04
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-23.6.05)	23.6.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	23.6.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.5.05
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	18.11.04

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)*	23.6.05
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)**	7.12.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)***	9.12.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)****	9.12.05

**replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to the Attorney-General's portfolio*

***replace Senator Crossin for inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Citizenships Bill 2005 and a related bill*

****replace Senator Crossin for inquiry into the Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005*

*****replace Senator Mason for inquiry into the Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005*

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	10.11.05
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	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 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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05

Senator Concette Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.8.05
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	13.10.05
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	1.12.05
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	9.12.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	5.10.05
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	14.6.05
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	9.12.05
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04-11.5.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Deputy Chair-2.12.04-23.6.05)</i>	

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)*	6.12.04-7.12.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)**	17.3.05-12.5.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)***	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)****	14.9.05-15.9.05

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

***replaced Senator Greig for inquiry into provisions of the Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005*

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

*****replaced Senator Kirk for inquiry into provisions of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005*

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	29.11.04-11.5.05
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05

Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	6.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Current inquiries

As at 1 July 2005

- *Provisions* of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005 (referred 11 May 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (referred 15 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2005

- *Provisions* of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 (referred 7 September 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Australian Citizenship Bill 2005 and the Australian Citizenship (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2005 (referred 30 November 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005 (referred 8 December 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- *Provisions* of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 (referred 7 September 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Video Link Evidence and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (referred 5 October 2005 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- *Provisions* of the Anti-Terrorism Bill (No. 2) 2005 (referred 3 November 2005)
- *Provisions* of the Australian Citizenship Bill 2005 and the Australian Citizenship (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2005 (referred 30 November 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005 (referred 8 December 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- *Provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005 – 8 July 2005, Sydney*
- *Provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005 – 3 August 2005, Canberra*
- *Provisions of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 – 4 October 2005, Canberra*
- *Provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Video Link Evidence and Other Measures) Bill 2005 – 21 October 2005, Sydney*
- *2005-06 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 31 October and 1 November 2005, Canberra*
- *Provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Bill (No. 2) 2005 – 14, 17 & 18 November 2005, Sydney*

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- *Provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005 (tabled 10 August 2005)*
- *Provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (presented out of session on 15 August 2005; tabled 16 August 2005)*
- *Annual Report No. 2 of 2005 (tabled 8 September 2005)*
- *Provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Video Link Evidence and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (presented out of session on 1 November 2005; tabled 7 November 2005)*
- *Provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Bill (No. 2) 2005 (tabled 28 November 2005)*

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Estimates

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

Legal and Constitutional References

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) (elected Chair-23.6.05)	23.6.05
Senator Concette Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair – 14.9.05)	6.9.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	23.6.05
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	16.8.05

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	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 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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	13.10.05
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	9.12.04
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.9.05

Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	15.9.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP) (Chair-2.12.04-23.6.05)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	23.6.05-30.6.05
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	18.11.04-16.8.05
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) (Deputy Chair-2.12.04-6.9.05)	18.11.04-6.9.05

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)*	7.3.05-20.5.05
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)**	12.5.05-23.6.05
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)***	15.6.05-23.6.05
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)****	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)#	14.9.05-6.10.05

*replaced Senator Scullion for inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the Privacy Act 1988 on 21 & 22 April 2005, and 19 & 20 May 2005

**replaced Senator Greig for inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the Privacy Act 1988

***replaced Senator Scullion for inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the Privacy Act 1988

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

#replaced Senator Fierravanti-Wells for inquiry into the administration of the Migration Act

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05
Senator Concette Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.8.05-6.9.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2005

- Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958* (referred 21 June 2005)

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2005

- Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958* (referred 21 June 2005)

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958* – 26 September 2005, Adelaide; 27 September 2005, Melbourne; 28 & 29 September 2005; 7 & 11 October 2005, Canberra; 8 November 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Interim report - Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958* (presented out of session on 21 December 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

**Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport**

1 July 2005 - 31 December 2005

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	8	22:43	2	20:41	14	3:10	0	0:00	24	46:34
References	1	1:57	0	0:00	12	2:37	0	0:00	13	4:34
Total	9	24:40	2	20:41	26	5:47	0	0:00	37	51:08

		Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
References	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

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Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) (elected Chair-18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-11.10.05)	1.7.05
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	1.7.05
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	1.7.05

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	16.8.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	23.6.05
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.8.05
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 Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	1.7.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	6.10.05
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 Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04

Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	16.8.05
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 Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	13.10.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	23.6.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair – 18.11.04-30.6.05)</i>	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)*	9.2.05-18.2.05
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)**	10.3.05-10.5.05
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP)***	13.10.05-1.11.05

**replaced Senator Ferris for the consideration of the 2004-05 additional estimates on 18 February 2005*

***replaced Senator Cherry for inquiry into the provisions of the Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005*

****replaced Senator Ferris for consideration of 2005-06 supplementary Budget estimates on 30 October & 1 November 2005*

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Current inquiries

As at 1 July 2005

- The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (adopted 27 May 2005)
- Regulatory framework under the *Maritime Transport Security Act 2005* (referred 16 June 2005)

- National Animal Welfare Bill 2005 (referred 22 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2005

- The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (adopted 27 May 2005)
- National Animal Welfare Bill 2005 (referred 22 June 2005 – through Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005 (referred 10 August 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (referred 10 August 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Regulatory framework under the *Maritime Transport Security Act 2005* – 12 July 2005, Canberra
- The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak – 27 July 2005, Brisbane; 28 July 2005, Emerald (Qld); 12 August 2005, Canberra; 14 September 2005, Canberra
- OIE Audits in Relation to Foot and Mouth Disease - 12 August 2005, Canberra
- Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005 – 29 August 2005, Canberra
- Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005 – 29 August 2005, Canberra
- 2005-06 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 31 October and 1 November 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Regulatory framework under the *Maritime Transport Security Act 2005* (tabled 10 August 2005)
- Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005 (tabled 5 September 2005)

- Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (tabled 5 September 2005)
- Annual Report No. 2 of 2005 (tabled 8 September 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Estimates

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

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) (elected Chair – 9.11.05)	7.11.05
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair – 18.11.04)	18.11.04
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	16.8.05
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	1.7.05

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	16.8.05
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.05
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	18.8.05
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	10.8.05
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	6.10.05
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04

Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	16.8.05
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	18.8.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	9.12.05
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	18.11.04
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	13.10.05
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.8.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	18.11.04

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	18.11.04-23.6.05
<i>(Chair – 18.11.04-23.6.05)</i>	
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	18.11.04-16.8.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	23.6.05-7.11.05
<i>(Chair – 23.6.05-7.11.05)</i>	

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	18.11.04-14.4.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	18.8.05-7.11.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2005

- Operation of the wine-making industry (referred 16 March 2005)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2005

- Water policy initiatives (referred 14 September 2005)
- Australia's future oil supply (referred 29 November 2005)

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Water policy initiatives (referred 14 September 2005)
- Australia's future oil supply (referred 29 November 2005)

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Operation of the wine-making industry – 10 August 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Operation of the wine-making industry (tabled 13 October 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

