

**Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport**

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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	0	1	1	0
References	2	0	0+(2*)	2
Total	2	1	1	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	0:35	0	0:00	3	0:35
References	5	21:07	0	0:00	5	0:44	0	0:00	10	21:51
Total	5	21:07	0	0:00	8	1:19	0	0:00	13	22:26

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	NT	QLD
Legislation	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	7	1	0	0	0	0	2
Total	10	1	0	0	0	0	2

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	3	0	0	65	0	0	345	18	215	0
Total	3	0	0	65	0	0	345	18	215	0

*Interim Reports that did not discharge a reference

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport 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 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 Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	1.7.05
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	9.2.06
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 Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	9.5.06
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 the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	9.2.06

Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	9.2.06
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	18.11.04
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
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	18.11.04-9.2.06

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
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)****	11.5.06-25.5.06

*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

****replaced Senator Nash for the consideration of the 2006-07 Budget Estimates on 25 May 2006

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 Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	16.8.05-9.2.06

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

- 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.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References

1 July 2006 to 10 September 2006

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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

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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 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)	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
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Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	18.11.04
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	18.11.04
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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
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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) <i>(Chair – 18.11.04-23.6.05)</i>	18.11.04-23.6.05
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, LP)	18.11.04-16.8.05
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD) <i>(Chair – 23.6.05-7.11.05)</i>	23.6.05-7.11.05

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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

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2006

- Water policy initiatives (referred 14 September 2005)
- Australia's future oil supply (referred 29 November 2005)

Current inquiries

As at 10 September 2006

- Water policy initiatives (referred 14 September 2005)
- Australia's future oil supply (referred 29 November 2005)

New references

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Australia's future oil supply – 11 July 2006, Sydney; 11 & 18 August 2006, Canberra
- Water policy initiatives – 2 August 2006, Toowoomba; 16 August 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Interim report - Water policy initiatives (tabled 7 September 2006)
- Interim report - Australia's future oil supply and alternative transport fuels (tabled 7 September 2006)

Government responses

1 July 2006 – 10 September 2006

- Nil