

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

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

11 September 2006 - 31 December 2006

Matters current as at 11 September 2006	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2006
Standing Committee	2	2	2

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	5	33:19	2	21:17	16	3:26	0	0:00	23	58:02

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	23	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses			Hansard Pages				No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Standing Committee	7	120	0	110	268	0	429	281	1438	0

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Standing)

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Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)*	11.9.06

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

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06

Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Natasha Stott-Despoja (SA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	11.9.06

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)*

18.10.06-27.11.06

**replaced Senator Lundy for inquiry into the provisions of the Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2006*

Inquiries

As at 11 September 2006

- Australia's national parks (referred 7 December 2005)
- Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector (referred 15 August 2006)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2006

- Australia's national parks (referred 7 December 2005)
- Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector (referred 15 August 2006)

New references

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- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006 and the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2006, and the Provisions of the Communications Legislation Amendment (Enforcement Powers) Bill 2006 and the Television Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2006; plus a background paper prepared by the Minister on new services on digital spectrum (referred 14 September 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2006 [Provisions] (referred 11 October 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

11 September 2006 – 31 December 2006

- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006 and related bills – 28 & 29 September 2006, Canberra
- Australia's national parks – 20 October 2006, Canberra
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2006 [Provisions] – 3 & 6 November 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

11 September 2006 – 31 December 2006

- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006 and the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2006, and the Provisions of the Communications Legislation Amendment (Enforcement Powers) Bill 2006 and the Television Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2006; plus a background paper prepared by the Minister on new services on digital spectrum (presented out of session on 6 October 2006; tabled on 9 October 2006)
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 21 November 2006; tabled on 27 November 2006)

Government responses

11 September 2006 – 31 December 2006

- Nil

Estimates

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Eight.

