

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

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

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	2	3	5 +(2*)	0

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	3	14:24	0	0:00	11	2:14	0	0:00	14	16:38

Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Standing Committee	14	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses										
	Telesed Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	3	0	61	0	0	226	0	54	222	1

*2 Reports that did not discharge a reference

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (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 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 Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	9.5.07
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	10.9.07
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, 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 Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	20.6.07
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 Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07
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 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 Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	9.8.07
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	9.5.07
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 Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	23.3.07
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	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 members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	11.9.06-12.2.07
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (Vic, LP)	11.9.06-9.5.07
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	12.2.07-10.9.07

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)*	18.10.06-27.11.06
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)**	8.2.07-22.2.07
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)***	8.2.07-23.2.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)#	11.9.06-20.6.07
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)##	9.5.07-6.6.07
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)*	9.8.07-14.8.07

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

**replaced Senator Wortley for committee's inquiry into Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector for the period 19.2.07 to 22.2.07

***replaced Senator Kemp for committee's inquiry into Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector for the period 19.2.07 to 23.2.07

#replaced Senator Lundy for committee's inquiry into Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector

##replaced Senator Wortley on 6 June 2007

*replaced Senator Lundy for inquiry into the Water Bills

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	8.2.07-22.2.07
Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07-10.9.07

Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)

11.9.06-14.8.07

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2007

- Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services For Rural and Regional Australia Into The Future Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2007

- Nil

New references

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- Water Bill 2007 and the Water (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 9 August 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 16 August 2007 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

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- Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 7 August 2007, Canberra
- Water Bill 2007 and the Water (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 10 August 2007, Canberra
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 3 September 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

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- Interim report: Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 27 July 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services for Rural and Regional Australia into the Future) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 27 July 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (tabled 9 August 2007)

- Water Bill 2007 [Provisions]; Water (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (tabled 14 August 2007)
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session 6 September 2007; tabled 10 September 2007)
- Annual Report (No. 2 of 2007) (tabled 12 September 2007)
- Report on two privilege matters raised with the committee in relation to its inquiry into national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas (tabled 20 September 2007)

Government responses

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- Turning back the tide – The invasive species challenge: Report on the regulation, control and management of invasive species and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002 (tabled 13 September 2007; report tabled 8 December 2004)

Estimates

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