

# **Economics**

## Economics

1 July 2006 - 10 September 2006

| Matters current as at 1 July 2006 | Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports) | Reports tabled that discharge a reference | Current inquiries as at 10 September 2006 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Legislation                       | 2                                                                       | 2 + (1*)                                  | 2                                         |
| References                        | 0                                                                       | 0                                         | 0                                         |
| Total                             | 2                                                                       | 2                                         | 2                                         |

| Number and Hours of Meeting |     |                  |     |         |      |            |                |
|-----------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|---------|------|------------|----------------|
| Public                      | Hrs | Public Estimates | Hrs | Private | Hrs  | Insp/Other | Total Meetings |
| Legislation                 | 3   | 13:35            | 0   | 0:00    | 3:00 | 0          | 7              |
| References                  | 0   | 0:00             | 0   | 0:00    | 0:00 | 0          | 0              |
| Total                       | 3   | 13:35            | 0   | 0:00    | 3:00 | 0          | 7              |

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

| Witnesses          |           |               |         |           |               | Hansard Pages |                   |             |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------|---------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Televised Hearings | Estimates | Other (Bills) | General | Estimates | Other (Bills) | General       | No of Submissions | No Of Pages |
| Legislation        | 2         | 0             | 0       | 0         | 146           | 0             | 76                | 1827        |
| References         | 0         | 0             | 0       | 0         | 0             | 0             | 0                 | 0           |
| Total              | 2         | 0             | 0       | 0         | 146           | 0             | 76                | 1827        |

\*Interim Report that did not discharge a reference

# Economics Legislation

*1 July 2006 to 10 September 2006*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

|                                                                         | <i>Date of appointment</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)<br>(elected Chair – 30.11.04)          | 18.11.04                   |
| Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)<br>(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                   |
| Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)** | 22.6.06                    |

*\*replaces Senator Murray for matters relating to the Resources portfolio*

*\*\*replaces Senator Webber for inquiry into price of petrol in Australia*

### 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 Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)            | 9.5.06                     |
| 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                   |

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|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| 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 the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP) | 9.2.06   |
| Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)           | 18.11.04 |
| Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)       | 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 |

### **Inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2006*

- Provisions of the Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Price of petrol in Australia (referred 22 June 2006)

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 10 September 2006*

- Price of petrol in Australia (referred 22 June 2006)
- Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006 (referred 16 August 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

## **New references**

*1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006*

- Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006 (referred 16 August 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006*

- Provisions of the Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2006 – 3 August 2006, Canberra
- Price of petrol in Australia – 3 August 2006, Canberra; 23 August 2006, Kybong (Qld)

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006*

- Provisions of the Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2006 (tabled 17 August 2006)
- Interim report - Provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 31 August 2006; tabled on 4 September 2006)
- Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2006) (tabled 6 September 2006)

## **Government responses**

*1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006*

- Nil

## **Estimates**

There were no estimates hearings held during 1 July 2006 to 10 September 2006.

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*1 July 2006 to 10 September 2006*

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| Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)<br>(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                    |

*\*replaces 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 Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)             | 9.5.06                     |
| 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                   |

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| Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)         | 18.11.04 |
| Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)        | 18.11.04 |
| Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP) | 9.2.06   |
| Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)           | 18.11.04 |
| Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)       | 18.11.04 |
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| 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 |

### **Inquiry**

*As at 1 July 2006*

- Nil

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 10 September 2006*

- Nil

### **New references**

*1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006*

- Nil

### **Public hearings**

*1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006*

- Nil

### **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006*

- Nil

### **Government responses**

*1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006*

- Nil