

**Committee-related  
activity in the chamber**

## Details of Reports tabled in the Senate and other related matters

### Legislation Committees:

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 32 reports. The details are as follows:

### *Bills*

Legislation Committees tabled 24 reports on bills. Bills can be referred either by the Senate's adoption of a report by the Selection of Bills Committee or by Senate resolution. The following bills were the subject of reports (unless otherwise indicated these bills have been referred through the Selection of Bills Committee process):

Committee	Bills	Tabled
<b>EWRE</b>	<i>Provisions</i> of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and the Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005	9.8.05
<b>EWRE</b>	<i>Provisions</i> of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Upfront Student Union Fees) Bill 2005	10.8.05
<b>LC</b>	<i>Provisions</i> of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005	10.8.05
<b>LC</b>	<i>Provisions</i> of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (presented out of session on 15.8.05)	16.8.05
<b>EWRE</b>	<i>Provisions</i> of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005	18.8.05
<b>EWRE</b>	Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005	18.8.05
<b>RRAT</b>	Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005	5.9.05

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Bills</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>CA</b>	<i>Provisions of the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005</i>	5.9.05
<b>RRAT</b>	Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005	5.9.05
<b>ECO</b>	<i>Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005</i>	8.9.05
<b>ECITA</b>	Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill and the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Issues) Bill 2005, and the provisions of related bills (by resolution of Senate)	12.9.05
<b>EWRE</b>	<i>Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005</i>	10.10.05
<b>EWRE</b>	<i>Provisions of the Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005</i>	13.10.05
<b>LC</b>	<i>Provisions of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Video Link Evidence and Other Measures) Bill 2005 (presented out of session on 1.11.05)</i>	7.11.05
<b>CA</b>	<i>Provisions of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005</i>	7.11.05
<b>CA</b>	<i>Provisions of the National Health Amendment (Budget Measures – Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005</i>	7.11.05
<b>CA</b>	<i>Provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005</i>	7.11.05
<b>EWRE</b>	Bills relating to the establishment of Carnegie Mellon University 2005 - <i>Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No.4) Bill 2005 and Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2005</i>	7.11.05

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Bills</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>ECO</b>	<i>Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005</i>	10.11.05
<b>ECO</b>	<i>Provisions of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005</i>	10.11.05
<b>EWRE</b>	<i>Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 (by resolution of Senate) (presented out of session on 22.11.05)</i>	28.11.05
<b>LC</b>	<i>Provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Bill (No.2) 2005 (by resolution of Senate)</i>	28.11.05
<b>CA</b>	<i>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 (by resolution of Senate)</i>	28.11.05
<b>EWRE</b>	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendments) Bill 2005 (by resolution of Senate)</i>	29.11.05

### ***General***

Legislation Committees tabled 1 report on the following matters:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>RRAT</b>	<i>Regulatory framework under the Maritime Transport Security Act 2005</i>	10.8.05

### ***Estimates reports:***

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled nil reports.

### ***Annual Report reports:***

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 7 reports.

### **References Committees:**

During the reporting period, Senate References Committees tabled 9 reports (plus 2 reports that did not discharge a reference; plus two reports that discharged one reference). The details are as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>ECITA</b>	Performance of the Australian Telecommunications Regulatory Regime	10.8.05
<b>FADT</b>	Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq	18.8.05
<b>FADT</b>	Mr Chen Yonglin's request for political asylum	12.9.05
<b>FADT</b>	#Interim report – The removal, search for and discovery of Ms Vivian Solon	15.9.05
<b>FPA</b>	Regional Partnerships and Sustainable Regions Programs	6.10.05
<b>ECO</b>	Consenting adults deficits and household debt: Links between Australia's current account deficit, the demand for imported goods and household debt	13.10.05
<b>FPA</b>	Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula	13.10.05
<b>RRAT</b>	Operation of the wine-making industry	13.10.05
<b>EWRE</b>	Workplace Agreements (presented out of session on 31 October 2005)	7.11.05
<b>FADT</b>	*First report – Opportunities and challenges: Australia's relationship with China	10.11.05
<b>FPA</b>	Government advertising and accountability	6.12.05
<b>FADT</b>	#The removal, search for and discovery of Ms Vivian Solon – Final report	8.12.05
<b>LC</b>	* Administration and operation of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> (presented out of session)	21.12.05

*\*Reports that did not discharge a reference*

*#Reports tabled that discharged one reference*

### Joint Statutory/Select Committees:

During the reporting period, 2 reports (plus 1 report that did not discharge a reference, plus 1 report for a completed reference) were tabled by the Joint Statutory/Select Committees.

Committee	Report	Tabled
ACC	^Supplementary report to the Inquiry into the trafficking of women for sexual servitude	11.8.05
CFS	Timeshare: The price of leisure	5.9.05
ACC	Review of the <i>Australian Crime Commission Act 2002</i>	10.11.05
CFS	*Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (presented out of session on 19.12.05)	

\*Report that did not discharge a reference

^Report for a completed reference

### Government Responses to Committee Reports

The following table shows 16 Government responses to Senate Committee Reports:

Government response	Date	Committee
Annual reports referred to legislation Committees – Report No.1 of 2005	11.8.05	FPA (Leg)
Voting on trade - General Agreement on Trade in services and an Australia-US Free Trade Agreement	8.9.05	FADT (Ref)
The Effectiveness of Australia's Military Justice System	5.10.05	FADT (Ref)
Corporate Insolvency Laws: a Stocktake	13.10.05	CFS (Joint)
Taking stock: Current health preparation arrangements for the deployment of Australian Defence Forces overseas	7.11.05	FADT (Ref)

<b>Government response</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee</b>
Nursing: The patient profession: Time for action	10.11.05	CA (Ref)
Forgotten Australians: A report on Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children – First report	10.11.05	CA (Ref)
Protecting vulnerable children: A national challenge: Inquiry into Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children – Second report	10.11.05	CA (Ref)
Office of the Chief Scientist	10.11.05	EWRE (Ref)
Effectiveness of the National Native Title Tribunal	10.11.05	NT (Joint)
19 <sup>th</sup> Report – Native Title Act 1993 – Inquiry under section 206(d) – Second interim report	10.11.05	NT (Joint)
Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq	28.11.05	FADT (Ref)
Australian Accounting Standards tabled in compliance with the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> on 30 August and 16 December 2004	1.12.05	CFS (Joint)
Planning for retirement	1.12.05	SUPER (Select)
Exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No.2) 2005	8.12.05	CFS (Joint)
Beyond Cole: The future of the construction industry: Confrontation or co-operation? (presented out of session)	22.12.05	EWRE (Ref)

A complete list of Government responses is produced in the Business of the Senate published half yearly by the Senate Table Office.

# **Dissenting Reports/Additional Comments/Supplementary Reports/Further Comment/Supplementary Comments/Minority Reports/Reports/Additional Comments and Points of Dissent and Dissenting/Minority Report**

(Note: These statistics record the signatory to the reports)

<b>Legislation:</b>	<b>ALP</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>AG</b>	<b>FFP</b>
Additional Comments	11	3		
Dissenting/Minority Report	3	1	1	
Reports	12	8		
Dissenting Reports	13	2	7	3
Minority Reports	3	4		
Supplementary Comments	3			
Additional Comments And Points of Dissent		1		

<b>References:</b>	<b>LP</b>	<b>ALP</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>AG</b>
Additional Comments			3	1
Supplementary Report			1	
Dissenting Reports	2			
Further Comment				1
Report	5			
Minority Report	5			

## **Extension of Time to present Reports**

During the reporting period, 16 extensions of time (under a week) and 20 extensions of time (over a month) were granted to Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports.



### **Leave to Meet while the Senate is in session**

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted to meet while the Senate was in session on 19 occasions.

### **Change of Membership of Committees**

During the reporting period, there were 271 membership changes of Committees.

