

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

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

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

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	0:00	0	0:00	3	0:36	0	0:00	3	0:36
References	5	28:28	0	0:00	5	1:10	0	0:00	10	29:38
Total	5	28:28	0	0:00	8	1:46	0	0:00	13	30:14

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	6	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Total	9	1	1	0	0	2	0	0

Witnesses

	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	1	0	0	143	0	0	410	36	186	0
Total	1	0	0	143	0	0	410	36	186	0

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts 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 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 Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	7.2.06
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (Vic, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	5.10.05
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	1.7.05

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Trish Crossin* (NT, ALP)	5.9.06

**replaces Senator Lundy for committee's inquiry into Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector*

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 Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
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 the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	9.2.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	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 Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	17.8.06
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

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.04-7.2.06

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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 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
Senator Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)^^^	30.3.06-2.5.06

*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

^^^replaced Senator Patterson for inquiry into the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006

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

Inquiry

As at 1 July 2006

- Nil

Current inquiry

As at 10 September 2006

- Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector (referred 15 August 2006)

New references

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector (referred 15 August 2006)

Public hearings

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 July 2006 – 10 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

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 Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	29.11.04
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (Vic, LP)	1.7.05
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	10.8.06
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 Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	18.11.04
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
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)	9.2.06
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 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)	30.3.06

Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	6.9.05
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	30.3.06
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 Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	30.3.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	18.8.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	1.7.05
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	18.11.04

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	18.11.04-9.2.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	9.2.06-10.8.06

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)*	16.8.05-9.2.06
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)**	5.9.05-11.10.05
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)*	27.2.06-28.3.06

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

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

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

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
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
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	1.7.05-10.8.06

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2006

- Australia's national parks (referred 7 December 2005)
- Women in sport and recreation in Australia (referred 29 March 2006)

Current inquiry

As at 10 September 2006

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

New references

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Women in sport and recreation in Australia – 1 August 2006, Sydney; 3 August 2006, Melbourne; 4 August 2006, Canberra
- Australia's national parks – 31 August 2006, Carnarvon (WA); 1 September 2006, Perth

Reports tabled

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- **About Time!** Women in sport and recreation in Australia (tabled 6 September 2006)

Government responses

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Nil