

WORK OF COMMITTEES

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FORMAT OF THIS REPORT

This report is divided into several sections that provide statistics on committee work during the following periods:

- the half year (1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005); and
- the year (1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005)

Statistics on these periods are kept in order to record information based on parliamentary terms as well as half, financial and full year periods.

This Report is available on the Internet
(<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/woc/wocjuldec05/index.htm>). Additional hard copies may be obtained from the Office of the Senior Clerk of Committees, Senate Committee Office - tel: (02) 6277 3555.

ABBREVIATIONS

Committees

ACC	Australian Crime Commission
CA	Community Affairs
CFS	Corporations and Financial Services
ECO	Economics
EWRE	Employment, Workplace Relations and Education
ECITA	Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
FPA	Finance and Public Administration
LC	Legal and Constitutional
MH	Mental Health
NT	Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Political Affiliations

AD	Australian Democrats
AG	Australian Greens
ALP	Australian Labor Party
APA	Australian Progressive Alliance
CLP	Country Liberal Party
FFP	Family First Party
Ind	Independent
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
NATS	The Nationals
PHON	Pauline Hanson's One Nation

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Other publications available from the Committee Office:

- Committee Reports*
- Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970 – 2004)
(<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/register/report/index.htm>)
- Supplements are published at the end of each year
- The First 20 Years (History of Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees 1970 – 1990)
- Business of Committees (Program of committee public hearings held in Canberra and/or interstate) (<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/red.htm>)
- Public Hearings/Meetings list (list of all public hearings to be held in the following fortnight, published every Friday)
(<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/hearings/index.htm>)
- Bills to Committees Update (providing details on the progress of legislation through Senate committees) (<http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/bills/update.htm>)
- Information pamphlets-
 - No. 1 Notes to assist in the preparation of submissions to Senate Committee inquiries
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_one.htm)
 - No. 2 Information for witnesses appearing before Senate Committees
(general information and notes to assist with the preparation of oral evidence before Senate committees)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_two.htm)
 - No. 3 Protection of witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (Senate Privilege Resolution No. 1 on procedures to be observed by Senate committees for the protection of witnesses)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_thr.htm)
 - No. 4 Government Guidelines for official witnesses before Parliamentary Committees and related matters (Extract)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/gov_ext.htm)
- Guidelines for Committee Chairs
- Senate Committees: A Handbook for Senators' Staff

** a selection of reports presented prior to June 1997 and all reports tabled after that date are available on the Internet*

DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Administered</i>	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Appropriations and Staffing	Standing	S	6277 3015	6277 5784
Australian Crime Commission	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4888	6277 4204
Community Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3515	6277 5829
Corporations and Financial Services	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3583	6277 5719
Economics*	LGPS	S	6277 3540	6277 5719
Electoral Matters	Joint	H	6277 4564	6277 4710
Employment, Workplace Relations and Education*	LGPS	S	6277 3521	6277 5706
Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*	LGPS	S	6277 3526	6277 5818
Finance and Public Administration*	LGPS	S	6277 3439	6277 5809
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint	H	6277 4629	6277 2221
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade*	LGPS	S	6277 3535	6277 5818
House	Standing	S	6277 3398	6277 3199
Intelligence and Security (formerly known as ASIO, ASIS and DSD)	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4348	6277 2067
Legal and Constitutional*	LGPS	S	6277 3594	6277 5794
Library	Standing	DPS	6277 7102	6277 2403
Mental Health	Select	S	6277 3019	6277 3130
Migration	Joint	H	6277 4565	6277 8506
National Capital and External Territories	Joint	H	6277 4348	6277 2067
Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Parliamentary Library	Joint			
Privileges	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
Procedure	Standing	S	6277 3364	6277 3199
Public Accounts and Audit	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4615	6277 2220
Public Works	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4636	6277 4426
Publications	Standing	S	6277 3037	6277 3448
Regulations and Ordinances	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3066	6277 5838
	Standing			
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport*	LGPS	S	6277 3511	6277 5811
Scrutiny of Bills	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3051	6277 5838
	Standing			
Selection of Bills	Standing	S	6277 3020	6277 3098
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
Treaties	Joint	H	6277 4002	6277 2219

Code

H Department of the House of Representatives

DPS Department of the Parliamentary Services

LGPS Legislative and General Purpose Standing

S Department of the Senate

***** Legislation and References Committees

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

Introduction

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office provided staffing and resources for the following committees:

- Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees;
- Specific Joint Statutory Committees; and
- Senate Select Committees

Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees

As indicated above, each Senate Standing Committee comprises a Legislation Committee and a References Committee. Under Senate Standing Orders, these Committees are re-established at the beginning of each Parliament and “stand ready” to inquire into and report on those matters relevant to their portfolio/subject area. Under Senate Standing Orders, Legislation Committees are established to inquire into and report on Bills, estimates, annual reports and the performance of government departments and agencies. References Committees inquire into and report on all other matters, generally broader policy issues.

The Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees and the relevant portfolio/subject areas allocated to them are as follows:

Community Affairs

- Legislation
- References

Health and Ageing

Family and Community Services

Economics

- Legislation
- References

Treasury

Industry, Tourism and Resources

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

- Legislation
- References

Education, Science and Training

Employment and Workplace Relations

Environment, Communications,
Information Technology and the Arts

- Legislation
- References

Environment and Heritage
Communications and Information Technology
and the Arts

Finance and Public Administration

- Legislation
- References

Parliament
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Finance and Administration
Human Services

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

- Legislation
- References

Foreign Affairs and Trade
Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

Legal and Constitutional

- Legislation
- References

Attorney-General
Immigration and Multicultural
and Indigenous Affairs

Rural and Regional Affairs and
Transport

- Legislation
- References

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Transport and Regional Services

Joint Statutory Committees

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office also administered three Joint Statutory Committees comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators. These are:

- Australian Crime Commission
- Corporations and Financial Services; and
- Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account

Senate Select Committee

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office provided staffing and resources for the Select Committee on Mental Health (appointed 8 March 2005).

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	105	0	267	442	229	1366	0
References	1	0	0	33	0	207	74	1115	3
Total	8	166	105	33	267	442	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

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- 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
<i>(Chair – 2.12.04-30.6.05)</i>	
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

Term of appointment

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

Term of appointment

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

Term of appointment

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	
References	5	0	79	0	0	516	17	149	4	
Total	7	118	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

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

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	Hrs	Total Meetings
Legislation	7	33:04	2	23:40	7	0:11	16
References	7	32:33	0	0:00	7	0:44	14
Total	14	65:37	2	23:40	14	0:55	30
							Total Hours
							56:55
							33:17
							90:12

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

Witnesses						Hansard Pages		
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions
Legislation	4	195	211	20	138	552	104	370
References	3	0	0	89	0	0	478	250
Total	7	195	211	109	138	552	582	620
								No Of Pages
								2592
								2312
								4904
								Government Responses
								0
								0
								0

*Report that did not discharge a reference

Legal and Constitutional 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 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 Consequential) 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 Consequential) 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)	18.11.04-30.6.05
<i>(Chair-2.12.04-23.6.05)</i>	
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)	18.11.04-6.9.05
<i>(Deputy Chair-2.12.04-6.9.05)</i>	

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**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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	3	3	4	2
References	1	2	1	2
Total	4	5	5	4

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

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

Witnesses							Hansard Pages		
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages
Legislation	6	145	12	40	244	57	216	50	552
References	1	0	0	9	0	0	24	15	77
Total	7	145	12	49	244	57	240	65	629
									Government Responses
									0
									0
									0

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

**Joint Statutory
Committees**

Australian Crime Commission

Australian Crime Commission

1 July 2005 - 31 December 2005

Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Joint Statutory	1	2	1 +(1^)
			2

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Joint Statutory	7	19:41	0	0:00	11	9:14	1
							19
							29:25

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Meetings By State					
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	WA	QLD
Joint Statutory	14	1	3	0	0
					1

Witnesses				Hansard Pages			
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions
Joint Statutory	0	0	48	0	0	268	21
							197
							0

^Supplementary Report for a completed reference

Australian Crime Commission (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to the Australian Crime Commission Act 2002; appointed 18 November 2004

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP) (elected Chair-9.12.04)	6.12.04
The Hon Duncan Kerr, MP (Denison, Tas, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-9.12.04)	6.12.04
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	29.11.04
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	23.6.05
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	1.7.05
Mrs Joanna Gash, MP (Gilmore, NSW, LP)	6.12.04
Mr Christopher Hayes (Werriwa, NSW, ALP)	13.9.05
Mr Kym Richardson, MP (Kingston, SA, LP)	6.12.04
Mr Jason Wood, MP (La Trobe, Vic, LP)	6.12.04

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic) (NATS)	29.11.04-6.12.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	1.12.04-23.6.05
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	1.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	29.11.04-30.6.05
Mr Anthony Byrne, MP (Holt, Vic, ALP)	6.12.04-13.9.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2005

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2005

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Amphetamines and Other Synthetic Drugs (adopted 5 December 2005)

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Review of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* (adopted 20 June 2005)
- Amphetamines and Other Synthetic Drugs (adopted 5 December 2005)

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Review of the Australian Crime Commission Act 2002 – 19 August 2005, Brisbane; 9 September 2005, Sydney; 16 September 2005, Melbourne; 7, 11 & 13 October 2005, Canberra; 28 October 2005, Melbourne

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Inquiry into the trafficking of women for sexual servitude - Supplementary report (tabled 11 August 2005)
- Review of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* (tabled 10 November 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Corporations and Financial Services

Corporations and Financial Services

1 July 2005 - 31 December 2005

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Joint Statutory	3	0	1	2

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	3	12:10	0	0:00	8	3:05	1	1:32	12	16:47

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Joint Statutory	11	1	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
Joint Statutory	1	0	0	27	0	0	240	112	1531	3

Corporations and Financial Services (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to section 242 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*; appointed 18 November 2004

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP) (elected Chair-2.12.04)	1.12.04
Ms Anna Burke, MP (Chisholm, Vic, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-8.12.04)	2.12.04
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	1.12.04
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	1.12.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.12.04
Mr Mark Baker, MP (Braddon, Tas, LP)	16.8.05
Mr Kerry Bartlett, MP (Macquarie, NSW, LP)	6.12.04
Mr Chris Bowen, MP (Prospect, NSW, ALP)	2.12.04
Mr Stewart McArthur, MP (Corangamite, Vic, LP)	6.12.04

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.12.04-30.6.05
The Hon Ms Jackie Kelly, MP (Lindsay, NSW, LP)	6.12.04-16.8.05

Current inquiries

As at 1 July 2005

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Regulation of the time share industry in Australia (adopted 8 December 2004)
- Corporate responsibility (adopted 22 June 2005)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2005

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Corporate responsibility (adopted 22 June 2005)

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Oversight of ASIC – 13 September 2005, Canberra; 9 November 2005, Canberra
- Corporate responsibility – 23 November 2005, Sydney

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Timeshare: The price of leisure (tabled 5 September 2005)
- Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (presented out of session on 19 December 2005)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Corporate Insolvency Laws: a Stocktake (tabled 13 October 2005; report presented out of session on 30 June 2004, tabled on 3 August 2004)
- Australian Accounting Standards tabled in compliance with the *Corporations Act 2001* on 30 August and 16 November 2004 (tabled 1 December 2005; report tabled 10 February 2005)
- Exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No.2) 2005 (tabled 8 December 2005; report tabled 16 June 2005)

**Native Title and the Aboriginal
And Torres Strait Islander Land
Account**

1 July 2005 - 31 December 2005

Joint Statutory

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Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to section 205 of the *Native Title Act 1993*; amended by *Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Act 2005*, Number 8 of 2005, Date of assent: 22 February 2005, s.4, Schedule 1 (items 208-210); appointed on 18 November 2004

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP) (elected Chair-15.9.05)	29.11.04
The Hon Robert McMullan (Fraser, ACT, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-11.5.05)	11.5.05
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	1.12.04
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	7.9.05
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)*	29.11.04
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	1.7.05
Mr Daryl Melham (Banks, NSW, ALP)	20.6.05
Mr Don Randall, MP (Canning, WA, LP)	6.12.04
The Hon Mr Peter Slipper, MP (Fisher, Qld, LP)	6.12.04
Mr David Tollner, MP (Solomon, NT, CLP)	6.12.04

**Chair – 9.12.04-14.9.04*

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Mrs Maria Vamvakinou, MP (Calwell, Vic, ALP) (Deputy Chair-9.12.04-10.5.05)	6.12.04-11.5.05
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	7.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	1.12.04-7.9.05

Current inquiries

As at 1 July 2005

- Statutory reporting role (continuing)
- Native Title Representative Bodies (re-adopted 9 December 2004)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2005

- Statutory reporting role (continuing)
- Native Title Representative Bodies (re-adopted 9 December 2004)

New references

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Native Title Representative Bodies – 19 July 2005, Perth; 21 November 2005, Brisbane; 29 November 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Effectiveness of the National Native Title Tribunal (tabled 10 November 2005; report tabled 4 December 2003)
- 19th Report – Native Title Act 1993 – Inquiry under section 206(d) - Second interim report (tabled 10 November 2005; report tabled 26 September 2001)

Select Committees

Mental Health

Mental Health

1 July 2005 - 31 December 2005

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Select	1	0	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select	14	100:01	0	0:00	10	2:47	6	23:34	30	126:22

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select	14	3	6	0	2	2	1	2

	Witnesses			Hansard Pages				No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Select	4	0	0	260	0	0	1380	124	979	0

Select Committee on Mental Health

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 8 March 2005

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD) (elected Chair on 8.3.05)	8.3.05
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) (elected Deputy Chair on 15.3.05)	10.3.05
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	10.3.05
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	10.3.05
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	10.3.05
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP)	10.3.05
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	10.3.05

Current inquiry

As at 1 July 2005

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Mental Health, be appointed to inquiry into and report by 6 October 2005 on the provision of mental health services in Australia, with particular reference to:

- (a) the extent to which the National Mental Health Strategy, the resources committed to it and the division of responsibility for policy and funding between all levels of government have achieved its aims and objectives, and the barriers to progress;
- (b) the adequacy of various modes of care for people with a mental illness, in particular, prevention, early intervention, acute care, community care, after hours crisis services and respite care;
- (c) opportunities for improving co-ordination and delivery of funding and services at all levels of government to ensure appropriate and comprehensive care is provided throughout the episode of care;
- (d) the appropriate role of the private and non-government sectors;
- (e) the extent to which unmet need in supported accommodation, employment, family and social support services, is a barrier to better mental health outcomes;
- (f) the special needs of groups such as children, adolescents, the aged, Indigenous Australians, the socially and geographically isolated and of people with complex and co-morbid conditions and drug and alcohol dependence;
- (g) the role and adequacy of training and support for primary carers in the treatment, recovery and support of people with a mental illness;

- (h) the role of primary health care in promotion, prevention, early detection and chronic care management;
- (i) opportunities for reducing the effects of iatrogenesis and promoting recovery-focussed care through consumer involvement, peer support and education of the mental health workforce, and for services to be consumer-operated;
- (j) the overrepresentation of people with a mental illness in the criminal justice system and in detention, the extent to which these environments give rise to mental illness, the adequacy of legislation and processes in protecting their human rights and the use of diversion programs for such people;
- (k) the practice of detention and seclusion within mental health facilities and the extent to which it is compatible with human rights instruments, humane treatment and care standards, and proven practice in promoting engagement and minimizing treatment refusal and coercion;
- (l) the adequacy of education in de-stigmatising mental illness and disorders and in providing support service information to people affected by mental illness and their families and carers;
- (m) the proficiency and accountability of agencies, such as housing, employment, law enforcement and general health services, in dealing appropriately with people affected by mental illness;
- (n) the current state of mental health research, the adequacy of its funding and the extent to which best practice is disseminated;
- (o) the adequacy of data collection, outcome measures and quality control for monitoring and evaluating mental health services at all levels of government and opportunities to link funding with compliance with national standards; and
- (p) the potential for new modes of delivery of mental health care, including e-technology.

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2005

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Mental Health, be appointed to inquiry into and report by the second sitting Thursday in March 2006 on the provision of mental health services in Australia, with particular reference to:

- (a) the extent to which the National Mental Health Strategy, the resources committed to it and the division of responsibility for policy and funding between all levels of government have achieved its aims and objectives, and the barriers to progress;
- (b) the adequacy of various modes of care for people with a mental illness, in particular, prevention, early intervention, acute care, community care, after hours crisis services and respite care;

- (c) opportunities for improving co-ordination and delivery of funding and services at all levels of government to ensure appropriate and comprehensive care is provided throughout the episode of care;
- (d) the appropriate role of the private and non-government sectors;
- (e) the extent to which unmet need in supported accommodation, employment, family and social support services, is a barrier to better mental health outcomes;
- (f) the special needs of groups such as children, adolescents, the aged, Indigenous Australians, the socially and geographically isolated and of people with complex and co-morbid conditions and drug and alcohol dependence;
- (g) the role and adequacy of training and support for primary carers in the treatment, recovery and support of people with a mental illness;
- (h) the role of primary health care in promotion, prevention, early detection and chronic care management;
- (i) opportunities for reducing the effects of iatrogenesis and promoting recovery-focussed care through consumer involvement, peer support and education of the mental health workforce, and for services to be consumer-operated;
- (j) the overrepresentation of people with a mental illness in the criminal justice system and in detention, the extent to which these environments give rise to mental illness, the adequacy of legislation and processes in protecting their human rights and the use of diversion programs for such people;
- (k) the practice of detention and seclusion within mental health facilities and the extent to which it is compatible with human rights instruments, humane treatment and care standards, and proven practice in promoting engagement and minimizing treatment refusal and coercion;
- (l) the adequacy of education in de-stigmatising mental illness and disorders and in providing support service information to people affected by mental illness and their families and carers;
- (m) the proficiency and accountability of agencies, such as housing, employment, law enforcement and general health services, in dealing appropriately with people affected by mental illness;
- (n) the current state of mental health research, the adequacy of its funding and the extent to which best practice is disseminated;
- (o) the adequacy of data collection, outcome measures and quality control for monitoring and evaluating mental health services at all levels of government and opportunities to link funding with compliance with national standards; and
- (p) the potential for new modes of delivery of mental health care, including e-technology.

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- 4 July 2005, Canberra; 5, 6 & 7 July 2005, Melbourne; 27 July 2005, Canberra; 2 & 3 August 2005, Sydney; 4 August 2005, Brisbane; 5 August 2005, Cairns; 30 August 2005, Darwin; 1 September 2005, Perth; 27 September 2005, Adelaide; 7 & 28 October 2005, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

**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
EWRE	<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
EWRE	<i>Provisions</i> of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Upfront Student Union Fees) Bill 2005	10.8.05
LC	<i>Provisions</i> of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005	10.8.05
LC	<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
EWRE	<i>Provisions</i> of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005	18.8.05
EWRE	Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005	18.8.05
RRAT	Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005	5.9.05

Committee	Bills	Tabled
CA	<i>Provisions of the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005</i>	5.9.05
RRAT	Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005	5.9.05
ECO	<i>Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005</i>	8.9.05
ECITA	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
EWRE	<i>Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005</i>	10.10.05
EWRE	<i>Provisions of the Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005</i>	13.10.05
LC	<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
CA	<i>Provisions of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005</i>	7.11.05
CA	<i>Provisions of the National Health Amendment (Budget Measures – Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005</i>	7.11.05
CA	<i>Provisions of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005</i>	7.11.05
EWRE	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

Committee	Bills	Tabled
ECO	<i>Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005</i>	10.11.05
ECO	<i>Provisions of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005</i>	10.11.05
EWRE	<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
LC	<i>Provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Bill (No.2) 2005 (by resolution of Senate)</i>	28.11.05
CA	<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
EWRE	<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:

Committee	Report	Tabled
RRAT	<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:

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

Government response	Date	Committee
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 th 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)

<i>Legislation:</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AD</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>FFP</i>
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		

<i>References:</i>	<i>LP</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AD</i>	<i>AG</i>
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.

Other Committees

Regulations and Ordinances (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23.

Current members

Senator Watson (Chair), Senators Bartlett, Brown, Mason, Santoro and Wortley.

Former members

Senators Marshall, Moore and Tchen.

Secretary

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

Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises delegated legislation to ensure:

- that it is in accordance with the statute;
- that it does not trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- that it does not unduly make the rights and liberties of citizens dependent upon administrative decisions which are not subject to review of their merits by a judicial or other independent tribunal; and
- that it does not contain matter more appropriate for parliamentary enactment.

Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- nil

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private:	10
Briefings:	0
Total:	10

No. of instruments scrutinised	1236
Notices of Motion to Disallow	21
Notices withdrawn	19
Notices pending	2

Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members

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

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Richard Pye	6277 3050	6277 5838

Principles of the committee

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

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

Between 1 July and 31 December 2005, the committee considered 85 bills, and commented on 39 bills in eight Alert Digests. The committee also produced seven Reports containing correspondence from ministers addressing its concerns.

Alert Digests tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- No. 8 of 2005 (10 August 2005)
- No. 9 of 2005 (17 August 2005)
- No. 10 of 2005 (7 September 2005)
- No. 11 of 2005 (14 September 2005)
- No. 12 of 2005 (5 October 2005)
- No. 13 of 2005 (9 November 2005)
- No. 14 of 2005 (30 November 2005)
- No. 15 of 2005 (7 December 2005)

Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Seventh Report of 2005 (10 August 2005)
- Eighth Report of 2005 (17 August 2005)
- Ninth Report of 2005 (7 September 2005)
- Tenth Report of 2005 (14 September 2005)
- Eleventh Report of 2005 (5 October 2005)
- Twelfth Report of 2005 (12 October 2005)
- Thirteenth Report of 2005 (30 November 2005)
- Fourteenth Report of 2005 (30 November 2005)

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private: 10

Appropriations and Staffing (Standing)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19.

Members

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

Secretary

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

Role of the committee

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

Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private: 1

House (Standing)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21.

Current members

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

Secretary

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

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private:	2*
Public:	0
In camera:	0
Inspections:	0
Briefings:	0
Total:	2

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

Library (Standing)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 20.

Current members

The President (Sen the Hon P Calvert), Senators Brandis (appointed on 15 March 2005), Faulkner, Joyce (appointed on 16 August 2005), Kirk (discharged on 23 June 2005), McEwen (appointed on 23 June 2005), Polley (appointed on 23 June 2005), Scullion (discharged on 16 August), Tchen, Stephens (discharged on 23 June 2005), Tierney (discharged on 15 March 2005), Trood (appointed on 23 June 2005).

Current members

Tierney (discharged on 15 March 2005), Senators Kirk, Tchen, Stephens (discharged on 23 June 2005) and Scullion (discharged on 16 August 2005)

Secretary

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

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private:	2
Public:	0
In camera:	0
Inspections:	0
Briefings:	0
Other:	0
Total:	2

Privileges (Standing)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18.

Current members

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

*Senator Ray was discharged from the committee between 7 September and 11 December 2005. He was replaced by Senator Hutchins (7 September to 28 November) and Senator Evans (28 November to 11 December)

Secretary

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Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- 123rd report – Possible failure by a senator to comply with the Senate's resolution relating to registration of interests (*tabled 5 October 2005*)
- 124th report – Person referred to in the Senate (Professor David Peetz) (*tabled 6 December 2005*)
- 125th report – Parliamentary privilege – precedents, procedures and practice in the Australian Senate 1966-2005 (*presented to the Deputy President in accordance with standing order 38(7) on 19 December 2005*)

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private: 6
Public:
In camera:
Inspections:
Briefings:
Other:
Total: 6

Procedure (Standing)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17.

Current members

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

Secretary

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Mr Harry Evans	6277 3350	6277 3199

Current inquiry

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Adequacy and appropriateness of the Register of Senators' Interests (referred 20 June 2005)

Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- 1st Report of 2005 presented 20 September 2005
- 2nd Report of 2005 presented 28 October 2005

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private: 3

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: 3

Publications (Standing)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22.

Current members

Senators Watson, Chair [appointed 18.11.04], Hutchins [appointed 18.11.04; discharged 23.6.05], [appointed 23.6.05] Johnston [appointed 18.11.04], Kirk [appointed 18.11.04; discharged 23.6.05], Marshall [appointed 18.11.04], Moore, Deputy Chair [appointed 18.11.04; discharged 23.6.05], Nash [appointed 16.8.05], Polley [appointed 23.6.05], Sterle [appointed 23.6.05], Scullion [appointed 18.11.04; discharged 16.8.05] and Wortley [appointed 23.6.05].

Secretary

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Ms Jan Chapman	6277 3037	6277 3448

Public hearings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Inquiry into the distribution of the Parliamentary Paper Series—31 October, 7 and 28 November 2005, Canberra.

Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- No. 5 (tabled 18 August 2005)
- No. 6 (tabled 15 September 2005)
- No. 7 (tabled 13 October 2005)
- No. 8 (tabled 10 November 2005)
- No. 9 (tabled 8 December 2005)

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private:	5*
Public:	3*
In camera:	0
Inspections:	0
Briefings:	1
Other:	0
Total:	9

**Meeting as a joint committee with a similar committee of the House of Representatives*

Selection of Bills (Standing)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Standing Order 24A.

Current members

The Acting Government Whip (Senator Eggleston) (Chair), the Opposition Whip (Senator George Campbell), The Nationals Whip (Senator McGauran), the Australian Democrats Whip (Senator Bartlett), the Australian Greens Whip (Senator Siewert) and Senators Ellison, Ludwig and Webber.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Richard Pye	6277 3020	6277 3098/6277 3099

Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- 10 August 2005
- 17 August 2005
- 7 September 2005
- 14 September 2005
- 5 October 2005
- 12 October 2005
- 9 November 2005
- 30 November 2005
- 8 December 2005

Meetings – All meetings held at Parliament House, Canberra

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private: 9 August 2005
16 August 2005
6 September 2005
13 September 2005
4 October 2005
11 October 2005
8 November 2005
29 November 2005
7 December 2005

Total: 9

Senators' Interests (Standing)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A.

Current members

Senator Webber (Chair), Senator Lightfoot (Deputy Chair), Senators Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk, McEwen (appointed 23 June 2005) and Nash (appointed 16 August 2005)

Secretary

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Register of Senators' Interests

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Register of Senators' Interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 21 June and 12 September 2005 (*tabled 15 September 2005*)
- Register of Senators' Interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 13 September and 5 December 2005 (*tabled 7 December 2005*)

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private:	2
Public:	
In camera:	
Inspection:	
Briefings:	
Other:	
Total:	2

Electoral Matters (Joint)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

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

Current members

Mr Tony Smith MP (Chairman), Mr Michael Danby MP (Deputy Chairman), Senator George Brandis, Senator Kim Carr, Senator John Hogg, Senator Brett Mason, Senator Andrew Murray, Mr Steven Ciobo MP, Mr Alan Griffin MP, Ms Sophie Panopoulos MP.

Changes:

- Senator Hogg replaced Senator Forshaw on 9/11/05
- Mr Griffin replaced Mr Melham on 6/9/05

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Stephen Boyd	6277 4564	6277 4710

Current inquiries

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Inquiry into disclosure of donations to political parties and candidates

Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Report of the inquiry into the conduct of the 2004 federal election and matters related thereto

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

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Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private:	10
Public:	8
In camera:	1
Inspection:	-
Briefings:	-
Other:	-
Total:	19

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

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

Current Members

Senator A B Ferguson (Chairman), Hon G J Edwards, MP (Deputy Chair), Senator P M Crossin, Senator A Eggleston, Senator S Hutchins, Senator D Johnston, Senator L J Kirk, Senator C M Moore, Senator M A Payne, Senator N Scullion, Senator N J Stott Despoja, Senator R S Webber, Hon B G Baird, MP, Mr P A Barresi, MP, Mr M Danby, MP, Mrs P Draper, MP, Mrs J Gash, MP, Mr S W Gibbons, MP, Mr B W Haase, MP, Mr M J Hatton, MP, Hon D F Jull, MP, Hon J E Moylan, MP, Hon G D Prosser, MP, Hon B C Scott, MP, Mr R C G Sercombe, MP, Hon W E Snowdon, MP, Mr C P Thompson, MP, Mr M B Turnbull, MP, Ms M Vamvakinou, MP, Mr B H Wakelin, MP, Mr K W Wilkie, MP

Secretary

Dr Margot Kerley (02) 6277 4629

Current Inquiries

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Inquiry into Australian Defence Force Regional Air Superiority
- Inquiry into Australia's Trade and Investment Relations with North Africa
- Inquiry into Australia's Relationship with the Republic of Korea
- Inquiry into Australia's Defence Relations with the United States (resumed 2 December 2004)

Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Inquiry into Australia's free trade agreements with Singapore, Thailand and the United States: progress to date and lessons for the future - Tabled - Monday 7 November 2005
- Report of the Parliamentary Delegation to the United States - 28 June to 13 July 2005 - Tabled - Tuesday 11 October 2005
- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2003-04 - Tabled - Monday 10 October 2005

- Inquiry into Australia's Human Rights Dialogue Process - Tabled - Monday 12 September 2005
- Reform of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights - Tabled - Monday 12 September 2005

Government Responses

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Near Neighbours - Good Neighbours, An Inquiry into Australia's Relationship with Indonesia - May 2004 - Tabled - Monday 31 May 2004
Date of Government Response: 8 September 2005
- Inquiry into Human Rights and Good Governance Education in the Asia Pacific Region - Tabled - Thursday 24 June 2004
Date of Government Response: 15 September 2005
- Expanding Australia's Trade and Investment Relations with the Gulf States - Tabled - Monday 7 March 2005
Date of Government Response: 1 December 2005

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private:	39
Public:	11
In camera:	1
Inspections/Briefings	14
Other (Seminar)	
Total:	65

Secretaries of Sub-Committees

Dr John Carter (Foreign Affair Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4306
Dr Stephen Dyer (Trade Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4628
Dr Margot Kerley (Defence Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4629
Dr Margot Kerley (Human Rights Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4629

Migration (Joint)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

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

Current members

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

Secretary

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

Current inquiry

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Skills recognition, upgrading and licensing - *current*

Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Detention Centre Contracts: Review of Audit Report No.1 of 2005-2006: Management of the Detention Centre Contracts (tabled in the House of Representatives on 5 December 2005; in the Senate on 6 December 2005)
- Review of Audit Report No.1 of 2005-2006: Management of the Detention Centre Contracts, Part B – *tabled*

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Response to "To make a contribution: Review of Skilled Labour Migration Programs" (tabled 1 December 2005)

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private:	8
Public:	6
In camera:	1
Briefings:	2
Total meetings:	13

National Capital and External Territories (Joint)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

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

Current members

Senator Ross Lightfoot (Chairman), Senator Trish Crossin (Deputy Chair), the Deputy President (Senator John Hogg), the Deputy Speaker (Hon Ian Causley), Senator Kim Carr, Senator Barnaby Joyce, Senator Natasha Stott Despoja, Ms Annette Ellis MP, Mr Paul Neville MP, Ms Sophie Panopoulos MP, Mr Patrick Secker MP, Hon Warren Snowdon MP.

Changes:

- Senator Lundy replaced Senator O'Brien on 10/8/05
- Senator Joyce replaced Senator Scullion on 17/8/05
- Senator Carr replaced Senator Lundy from 8/12/05 – 12 /3/06

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Stephen Boyd	6277 4564	6277 8478

Current inquiry

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Inquiry into current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories

Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Inquiry into governance on Norfolk Island: Part 2 - financial sustainability of current governance arrangements

Government responses tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Inquiry into the Role of the National Capital Authority in determining the extent of redevelopment for the Pierces Creek settlement in the ACT
- Inquiry into Norfolk Island Governance
- Indian Ocean Territories: Review of the Annual Reports of the Department of Transport and Regional Services and the Department of the Environment and Heritage

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private	11
Public	1
Inspections	-
Briefings	2
Total	14

Parliamentary Library (Joint)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to resolution of the House of Representatives of the 7 December 2005, and agreed to by the Senate on 8 December 2005.

Current member

Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD) appointed on 9 December 2005

No secretariat appointed as at 31 December 2005

Treaties (Joint)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

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

Members

Dr A Southcott MP (Chair), Mr K Wilkie MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Bartlett, Senator Brown (*from 13 Sept 05*), Senator Mason, Senator Santoro, Senator Sterle, Senator Trood, Senator Wortley, Hon D Adams MP, Mr M Johnson MP, Mr M Keenan MP (*from 11 Aug 05*), Mrs M May MP, Ms S Panopoulos MP, Mr B Ripoll MP, Hon B Scott MP, Mr Turnbull MP (*to 11 Aug 05*).

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Gillian Gould	6277 4002	6277 2219

Current inquiries

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Treaties tabled on 29 November 2005 - *current*
- Treaties tabled on 11 October 2005 - *current*

Documents tabled

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Treaty tabled on 9 November 2005 – *tabled on 6 December 2005*
- Treaty tabled on 13 September 2005 – *tabled on 5 December 2005*
- Treaties tabled on 9 August 2005 – *tabled on 7 November 2005*
- Treaties tabled on 21 June 2005 – *tabled on 12 September 2005*
- Treaties tabled on 11 May 2005 – *tabled on 17 August 2005*
- Treaties tabled on 15 March 2005 – *tabled on 17 August 2005*
- Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 – *Report 66 tabled on 17 August 2005 and Report 68 tabled on 7 November 2005*

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

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Intelligence and Security (Joint Statutory) (formerly known as ASIO, ASIS and DSD)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Intelligence Services Act 2001; amended by the Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Act 2005 on 2 December 2005

Members

The Hon David Jull MP (Presiding Member)

Senator Alan Ferguson, Senator Julian McGauran, Senator Robert Ray, Senator John Faulkner (appointed 9 December 2005);

Mr Stewart McArthur MP; The Hon Duncan Kerr SC MP; and Mr Anthony Byrne MP, Mr Stephen Ciobo (appointed 8 December 2005)

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Margaret Swieringa	6277 4348	6277 2067

Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 Dec 2005

- Review of the listing of seven terrorist organisations (9 August 2005)
- Review of the listing of four terrorist organisations (5 September 2005)
- Review of the *Intelligence Services Amendment Bill 2005* (12 September 2005)
- ASIO's Questioning and Detention Powers: Review of the operation, effectiveness and implications of Division 3 Part III of the ASIO Act 1979 (30 November 2005)

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 Dec 2005

Private (meetings)	9
Public (hearings)	0
In camera (hearings)	2
Inspections	0
Briefings	1
Other (Private Hearings)	0
Total	12

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*.

Current members

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

Secretary

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

Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Nil

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- 3 August 2005

Public Accounts and Audit (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951.

Committee name

Joint Statutory Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Membership

Members

Mr Bob Baldwin MP (Chairman)
Ms Sharon Grierson MP (Deputy-Chair)
Mr Russell Broadbent MP
Dr Craig Emerson MP
Hon Jackie Kelly MP
Ms Catherine King MP
Mr Andrew Laming MP
Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP
Mr Lindsay Tanner MP
Mr Ken Ticehurst MP

Senators

Senator John Hogg
Senator Gary Humphries
Senator Claire Moore
Senator Andrew Murray
Senator Nigel Scullion
Senator John Watson

Current inquiries

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Aviation security in Australia
- Review of Auditor-General's Reports
- Certain Taxation Matters

Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Report 404: Review of Auditor-General's Reports 2003-2004 Third & Fourth Quarters; and First and Second Quarters of 2004-2005
- Report 405: Annual Report 2004-2005
- Report 406: Developments in Aviation Security since the Committee's June 2004 Report 400: Review of Aviation Security in Australia – An Interim Report

Government responses received

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Dated 1 July 2005 from the Auditor-General, responding to Recommendations 16 and 17 in *Report 403*.

Meetings/hours

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Full committee: 12 meetings / 13 hrs

Sectional committees: 18 meetings / 74 ½ hours

Total hours: 87 ½

Public Works (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2005 to 31 December 2005

Appointment

Pursuant to Public Works Act 1969.

Current members

Ms J. Moylan MP (Chair), Mr B. O'Connor MP, (Deputy Chair), Senator A. Ferguson (to 11/8/05) , Senator M. Forshaw (from 1/12/04 to 23/6/05) and (from 9/11/05), Senator D. Wortley (from 23/6/05 to 9 /11/05), Senator Stephen Parry (from 11/8/05) Mr H. Jenkins MP, Mr B. Ripoll MP, Mr J. Forrest MP, Mr B. Wakelin MP, and Senator The Hon Judith Troeth

Secretary

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

Current inquiries

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Proposed Fit-out of New Leased Premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as Section 84, Precincts B & C, Canberra (8/12/05)
- Proposed Fit-out of New Leased Premises for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in Civic, ACT (1/12/05)
- Proposed Redevelopment of Post-1945 Conflicts Galleries and Discovery Room for the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, ACT (1/12/05)
- Proposed Fit-out of and Extension to Leased Premises for IP Australia in Woden, ACT (12/10/05)
- Proposed Relocation of 171st Aviation Squadron to Holsworthy Barracks, NSW (12/10/05)
- Proposed Construction of a New Chancery Building for the Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (12/10/05)
- Proposed Construction of a New Chancery Building for the Australian Embassy in Rangoon, Burma (12/10/05)

Reports presented

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

- Proposed Fit-out of New Leased Premises for the Australian Customs Service at 1010 LaTrobe Street, Docklands, Melbourne 22/2005 (7/12/05)
- Proposed Fit-out of New Leased Premises for AusAID, ACT 21/2005 (9/11/05)
- Proposed CSIRO Minerals Laboratory Extensions, Waterford, Perth 20/2005 (9/11/05)
- Relocation of Selected RAAF College Units to RAAF Base East Sale, Victoria and RAAF Base Wagga, New South Wales 19/2005 (2/11/05)
- RAAF Base Amberley Redevelopment Stage 2, Queensland 18/2005 (2/11/05)
- Refurbishment of Royal Australian Mint Building, Canberra 17/2005 (11/10/05)
- Office Replacement of the Bureau of Meteorology at Willis Island, Coral Sea, Queensland 16/2005 (13/9/05)
- Redevelopment of Kokoda Barracks, Canungra, Qld 15/2005 (17/8/05)
- Upgrade Patrol Boat Facilities, Darwin Naval Base, NT 14/2005 (17/8/05)
- Operational Upgrade of the Darwin Detention Facility, Northern Territory 13/2005 (17/8/05)
- CSIRO Entomology Bioscience Laboratory at Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT 12/2005 (17/8/05)
- Holsworthy Program – Special Operations Working Accommodation and Base Redevelopment Stage 1, Holsworthy, NSW 11/2005 (17/8/05)

Meetings

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

Private	20 (includes In-Camera hearings)
Public	11
Inspections	10
Total	41

PART TWO

Consolidated Statistical Overview (Half Year)

1 July 2005 - 31 December 2005

Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office

1 July 2005 – 31 December 2005

	Matters current as at 1 July 2005	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2005
Legislation	10	31	32	9
References	14	6 + (1##)	9 + (2#, 2*)	11
Select/Joint	7	2	2 + (1*, 1^)	7
Total	31	39	43	27

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	38	166:35	16	170:07	62	12:02	0	0:00	116	348:44
References	36	158:27	0	0:00	67	20:31	3	15:00	106	193:58
Select/Joint	27	143:27	0	0:00	32	15:41	8	25:36	67	184:44
Total	101	468:29	16	170:07	161	48:14	11	40:36	289	727:26

Meetings by State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	103	9	2	0	0	1	0	3
References	82	7	3	0	3	9	0	0
Select/Joint	42	5	9	0	2	4	1	4
Total	227	21	14	0	5	14	1	7

	Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	35	1219	534	122	1873	1757	514	6331	17474	1
References	16	0	9	371	0	94	2440	492	6128	9
Select/Joint	5	0	0	356	0	0	2085	257	2707	6
Total	56	1219	543	849	1873	1851	5039	7080	26309	16

*Reports that did not discharge a reference; ^Supplementary report for a completed reference #Plus two additional reports tabled to discharge one reference; ##Response to petitions

PART THREE

Consolidated Statistical Overview (Year)

1 January 2005 - 31 December 2005

Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office

1 January 2005 – 31 December 2005

	Matters current as at 1 January 2005	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2005
Legislation	8	81	80	9
References	16	16 + (1**, 1##)	21 + (2#, 5*)	11
Select/Joint	8	6	6 + (4*, 1^)	7
Total	32	102	107	27

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	64	248:48	70	713:09	132	25:12	0	0:00	987:09
References	99	428:49	0	0:00	153	53:03	18	42:48	524:40
Select/Joint	49	221:28	0	0:00	68	39:48	8	25:36	286:52
Total	212	899:05	70	713:09	353	118:03	26	68:24	1798:41

Meetings by State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	11	2	0	1	2	0	5		
References	22	16	3	7	19	7	15		
Select/Joint	10	9	0	2	4	1	8		
Total	43	27	3	10	25	8	28		

Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses	
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General				
Legislation	106	4511	765	149	8399	2689	628	6800	22357	1
References	40	0	9	1207	0	94	7244	1085	14853	16
Select/Joint	17	0	0	542	0	0	3195	1098	9417	9
Total	163	4511	774	1898	8399	2783	11067	8983	46627	26

*Reports that did not discharge a reference; **Reference amalgamated with existing inquiry; #Plus two additional reports tabled to discharge one reference;

^Supplementary report for a completed reference; ##Response to petitions

PART FOUR

Statistics On

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-06

(October/November 2005)

<p align="center">Statistics on Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-06 (October/November 2005)</p>

Community Affairs

	Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-06 (October/November 2005)
No. of public meetings	2 (2 & 3 November 2005)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Family and Community Services	11:20
- Health and Ageing	11:35
Hours of public meetings	22:55

Economics

	Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-06 (October/November 2005)
No. of public meetings	2 (2 & 3 November 2005)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Industry, Tourism and Resources	4:44
- Treasury	15:10
Hours of public meetings	19:54

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

	Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-06 (October/November 2005)
No. of public meetings	2 (2 & 3 November 2005)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Employment and Workplace Relations	12:24
- Education, Science and Training	8:22
Hours of public meetings	20:46

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

	Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-06 (October/November 2005)
No. of public meetings	2 (31 October & 1 November 2005)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	17:47
- Environment and Heritage	3:54
Hours of public meetings	21:41

<p align="center">Statistics on Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-06 (October/November 2005)</p>

Finance and Public Administration

	Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-06 (October/November 2005)
No. of public meetings	2 (31 October & 1 November 2005)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Finance and Administration	7:12
- Human Services	2:49
- Parliament	3:24
- Prime Minister and Cabinet	7:30
Hours of public meetings	20:55

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

	Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-06 (October/November 2005)
No. of public meetings	2 (2 & 3 November 2005)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Defence	8:30
- Foreign Affairs and Trade	8:20
- Veterans' Affairs	2:45
Hours of public meetings	19:35

Legal and Constitutional

	Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-06 (October/November 2005)
No. of public meetings	2 (31 October & 1 November 2005)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Attorney-General's	11:54
- Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	11:46
Hours of public meetings	23:40

<p align="center">Statistics on Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-06 (October/November 2005)</p>

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

	Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-06 (October/November 2005)
No. of public meetings	2 (31 October & 1 November 2005)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	9:35
- Transport and Regional Services	11:06
Hours of public meetings	20:41

The number of days the estimates committees sat:

October/November 2005

4 days