

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

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1 July 2007 - 31 December 2007

	Matters current as at 1 July 2007	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2007
Standing Committee	6	4	10 +(2*)	0

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Standing Committee	4	18:04	0	0:00	7	0:35	0
							11
							18:39

Meetings By State					
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Standing Committee	8	0	2	0	0

Witnesses					
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)
Standing Committee	1	0	7	24	0

Hansard Pages			
General	Other (Bills)	Estimates	General
Standing Committee	1	0	43

No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
33	500	0

*2 Reports that did not discharge a reference

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education (Standing)

1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	12.9.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	12.9.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	11.9.06

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	28.2.07

**replaces Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the schools and training portfolios*

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	12.9.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	14.6.07
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	1.3.07
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	9.5.07
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	11.9.06

Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	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 Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	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 the Hon Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	23.3.07
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	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 Glen Sterle (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	28.2.07
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06-12.9.06
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	11.9.06-12.9.06
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	11.9.06-9.5.07
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	9.5.07-20.6.07

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)*	8.2.07-16.2.07
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)**	20.6.07-25.6.07
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)***	20.6.07-26.6.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)**	1.3.07-13.9.07

*replaced Senator Lightfoot for the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates from noon on 15 & 16 February 2007

**replaced Senator Lightfoot on 25 June 2007

***replaced Senator Fisher on 26 June 2007

**replaced Senator George Campbell for inquiry into the current level of academic standards of school education

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	11.9.06-12.9.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.9.06-12.9.06
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.9.06-1.3.07
Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	12.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06-14.8.07

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2007

- Workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector (referred 6 September 2006)
- The current level of academic standards of school education (referred 8 February 2007)
- Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2007

- Nil

New references

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 and the Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 16 August 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 16 August 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 12 September 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- The current level of academic standards of school education – 2 July 2007, Perth; 11 July 2007, Canberra; 25 July 2007, Melbourne
- Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 and the Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 31 August 2007, Melbourne

Reports tabled

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- Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30 July 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30 July 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30 July 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] (tabled 7 August 2007)
- Workforce challenges in the transport industry (tabled 9 August 2007)
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Interim Report (presented out of session on 5 September 2007, tabled 10 September 2007)
- Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Interim Report (presented out of session on 5 September 2007, tabled 10 September 2007)
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Final Report (tabled 10 September 2007)
- Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Final Report (tabled 10 September 2007)
- Annual Report (No. 2 of 2007) (tabled 12 September 2007)
- Quality of school education (tabled 13 September 2007)
- Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (tabled 18 September 2007)

Government responses

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Nil

Estimates

2007-08 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings were not held in November 2007.

