

**Finance and
Public Administration**

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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	1	3

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Standing Committee	5	6:10	2	23:02	6	3:00	0
							13
							32:12

Meetings By State					
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Standing Committee	13	0	0	0	0

Witnesses					
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)
Standing Committee	5	104	12	16	77
					207
					14
					84
					1

Finance and Public Administration (Standing)

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Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 18.10.06 for period 23.10.06 to 22.12.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	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 Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06

Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	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 Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)*	19.10.06-30.10.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)**	17.10.06-22.12.06

**replaced Senator Bernardi for consideration of the 2006-07 budget estimates on 30 October 2006, until 10.00pm*

***replaced Senator Mason from 23 October to 22 December 2006*

Inquiries

As at 11 September 2006

- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)
- The transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure (referred 20 June 2006)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2006

- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)
- The transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure (referred 20 June 2006)
- Electoral and Referendum Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

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- Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 19 October 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Electoral and Referendum Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

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- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts – 11 October 2006, Canberra; 27 November 2006, Canberra
- The transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure – 12 October 2006, Canberra; 27 November 2006, Canberra
- Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 3 November 2006, Canberra

Reports tabled

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- Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006 [Provisions] (tabled 27 November 2006)

Government responses

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- Regional Partnerships and Sustainable Regions Programs (tabled 5 December 2006; report tabled 6 October 2005)

Estimates

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

