

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

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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	3	11	9 +(1*)	5

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	10	43:30	3	29:59	12	1:23	0	0:00	25	74:52

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	15	7	1	0	0	1	0	1

Witnesses										
	Telesed Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	6	4	124	23	39	504	92	297	3809	3

*Report that did not discharge a reference

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Standing)

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Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 11.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 11.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	11.9.06
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.9.06
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)*	6.12.06

**replaces Senator Scullion for committee's inquiry into the Provisions of the Native Title Amendment Bill 2006*

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, 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 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 Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	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 Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.9.06

Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	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 Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	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 Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.10.06

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)*

11.9.06-7.12.06

**replaced Senator Ludwig for committee's inquiry into Indigenous workers whose paid labour was controlled by Government*

Inquiries

As at 11 September 2006

- Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 [Provisions] (referred 7 September 2005 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Indigenous Stolen Wages (referred 13 June 2006)
- Migration Amendment (Visa Integrity) Bill 2006 (referred 16 August 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2006

- Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

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- Privacy Legislation Amendment (Emergencies and Disasters) Bill 2006 (referred 14 September 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Crimes Amendment (Bail and Sentencing) Bill 2006 (referred 14 September 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Corporations Amendment (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations) Bill 2006 and the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Consequential, Transitional and Other Measures Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 14 September 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 11 October 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Copyright Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 19 October 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 and the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 8 November 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

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- Crimes Amendment (Bail and Sentencing) Bill 2006 –29 September 2006, Sydney
- Australian Federal Police (Estimates) – 16 October 2006, Canberra
- Indigenous Stolen Wages – 25 October 2006, Brisbane; 27 October 2006, Sydney; 16 November 2006, Perth; 28 November 2006, Canberra
- Copyright Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 7 November 2006, Canberra
- Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 10 November 2006, Canberra
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 and the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 14 November 2006, Melbourne; 22 & 23 November 2006, Sydney

Reports tabled

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- Migration Amendment (Visa Integrity) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (tabled 11 September 2006)
- Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 [Provisions] – Interim Report (tabled 14 September 2006)
- Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bills 2005 [Provisions], Corporations Amendment (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations) Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Consequential, Transitional and Other Measures Bill 2006 [Provisions] (tabled 9 October 2006)
- Privacy Legislation Amendment (Emergencies and Disasters) Bill 2006 (tabled 12 October 2006)
- Crimes Amendment (Bail and Sentencing) Bill 2006 (tabled 16 October 2006)
- Interim report: Copyright Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 10 November 2006; tabled on 27 November 2006)
- Copyright Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 13 November 2006; tabled on 27 November 2006)
- Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 22 November 2006; tabled on 27 November 2006)
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 [Provisions] and the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism

Financing (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (tabled 28 November 2006)

- Unfinished Business: Indigenous Stolen Wages (tabled 7 December 2006)

Government responses

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- Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005 (tabled 30 November 2006, report tabled 7 February 2006)
- Effectiveness and Appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988* (tabled 30 November 2006, report tabled 23 June 2005)
- Inquiry into Australian Expatriates (tabled 7 December 2006, report tabled 8 March 2005)

Estimates

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

