

**Rural and Regional Affairs  
and Transport**

## Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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	3	1	4

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	3	6:47	2	22:03	13	4:05	2	2:04	20	34:59

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages				
	Tevised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	4	156	0	17	257	0	127	16	139	0

# Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (Standing)

*11 September 2006 to 31 December 2006*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	11.9.06

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
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 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 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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	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 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 Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW,ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06

### **Inquiries**

*As at 11 September 2006*

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

### **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2006*

- Australia's future oil supply (referred 29 November 2005)
- Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Airspace Bill 2006 and the Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Airports Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

### **New references**

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- Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Airspace Bill 2006 and the Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Airports Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

### **Public hearings**

*11 September 2006 – 31 December 2006*

- Water policy initiatives – 15 September 2006, Canberra; 12 & 18 October 2006, Canberra

### **Reports tabled**

*11 September 2006 – 31 December 2006*

- Water policy initiatives (tabled 5 December 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.

