

**Employment, Workplace Relations and
Education**

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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	1	2	2	1
References	1	1	0	2
Total	2	3	2	3

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	2	13:40	0	0:00	2	2:13	0	0:00	4	15:53
References	2	11:22	0	0:00	1	0:13	0	0:00	3	11:35
Total	4	25:02	0	0:00	3	2:26	0	0:00	7	27:28

Meetings By State

ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses

Televised Hearings	Hansard Pages				No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	Estimates	Other (Bills)		
Legislation	0	44	0	190	867	0
References	0	0	26	0	55	0
Total	0	44	26	190	922	0

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education 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 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

**replaces Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio*

***replaces 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 Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
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 Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.5.06
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 the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	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 the Hon Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	7.2.06
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
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	21.6.06
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
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)^^^^	9.2.06-17.2.06

*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

^^^^replaced Senator Barnett for the consideration of the 2005-06 additional estimates on 15, 16 and 17 February 2006

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

Inquiry

As at 1 July 2006

- Provisions of the Independent Contractors Bills 2006 and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Independent Contractors) Bill 2006 (referred 22 June 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiry

As at 10 September 2006

- Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (referred on 7 September 2006 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006 (referred on 7 September 2006 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Provisions of the Independent Contractors Bills 2006 and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Independent Contractors) Bill 2006 – 3 & 4 August 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Provisions of the Independent Contractors Bills 2006 and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Independent Contractors) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 25 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.

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References

1 July 2006 to 10 September 2006

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

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Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
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 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 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
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	21.6.06

Former members

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

Former substitute members

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

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

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

Former participating members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	29.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-30.6.05
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	18.11.04-29.7.05

Inquiry

As at 1 July 2006

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

Current inquiries

As at 10 September 2006

- Pacific region seasonal contract labour (referred 7 December 2005)
- Workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector (referred 6 September 2006)

New references

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector (referred 6 September 2006)

Public hearings

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Pacific region seasonal contract labour – 22 & 23 August 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Nil

Government responses

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Nil

