

WORK OF COMMITTEES

Year statistics: 1 January 2007 - 31 December 2007

Half-year statistics: 1 July 2007 - 31 December 2007

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FORMAT OF THIS REPORT

On 15 October 2007, the Parliament was prorogued; the House of Representatives was dissolved on 17 October 2007 and a General Election was held on 24 November 2007.

This report is divided into several sections that provide statistics on committee work during the following periods:

- the half year (1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007); and
- the year (1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007)

Statistics on these periods are kept in order to record information based on parliamentary terms as well as half, financial and full year periods.

This Report is available on the Internet

(<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/woc/wocjuldec07/index.htm>). Additional hard copies may be obtained from the Office of the Senior Clerk of Committees, Senate Committee Office - tel: (02) 6277 3555.

ABBREVIATIONS

Committees

ACC	Australian Crime Commission
ACLEI	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
CA	Community Affairs
CFS	Corporations and Financial Services
ECO	Economics
EWRE	Employment, Workplace Relations and Education
ECITA	Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
FPA	Finance and Public Administration
LC	Legal and Constitutional Affairs
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Political Affiliations

AD	Australian Democrats
AG	Australian Greens
ALP	Australian Labor Party
APA	Australian Progressive Alliance
CLP	Country Liberal Party
FFP	Family First Party
Ind	Independent
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
NATS	The Nationals

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Other publications available from the Committee Office:

- Committee Reports*
- Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970 – 2007)
(<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/register/report/index.htm>)
- Supplements are published at the end of each year
- The First 20 Years (History of Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees 1970 – 1990)
- Business of Committees (Program of committee public hearings held in Canberra and/or interstate) (<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/red.htm>)
- Public Hearings/Meetings list (list of all forthcoming public hearings and is published every Friday)
(<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/hearings/index.htm>)
- Bills to Committees Update (providing details on the progress of legislation through Senate committees) (<http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/bills/update.htm>)

- Information pamphlets-

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| No. 1 | Notes to assist in the preparation of submissions to Senate Committee inquiries
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_one.htm) |
| No. 2 | Information for witnesses appearing before Senate Committees
(general information and notes to assist with the preparation
of oral evidence before Senate committees)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_two.htm) |
| No. 3 | Protection of witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (Senate Privilege
Resolution No. 1 on procedures to be observed by Senate committees for the
protection of witnesses)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_thr.htm) |
| No. 4 | Government Guidelines for official witnesses before Parliamentary Committees
and related matters (Extract)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/gov_ext.htm) |

** a selection of reports presented prior to June 1997 and all reports tabled after that date are available on the Internet*

DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Administered</i>	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Appropriations and Staffing	Standing	S	6277 3015	6277 5784
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Australian Crime Commission	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4888	6277 4204
Community Affairs^	LGPS	S	6277 3515	6277 5829
Corporations and Financial Services	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3583	6277 5719
Economics^	LGPS	S	6277 3540	6277 5719
Electoral Matters	Joint	H	6277 4564	6277 4710
Employment, Workplace Relations and Education^	LGPS	S	6277 3521	6277 5706
Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts ^	LGPS	S	6277 3526	6277 5818
Finance and Public Administration^	LGPS	S	6277 3439	6277 5809
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint	H	6277 4629	6277 2221
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade^	LGPS	S	6277 3535	6277 5818
House	Standing	S	6277 3398	6277 3199
Intelligence and Security (formerly known as ASIO, ASIS and DSD)	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4348	6277 2067
Legal and Constitutional Affairs^	LGPS	S	6277 3594	6277 5794
Migration	Joint	H	6277 4565	6277 8506
National Capital and External Territories	Joint	H	6277 4348	6277 2067
Parliamentary Library	Joint	DPS	6277 7102	6277 2403
Privileges	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
Procedure	Standing	S	6277 3364	6277 3199
Public Accounts and Audit	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4615	6277 2220
Public Works	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4636	6277 4426
Publications	Standing	S	6277 3037	6277 3448
Regulations and Ordinances	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3066	6277 5838
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport^	Standing			
	LGPS	S	6277 3511	6277 5811
Scrutiny of Bills	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3051	6277 5838
	Standing			
Selection of Bills	Standing	S	6277 3020	6277 3098
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
Treaties	Joint	H	6277 4002	6277 2219

Code

H	Department of the House of Representatives
DPS	Department of the Parliamentary Services
LGPS	Legislative and General Purpose Standing
S	Department of the Senate
^	Standing Committees (from 11.9.06)

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

Introduction

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office provided staffing and resources for the following committees:

- Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees; and
- Specific Joint Statutory Committees

Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees

On 11 September 2006 Senate committees were restructured. The new committees will continue the work of the previous legislation and references committees for the same portfolio responsibilities. The committees have an expanded membership of eight. Particulars of each committee can be found at the relevant web page.

The Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees and the relevant portfolio/subject areas allocated to them are as follows:

Community Affairs

Health and Ageing
Families, Community Services and
Indigenous Affairs

Economics

Treasury
Industry, Tourism and Resources

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Education, Science and Training
Employment and Workplace Relations

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Environment and Water Resources
Communications, Information Technology
and the Arts

Finance and Public Administration

Parliament
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Finance and Administration
Human Services

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Foreign Affairs and Trade
Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Attorney-General
Immigration and Citizenship

Rural and Regional Affairs and
Transport

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Transport and Regional Services

Joint Statutory Committees

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office also administered three Joint Statutory Committees comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators. These are:

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
- Australian Crime Commission; and
- Corporations and Financial Services

PART ONE

COMMITTEES' ACTIVITIES

**Legislative and General Purpose
Standing Committees
administered by the
Senate Committee Office**

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

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	3	1	2	2

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Standing Committee	9	45:00	0	0:00	7	3:50	2
						9:05	18
							57:55

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Standing Committee	8	0	3	1	0	2
						3
						1

Witnesses					Hansard Pages			
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages
Standing Committee	3	0	4	129	0	32	647	257
								2000
								1

Community Affairs (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 Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 11.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 11.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	9.5.07
Senator Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	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 Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	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 the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	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 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 Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
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 Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06

Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	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 Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, 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 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)	11.9.06
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 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)	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 Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	11.9.06-12.9.06
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	12.9.06-9.5.07

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)*	12.10.06-24.10.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)**	12.9.06-8.2.07
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)***	29.3.07-9.5.07
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)#	29.3.07-9.5.07
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)##	17.8.07-23.8.07

**replaced Senator Adams for inquiry into legislative responses to the Lockhart review on 24 October 2006*

***replaced Senator Allison for committee's inquiry into Funding and operation of the Commonwealth-State/Territory Disability Agreement*

****replaced Senator Allison for committee's inquiry into Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007*

#replaced Senator Allison for committee's inquiry into Provisions of the Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007

##replaced Senator Boyce for committee's inquiry into the cost of living pressures on older Australians, on 23 August 2007

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	29.3.07-9.5.07
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06-14.8.07

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2007

- Operation and effectiveness of Patient Assisted Travel Schemes (referred 28 March 2007)
- Mental Health Services in Australia (referred 28 March 2007)
- Cost of Living Pressures on Older Australians (referred 14 June 2007)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2007

- Mental Health Services in Australia (referred 28 March 2007)
- Cost of Living Pressures on Older Australians (referred 14 June 2007)

New references

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 16 August 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Operation and effectiveness of Patient Assisted Travel Schemes – 5 July 2007, Alice Springs; 6 July 2007, Melbourne; 13 July 2007, Perth; 23 July 2007, Launceston; 6 August 2007, Brisbane
- Mental Health Services in Australia – 10 August 2007, Canberra
- Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 27 August 2007, Canberra
- Cost of Living Pressures on Older Australians – 23 August 2007, Melbourne; 20 September 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 5 September 2007, tabled 10 September 2007)
- Highway to health: better access for rural, regional and remote patients (Patient assisted travel schemes) (tabled 20 September 2007)

Government responses

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Quality and equity in aged care (tabled 20 September 2007; report tabled 23 June 2005)

Estimates

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

Economics

Economics

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	6	10 +(6*)	2

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Standing Committee	5	33:20	0	0:00	7	2:02	0
							12
							35:22

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Standing Committee	8	1	2	0	1	0
						0

Witnesses					Hansard Pages			
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages
Standing Committee	5	0	46	0	0	355	0	105
								700
								0

*6 Reports that did not discharge a reference

Economics (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 Michael Ronaldson (Vic, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 9.2.07)</i>	8.2.07
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	28.2.07
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (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 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 George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	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)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06

Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator The Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	9.5.07
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	29.3.07
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, 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 John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	11.9.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP) <i>(Chair)</i>	11.9.06-8.2.07
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06-28.2.07

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)*	12.10.06-13.10.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)**	11.9.06-7.12.06
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)***	8.2.07-15.2.07
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)****	8.2.07-16.2.07
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)#	29.3.07-9.5.07

**replaced Senator Bernardi for inquiry into price of petrol in Australia on 13 October 2006*

***replaced Senator Webber for inquiry into price of petrol in Australia*

****replaced Senator Bernardi for the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates on 15 February 2007*

*****replaced Senator Chapman for the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates on 14, 15 & 16 February 2007*

#replaced Senator Murray for committee's inquiry into the Provisions of the Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007

Former participating members

Term of appointment

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

- Private equity investment (referred 29 March 2007)
- Trade Practices Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007 (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007 and the Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007, Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 1) 2007 and the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2007

- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007 (referred 16 August 2007 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 (referred 16 August 2007 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007 (referred 16 August 2007 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 (referred 16 August 2007 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 16 August 2007 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007 (referred 16 August 2007 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 16 August 2007 - through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Private equity investment – 25 July 2007, Sydney; 26 July 2007, Melbourne; 9 August 2007, Canberra
- Trade Practices Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007; Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007 and the Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions]; Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007 [Provisions]; Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007, Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 1) 2007 and the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] – 27 July 2007, Melbourne
- Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 28 August 2007, Adelaide

Reports tabled

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007 and the Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Interim report (presented out of session on 31 July 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Interim report (presented out of session on 31 July 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007, Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 1) 2007 and the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] - Interim report (presented out of session on 31 July 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007 and the Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1 August 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1 August 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007, Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 1) 2007 and the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1 August 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)

- Trade Practices Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007 (presented out of session on 1 August 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1 August 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Private equity investment in Australia (presented out of session 20 August 2007; tabled 10 September 2007)
- Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 5 September 2007; tabled 10 September 2007)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Interim Report (presented out of session on 5 September 2007, tabled 10 September 2007)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 6 September 2007, tabled 10 September 2007)
- Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007 (tabled 11 September 2007)
- Annual Report (No. 2 of 2007) (tabled 12 September 2007)
- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007 – Interim Report (tabled 17 September 2007)
- National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 – Interim Report (tabled 17 September 2007)

Government responses

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Nil

Estimates

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

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

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	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	4	18:04	0	0:00	7	0:35	0	0:00	11	18:39

Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Standing Committee	8	0	2	0	0	1	0

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	1	0	7	24	0	43	160	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

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- 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.

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

1 July 2007 - 31 December 2007

Standing CommitteeStanding Committee

Standing Committee

Standing Committee

*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

Term of appointment

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

Term of appointment

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

Term of appointment

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

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- 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

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- 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

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- 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

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- 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.

Finance and Public Administration

Finance and Public Administration

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	1	2	3 +(1*)	0

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Standing Committee	4	23:05	0	0:00	6	1:30	10
						0	0:00
							24:35

Meetings By State					
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Standing Committee	4	0	2	0	0
					4

Witnesses					
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)
Standing Committee	0	0	70	0	305
					0
					625
					101
					1

*1 Report that did not discharge a reference

Finance and Public Administration (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 Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 22.3.07)</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 David Bushby (Tas, LP)	10.9.07
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	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 Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	21.6.07
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 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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	17.8.07
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
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 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 the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06

Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	9.5.07
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 Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	8.2.07
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 John Watson (TAS, LP)	17.8.07
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	8.2.07

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP) (Chair)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	23.3.07-9.5.07
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	9.5.07-20.6.07
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06-14.8.07
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07-10.9.07

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)*	19.10.06-30.10.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)**	17.10.06-22.12.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)***	8.2.07-20.3.07
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)#	21.6.07-27.7.07
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)##	17.8.07-7.9.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)###	17.8.07-7.9.07

*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

***replaced Senator Murray for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007

#replaced Senator Carol Brown for inquiry into the Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

##replaced Senator Fierravanti-Wells for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007

replaced Senator Watson for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07

Inquiry

As at 1 July 2007

- Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 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

- Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 16 August 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 5 July 2007, Melbourne
- Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 30 August 2007, Noosa; 31 August 2007, Emerald; 3 September 2007, Cairns

Reports tabled

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 27 July 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Interim Report (presented out of session on 4 September 2007, tabled 10 September 2007)
- Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Final Report (presented out of session on 7 September 2007, tabled 10 September 2007)
- Annual Report (No. 2 of 2007) (tabled 12 September 2007)

Government responses

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 (tabled 19 September 2007; report tabled 27 July 2007)

Estimates

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

**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

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	3	2	3 +(2*,1^^)	2

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Standing Committee	8	34:36	0	0:00	11	2:24	0
							19
							0:00
							37:00

Meetings By State					
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Standing Committee	15	3	1	0	0

Witnesses					
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)
Standing Committee	2	0	5	78	0

Hansard Pages			
General	Other (Bills)	Estimates	General
Standing Committee	41	7	445

*2 Reports that did not discharge a reference
 ^^Third Progress Report that did not discharge a reference

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (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 Marise Payne (NSW, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 21.3.07)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	17.8.07
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	28.2.07
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	23.3.07
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.10.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	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 the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	11.9.06

Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	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 Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	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 Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, 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)	11.9.06
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06

Former members

Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	<i>(Chair)</i>	<i>Term of appointment</i> 11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)		11.9.06-14.8.07

Former participating members

Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	<i>Term of appointment</i> 11.9.06-28.2.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2007

- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (resolved 22 June 2006 through the Committee)
- Australia's public diplomacy (referred 7 November 2006)
- Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations (referred 8 November 2006)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2007

- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (resolved 22 June 2006 through the Committee)

- Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations (referred 8 November 2006)

New references

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 16 August 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations - 24 & 25 July 2007, Canberra; 20 August 2007, Sydney; 21 August 2007, Melbourne; 5, 6 & 13 September 2007, Canberra
- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 5 September 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Australia's public diplomacy: building our image (tabled 16 August 2007)
- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Interim Report (presented out of session on 5 September 2007, tabled 10 September 2007)
- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Final Report (tabled 10 September 2007)
- Reforms to Australia's Military Justice System – Third progress report (tabled 10 September 2007)
- Annual Report (No. 2 of 2007) (tabled 12 September 2007)
- Changing nature of Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations – Interim Report (presented out of session on 19 October 2007; to be tabled in the 42nd Parliament)

Government responses

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Nil

Estimates

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

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	5	3	8	0

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Standing Committee	6						
	22:05	0	0:00	10	1:40	0	16
						0:00	23:45

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Standing Committee	13					
	3	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses						
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General
Standing Committee	3					
	0	79	0	0	238	0
						248
						1138
						2

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (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 Guy Barnett (Tas, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 26.3.07)</i>	23.3.07
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 Marise Payne (NSW, LP) <i>(Chair to 26.3.07)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	9.8.07
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
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 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 Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
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 Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
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 the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	9.5.07
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 members

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-8.2.07
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.9.06-8.2.07
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	8.2.07-23.3.07

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)*	11.9.06-7.12.06
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)**	6.12.06-23.2.07

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

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

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, 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

- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 13 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- International Trade Integrity Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Migration Amendment (Sponsorship Obligations) Bill 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

- Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007; Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008; Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008; Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory National Emergency Response and Other Measures) Bill 2007; and Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007 (referred 8 August 2007)
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) Bill 2007 (referred 20 September 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 16 July 2007, Canberra; 17 July 2007, Sydney
- Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 16 July 2007, Canberra
- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 17 July 2007, Sydney
- International Trade Integrity Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 17 July 2007, Sydney
- Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007; Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008; Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008; Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory National Emergency Response and Other Measures) Bill 2007; and Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007 – 10 August 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30 July 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Migration Amendment (Sponsorship Obligations) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30 July 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 31 July 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- International Trade Integrity Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1 August 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1 August 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007 and four related bills concerning the Northern Territory National Emergency Response (tabled 13 August 2007)
- Annual Report (No. 2 of 2007) (tabled 12 September 2007)
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session 10 October 2007; to be tabled in the 42nd Parliament)

Government responses

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 (tabled 7 August 2007; report tabled 7 February 2007)
- Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007; Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No.1) 2007-2008; Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No.2) 2007-2008; Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation amendment (Northern Territory National Emergency Response and Other Measures) Bill 2007; and Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007 (tabled 16 August 2007; report tabled 13 August 2007)

Estimates

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

**Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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	2	3 +(1*)	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	1	2:40	0	0:00	12	6:46	0	0:00	13	9:26

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
13	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages				Government Responses	
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
								No of Submissions		No Of Pages
Standing Committee	1	0	8	0	0	47	0	9	40	1

*1 Report that did not discharge a reference

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (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 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 Judith Adams (WA, LP)	9.5.07
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	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 Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
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 Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	27.3.07
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 Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07
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 Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
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 Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	9.5.07
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	1.3.07
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	1.3.07
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	1.3.07
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	23.3.07
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 Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	1.3.07
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07
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Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)*	8.2.07-15.2.07
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)**	8.2.07-16.2.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)***	1.3.07-2.4.07
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)^	1.3.07-16.8.07
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)^^	1.3.07-16.8.07
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)^^^	1.3.07-16.8.07
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)#	1.3.07-16.8.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)##	9.5.07-16.8.07

*replaced Senator Heffernan for the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates on 15 February 2007

**replaced Senator Nash for the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates on 16 February 2007

***replaced Senator Ferris for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

^replaced Senator McGauran for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

^^replaced Senator Nash for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

^^^replaced Senator Sterle for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

#replaced Senator McEwen for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

##replaced Senator Adams for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-1.3.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-1.3.07
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06-1.3.07
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06-1.3.07
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 Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06-14.8.07

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2007

- Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland (referred 26 February 2007)
- Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiry

As at 31 December 2007

- Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (referred 19 September 2007)

New references

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (referred 19 September 2007)

Public hearings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No.1) Bill 2007 – 16 July 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No.1) Bill 2007 (presented out of session on 30 July 2007; tabled on 7 August 2007)
- Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland (tabled 16 August 2007)
- Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings (presented out of session 22 August 2007; tabled 10 September 2007)
- Annual Report (No. 2 of 2007) (tabled 12 September 2007)

Government responses

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Australian forest plantations: *A review of Plantations for Australia: The 2020 vision* (tabled 13 September 2007; report tabled 2 September 2004)

Estimates

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

Joint Statutory
Committees administered by the
Senate Committee Office

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

**Australian Commission for
Law Enforcement Integrity**

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

1 July 2007 - 17 October 2007

Matters current as at 1 July 2007	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Inquiries lapsed as at 17 October 2007
Joint Statutory	1	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	0	0:00	0	0:00	2	1:24	0	0:00	2	1:24

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages			
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Joint Statutory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2007 to 17 October 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Part 14 of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006* was established on 26 February 2007 when the House of Representatives agreed to a resolution from the Senate, passed on 8 February 2007.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 10 May 2007)</i>	23.3.07
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 10 May 2007)</i>	29.3.07
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	23.3.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	29.3.07
The Hon Bruce Baird (Cook, NSW, LP)	9.5.07
Ms Jill Hall (Shortland, NSW, ALP)	28.3.07
Mrs Kay Hull (Riverina, NSW, NATS)	9.5.07
Mrs Margaret May (McPherson, Qld, LP)	9.5.07
Mr Kim Wilkie (Swan, WA, LP)	28.3.07

Inquiry

As at 1 July 2007

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)

Inquiry lapsed

As at 17 October 2007

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)

New references

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Nil

Government responses

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Nil

Australian Crime Commission

Australian Crime Commission

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

Matters current as at 1 July 2007	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Inquiries lapsed as at 17 October 2007
Joint Statutory	2	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	3	12:25	0	0:00	6	6:36	1	0:17	10	19:18

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses							Hansard Pages		
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Joint Statutory	2	0	0	42	0	170	7	27	1

Australian Crime Commission (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2007 to 17 October 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to the Australian Crime Commission Act 2002; appointed 18 November 2004

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP) <i>(elected Chair-1.3.06)</i>	27.2.06
The Hon Duncan Kerr, MP (Denison, Tas, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair-9.12.04)</i>	2.12.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	9.11.06
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	27.3.07
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	9.5.07
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP) (effective 1.7.05 – prospective appointment of a senator-elect)	23.6.05
Mrs Joanna Gash, MP (Gilmore, NSW, LP)	2.12.04
Mr Christopher Hayes (Werriwa, NSW, ALP)	12.9.05
Mr Kym Richardson, MP (Kingston, SA, LP)	2.12.04
Mr Jason Wood, MP (La Trobe, Vic, LP)	2.12.04

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic) (NATS)	29.11.04-6.12.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	1.12.04-23.6.05
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	1.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	29.11.04-30.6.05
Mr Anthony Byrne, MP (Holt, Vic, ALP)	2.12.04-12.9.05
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP) <i>(Chair-9.12.04-27.1.06)</i>	6.12.04-27.1.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	23.6.05-27.3.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	29.11.04-2.4.07

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2007

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Inquiry into the future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society (adopted 4 December 2006)

Inquiry lapsed

As at 17 October 2007

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)

New references

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society – 5 & 6 July 2007, Canberra; 13 August 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society (tabled 19 September 2007)

Government responses

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Supplementary report – Trafficking of women for sexual servitude (tabled 13 September 2007; report tabled 11 August 2005)

Corporations and Financial Services

1 July 2007 - 17 October 2007

Joint Statutory

Joint
Statutory

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**Report that did not discharge a reference*

Corporations and Financial Services (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2007 to 17 October 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to section 241 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*; appointed 18 November 2004

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP) (<i>elected Chair-2.12.04</i>)	1.12.04
Ms Anna Burke, MP (Chisholm, Vic, ALP) (<i>elected Deputy Chair-8.12.04</i>)	2.12.04
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	28.2.07
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	1.12.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	25.10.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.12.04
Mr Mark Baker, MP (Braddon, Tas, LP)	16.8.05
Mr Kerry Bartlett, MP (Macquarie, NSW, LP)	6.12.04
Mr Chris Bowen, MP (Prospect, NSW, ALP)	2.12.04
Mr Stewart McArthur, MP (Corangamite, Vic, LP)	6.12.04

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.12.04-30.6.05
The Hon Ms Jackie Kelly, MP (Lindsay, NSW, LP)	6.12.04-16.8.05
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	1.7.05-24.10.06
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	24.10.06-25.10.06
Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	1.12.04-30.1.07

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2007

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Superannuation industry (adopted 30 June 2006)
- Shareholder engagement (adopted 30 June 2006)

Inquiries lapsed

As at 17 October 2007

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Shareholder engagement (adopted 30 June 2006)

New references

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- The structure and operation of the superannuation industry (tabled 7 August 2007)
- Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (tabled 9 August 2007)

Government responses

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Timeshare: The price of leisure (presented out of session 30 August 2007; report tabled 5 September 2005)

**Committee-related
activity in the chamber**

Details of Reports tabled in the Senate and other related matters

14 Individual/Packages of Bills referred through Selection of Bills Committee:

9 August 2007

Water Bill 2007 and the Water (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 14 August 2007

16 August 2007

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 17 September 2007

National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 22 October 2007

Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2007

Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 11 September 2007

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2007

National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 6 September 2007

Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2007

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations & Education Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2007

Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 and the Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations & Education Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2007

Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2007

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Finance & Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 4 September 2007

12 September 2007

Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations & Education Committee for inquiry and report by 18 September 2007

20 September 2007

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal & Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 10 October 2007

1 Package of Bills referred

8 August 2007

Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007; Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008; Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008; Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory National Emergency Response and Other Measures) Bill 2007; and Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007 to the Legal & Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 13 August 2007

1 Reference referred

Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector to the Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport Committee (referred 19 September 2007; report by 30 June 2008)

Reports tabled

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 31 Bills reports (plus 11 reports that did not discharge a reference) and 6 references reports ((plus 3 reports that did not discharge a reference and 1 Third Progress report). The details are as follows:

Committee	Report	Tabled
FPA	Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 27.7.07)	7.8.07
ECITA	*Interim report: Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 27.7.07)	7.8.07
ECITA	Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services for Rural and Regional Australia into The Future) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 27.7.07)	7.8.07
RRAT	Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No.1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30.7.07)	7.8.07
EWRE	Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No.1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30.7.07)	7.8.07
EWRE	Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007)	7.8.07
EWRE	Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30.7.07)	7.8.07
EWRE	Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30.7.07)	7.8.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
LC	Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30.7.07)	7.8.07
LC	Migration Amendment (Sponsorship Obligations) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30.7.07)	7.8.07
LC	Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 31.7.07)	7.8.07
ECO	*Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Interim report (presented out of session on 31.7.07)	7.8.07
ECO	*Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007 and the Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Interim report (presented out of session on 31.7.07)	7.8.07
ECO	*Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007, Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 1) 2007 and the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] - Interim report (presented out of session on 31.7.07)	7.8.07
ECO	Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1.8.07)	7.8.07
ECO	Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007 and the Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1.8.07)	7.8.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007, Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 1) 2007 and the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] report (presented out of session on 1.8.07)	7.8.07
ECO	Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1.8.07)	7.8.07
ECO	Trade Practices Legislation Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1.8.07)	7.8.07
LC	International Trade Integrity Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1.8.07)	7.8.07
LC	Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1.8.07)	7.8.07
EWRE	Workforce challenges in the transport industry	9.8.07
ECITA	Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	9.8.07
LC	Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007 and four related bills concerning The Northern Territory National Emergency Response	13.8.07
ECITA	Water Bill 2007 [Provisions]; Water (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	14.8.07
FADT	Australia's public diplomacy: building our image	16.8.07
RRAT	Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland	16.8.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
FADT	^^Third Progress Report – Reforms to Australia's Military Justice System	10.9.07
CA	Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 5.9.07)	10.9.07
EWRE	*Interim Report - Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 5.9.07)	10.9.07
EWRE	*Interim Report - Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 5.9.07)	10.9.07
RRAT	Unauthorised disclosure of committee Proceedings (presented out of session on 22.8.07)	10.9.07
EWRE	Final Report - Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	10.9.07
EWRE	Final Report - Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	10.9.07
ECO	Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 5.9.07)	10.9.07
ECO	*Interim Report - Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 5.9.07)	10.9.07
ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 6.9.07)	10.9.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
ECO	Private equity investment in Australia (presented out of session 20.8.07)	10.9.07
FADT	*Interim Report – Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session 5.9.07)	10.9.07
FADT	Final Report – Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions]	10.9.07
ECITA	National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session 6.9.07)	10.9.07
FPA	*Interim Report – Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session 4.9.07)	10.9.07
FPA	Final Report – Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session 7.9.07)	10.9.07
ECO	Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007	11.9.07
EWRE	Quality of school education	13.9.07
ECO	*Interim Report - Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007	17.9.07
ECO	*Interim Report - National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007	17.9.07
EWRE	Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	18.9.07
CA	Highway to health: better access for rural, regional and remote patients (Patient assisted travel schemes)	20.9.07
ECITA	Report on two privilege matters raised with the committee in relation to its inquiry into national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas	20.9.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
LC	Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session 10.10.07)	To be tabled in the 42nd Parliament
FADT	*Interim Report – Changing nature of Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations (presented out of session 19.10.07)	To be tabled in the 42nd Parliament

**Reports that did not discharge a reference*

^Third progress Report that did not discharge a reference

Estimates reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled no reports.

Annual Report reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 7 reports.

Joint Statutory/Select Committees:

During the reporting period, 2 reports (plus 1 report that did not discharge a reference) were tabled by a Joint Statutory Committee.

Committee	Report	Tabled
CFS	The structure and operation of the superannuation industry	7.8.07
CFS	*Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	9.8.07
ACC	Future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society	19.9.07

**Report that did not discharge a reference*

Government Responses to Committee Reports

The following table shows 8 Government responses to a Senate Committee Report:

Government response	Date	Committee
Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 (report tabled 7 February 2007)	7.8.07	LC
Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007; Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No.1) 2007-2008; Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No.2) 007-2008; Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory National Emergency Response and Other Measures) Bill 2007; and Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007 (report tabled 13 August 2007)	16.8.07	LC
Timeshare: The price of leisure (report tabled 5 September 2005)	30.8.07	CFS
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 (report tabled 8 December 2004)	13.9.07	ECITA
Australian forest plantations: <i>A review of Plantations for Australia: The 2020 vision</i> (report tabled 2 September 2004)	13.9.07	RRAT
Supplementary report – Trafficking of women for sexual servitude (report tabled 11 August 2005)	13.9.07	ACC

Government response	Date	Committee
Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 (report tabled 27 July 2007)	19.9.07	FPA
Quality and equity in aged care (report tabled 23 June 2005)	20.9.07	CA

A complete list of Government responses is produced in the Business of the Senate published half yearly by the Senate Table Office.

Additional Comments; Dissenting Reports; Minority Reports; Report; Additional Remarks; Opposition Report; Comments; Supplementary Comments; Supplementary Report; Supplementary Remarks; Additional Comments & Points of Dissent

(Note: These statistics record the signatory to the reports)

<i>Legislation:</i>	<i>LP/NATS</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AD</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>FFP</i>
Additional Comments	5	13	4	2	1
Dissenting Reports	1		2	3	2
Minority Reports		14	1	3	
Report		7			
Additional Remarks			1		
Opposition Report		1			
Comments		6			
Supplementary Comments	4				
Supplementary Report		8	2		
Supplementary Remarks			2		
Additional Comments & Points of Dissent			1		

Extension of Time to present Reports

During the reporting period, 10 extensions of time – 1 under a week; 3 over a week; and 6 over a month - were granted to Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports.

Leave to Meet while the Senate is in session

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted leave to meet while the Senate was in session on 6 occasions.

Membership of Committees

During the reporting period, there were 21 membership changes of Committees.

Other Committees

Regulations and Ordinances (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23.

Current members

Senator Watson (Chair), Senators Bartlett, Brown, Fierravanti-Wells, Patterson and Wortley.

Former members

Senators Mason and Santoro.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr James Warmenhoven	6277 3066	6277 5838

Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises delegated legislation to ensure:

- that it is in accordance with the statute;
- that it does not trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- that it does not unduly make the rights and liberties of citizens dependent upon administrative decisions which are not subject to review of their merits by a judicial or other independent tribunal; and
- that it does not contain matter more appropriate for parliamentary enactment.

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Nil

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

Private:	4
Briefings:	0
Total:	4

No. of instruments scrutinised **782**

Notices of Motion to Disallow **18**

Notices withdrawn **4**

Notices pending **17** (notices lapsed at prorogation of 41st Parliament on 15 October 2007)

Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members

Senator Ray (Chair), Senator Adams (Deputy Chair), Senators Barnett, McEwen, Murray and Parry

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Cheryl Wilson	6277 3050	6277 5838

Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises bills and Acts of Parliament and reports to the Senate whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:

- trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
- inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

Between 1 July 2007 and 31 December 2007, the committee considered 69 bills, and commented on 38 bills in five Alert Digests. The committee also produced three Reports containing correspondence from Ministers addressing its concerns.

Alert Digests tabled

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- No. 8 of 2007 (8 August 2007)
- No. 9 of 2007 (13 August 2007)
- No. 10 of 2007 (15 August 2007)
- No. 11 of 2007 (12 September 2007)
- No. 12 of 2007 (19 September 2007)

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Eighth Report of 2007 (8 August 2007)
- Ninth Report of 2007 (12 September 2007)
- Tenth Report of 2007 (19 September 2007)

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

Private: 5

Appropriations and Staffing (Standing)

1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19.

Members

The President (Senator the Hon. Paul Calvert) (Chairman), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon. Nick Minchin), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chris Evans), Senators Bartlett, Boswell, Faulkner, Heffernan, Parry (from 9 May 2007) and Ray

Former member

Senator Ferris

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Neil Bessell	6277 3015	6277 5784

Role of the committee

The Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing determines the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills and reports to the Senate on its determinations prior to the Senate's consideration of those bills. The committee also examines matters affecting the staffing and administration of the Department of the Senate, including proposals to vary the staffing structure, and other matters referred to it by the Senate. It makes an annual report to the Senate on the operations of the Senate's appropriations and staffing and related matters (standing order 19(3)). The committee has the explicit capacity to scrutinise security funding and administration and to advise the President and the Senate as appropriate. Under a resolution of the Senate agreed to in 1987 the committee also examines proposed changes in the structure and responsibilities of the parliamentary departments.

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- 1

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

Private: 0

House (Standing)

1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21.

Current members

The President (Senator the Hon P Calvert) (Chair) to 13 August 2007 & (Senator the Hon A Ferguson) (Chair) from 14 August 2007, the Deputy President (Senator J Hogg), Senators Carr, Crossin, Parry, Lightfoot and Stephens

Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Ms Andrea Griffiths	(02) 6277 3398	(02) 6277 3199

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

Private: 2*

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Total: 2

* Sitting jointly with a similar committee of the House of Representatives

Privileges (Standing)

1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18.

Current members

Senator Faulkner (Chair), Senator Ronaldson (Deputy Chair), Senators Humphries, Payne, Ray, Sherry and Watson.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)	e-mail
Dr Rosemary Laing	6277 3360	6277 3199	Priv.sen@aph.gov.au

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Person referred to in the Senate: Mr Darryl Hockey. Tabled 7 August 2007. (130th Report)
- Possible false or misleading evidence and improper refusal to provide information to the Finance and Public Administration Committee. Tabled 11 September 2007. (131st Report)
- Persons referred to in the Senate: Mr Chalid Muhammad and Mr Nurkholis on behalf of staff of the Indonesian Forum for Environment (WALHI). Tabled 17 September 2007. (132nd Report)

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

Private: 5

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: 5

Procedure (Standing)

1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17.

Current members

The Deputy President (Senator J Hogg) (Chair), the President (Senator the Hon P Calvert), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (the Hon N Minchin), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator C Evans), Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, Ellison, Faulkner, Ferguson, and Ray

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Harry Evans	6277 3350	6277 3199

Current inquiry

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Nil

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Nil

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

Private:

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: Nil

Publications (Standing)

1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22.

Current members

Senator McGauran (Chair) [appointed 20.6.07], Senators Fisher [appointed 16.8.07], Hurley [appointed 28.2.07], Marshall [appointed 18.11.04], Nash [appointed 16.8.05], Sterle [appointed 23.6.05] and Wortley [appointed 23.6.05].

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Naomie Kaub	6277 3037	6277 3448

Public hearings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Nil

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- 23rd report (tabled 16 August 2007)
- 24th report (tabled 20 September 2007)
- Printing standards for documents presented to Parliament (tabled 20 September 2007)

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

Private: 3*

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: 3

**Meeting as a joint committee with a similar committee of the House of Representatives*

Selection of Bills (Standing)

1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Standing Order 24A.

Current members

The Government Whip (Senator Parry) (Chair), the Opposition Whip (Senator Campbell), the Nationals Whip (Senator Nash), the Australian Democrats Whip (Senator Bartlett), the Australian Greens Whip (Senator Siewert), Family First Whip (Senator Fielding) and Senators Abetz, Ludwig, McGauran and Webber.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Richard Pye	6277 3020	6277 3098/6277 3099

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Report Nos 12 to 16 of 2007

Meetings – All meetings held at Parliament House, Canberra

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

Private: 5

Total: 5

Senators' Interests (Standing)

1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A.

Current members

Senator Webber (Chair), Senator Lightfoot (Deputy Chair), Senators Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk, McEwen and Nash

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)	e-mail
Dr Rosemary Laing	6277 3360	6277 3199	Senators.interests@aph.gov.au

Register of Senators' Interests

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Register of Alterations to Senators' Interests 7 December 2007. Presented to the Deputy President on 11 December 2007 pursuant to standing order 38.

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Nil.

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

Private:

Public:

In camera:

Inspection:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: Nil.

Electoral Matters (Joint)

1 July 2007 to 17 October 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 18 November 2004 and agreed to by the Senate on 18 November 2004.

Current members

Mrs Sophie Mirabella (Chairman), Senator Sterle (Deputy Chairman), Senator Judith Adams, Senator Kim Carr, Senator Concetta Fieravanti-Wells, Senator Andrew Murray, Mr Steven Ciobo MP, Mr Michael Danby MP, Mr Alan Griffin MP and Mr John Forrest MP

Changes:

- Senator Hogg replaced Senator Forshaw on 9/11/05
- Mr Griffin replaced Mr Melham on 6/9/05
- Mr Lindsay replaced Mr Smith on 7/2/06
- Senator Sterle replaced Senator Hogg on 6/12/06
- Senator Sterle replaced Mr Danby as Deputy Chairman on 7/12/06
- Senator Fieravanti-Wells and Senator Adams appointed 26/2/07
- Senator Brandis and Senator Mason discharged 26/2/07
- Mrs Mirabella replaced Mr Lindsay as Chairman 26/2/07
- Mr Forrest appointed 14/2/07
- Mr Lindsay discharged 14/2/07

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Stephen Boyd	6277 4564	6277 4710

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Review of certain aspects of the administration of the Australian Electoral Commission, tabled 17 September 2007

Government responses tabled

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Inquiry into disclosure of donations to political parties and candidates, tabled 2 August 2007

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

Private:	1
Public:	3
Inspections:	1
Total:	5

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint)

1 July 2007 to 17 October 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 18 November 2004, and agreed to by the Senate on 18 November 2004.

Current Members

Senator M A Payne (*Chair*), Hon G J Edwards, MP (*Deputy Chair*), Senator A Bartlett, Senator P M Crossin, Senator A Eggleston, Senator M Fifield, Senator S Hutchins, Senator L J Kirk, Senator The Hon J A L (Sandy) Macdonald, Senator C M Moore, Senator M A Payne, Senator N Stott Despoja, Senator R B Trood, Senator R S Webber, Hon B G Baird, MP, Mr P A Barresi, MP, Mr M Danby, MP, Mrs T Draper, MP, Mrs J Gash, MP, Mr S W Gibbons, MP, Mr B W Haase, MP, Mr M J Hatton, MP, Hon D F Jull, MP, Hon J E Moylan, MP, Hon G D Prosser, MP, Hon B C Scott, MP, Mr R C G Sercombe, MP, Hon W E Snowdon, MP, Dr A J Southcott, MP, Mr C P Thompson, MP, Ms M Vamvakinou, MP, Mr B H Wakelin, MP, Mr K W Wilkie, MP

Secretary

Dr Margot Kerley (02) 6277 4629

Current inquiries

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2005-2006
- Inquiry into Australia's relationship with India as an emerging world power

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Australian Defence Force Regional Air Superiority
- Australia's trade with Mexico and the Region
- Australia's aid program in the Pacific

Government Responses

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Australia's relationship with Malaysia

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

Private:	25
Public:	0
Inspections/Briefings:	3
Total:	28

Secretaries of Sub-Committees

Dr John Carter (Foreign Affair Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4306
Mr Michael Crawford (Defence Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 2070
Mr Robert Little (Trade Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4628
Dr Margot Kerley (Defence Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4629
Ms Sara Edson (Human Rights Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4547

Migration (Joint)

1 July 2007 to 17 October 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives and the Senate of 18 November 2004.

Current members

Mr Don Randall, MP (Chair), Senator Helen Polley (Deputy Chair), Senators Andrew Bartlett, Alan Eggleston, Stephen Parry and Mr Laurie Ferguson MP, Mrs Julia Irwin MP, Mr Michael Keenan MP, Dr Carmen Lawrence MP, and Dr Andrew Southcott MP.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Joanne Towner	6277 4565	6277 8506

Current inquiry

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Inquiry into temporary business visas

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Temporary visas ... permanent benefits: ensuring the effectiveness, fairness and integrity of the temporary business visa program (Report of the inquiry into temporary business visas, tabled 12 September 2007)

Government responses tabled

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- nil

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

Private:	3
Public:	1
In camera:	nil
Briefings:	nil
*Delegation	nil
Total meetings:	4

National Capital and External Territories (Joint)

1 July 2007 to 17 October 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to resolution of the House of Representatives of 18 November 2004 and the Senate of 18 November 2004.

Current members

Senator Ross Lightfoot (Chairman), Ms Annette Ellis MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Kate Lundy, the Deputy President (Senator John Hogg), the Deputy Speaker (Hon Ian Causley), Senator Trish Crossin, Senator Barnaby Joyce, Senator Natasha Stott Despoja, , Mr Paul Neville MP, Ms Sophie Mirabella MP, Mr Patrick Secker MP, Hon Warren Snowdon MP.

Changes:

- Senator Lundy replaced Senator O'Brien on 10/8/05
- Senator Joyce replaced Senator Scullion on 17/8/05
- Senator Carr replaced Senator Lundy from 8/12/05
- Senator Lundy replaced Senator Carr from 12/3/06
- Senator Carr replaced Senator Crossin on 28/3/06
- Senator Crossin replaced Senator Carr 28/2/07
- Ms Ellis replaced Senator Lundy as Deputy Chair 9/5/07

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Stephen Boyd	6277 4564	6277 8478

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Nil

Government responses tabled

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Norfolk Island Financial Sustainability: The Challenge – Sink or Swim, tabled 13 September 2007
- Inquiry into Norfolk Island Electoral Matters, tabled 13 September 2007
- Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?: Inquiry into Governance on Norfolk Island, tabled 13 September 2007
- Review of the Griffin Legacy Amendments, tabled 16 August 2007

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

Private	2
Public	
Briefings	2
Total	4

Parliamentary Library (Joint Standing)

1 July 2007 to 17 October 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 7 December 2005, and agreed to by the House of Representatives on 7 December 2005.

Current members

Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD) appointed on 9 December 2005

Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) appointed on 30 March 2006

Senator McGauran appointed on 23 March 2007

Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS) appointed on 2 March 2006

Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP) appointed on 2 March 2006

Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP) appointed on 30 March 2006

The Hon Mr Dick Adams MP (Lyons, Tas, ALP) appointed on 27 March 2006

The Hon Mr John Anderson MP (Gwydir, NSW, NATS) appointed on 28 February 2006

Mr Russell Broadbent MP (McMillan, Vic, LP) appointed on 28 February 2006

Mr Petro Georgiou MP (Kooyong, Vic, LP) appointed on 28 February 2006

Mr Michael Hatton MP (Blaxland, NSW, ALP) appointed on 27 February 2006

Mr Brendan O'Connor MP (Gorton, Vic, ALP) appointed on 27 February 2006

Mr Barry Wakelin MP (Grey, SA, LP) appointed on 28 February 2006

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Roxanne Missingham	6277 7102	6277 2403

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

Private: 1

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total:

Treaties (Joint)

1 July 2007 to 17 October 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives and the Senate on 18 November 2004.

Members

Dr A Southcott MP (Chair), Mr K Wilkie MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Bartlett, Senator Brown, Senator Mason (*to 23 Mar 07*), Senator Macdonald (*from 23 Mar 07*), Senator Sterle, Senator Trood (*to 20 June 07*), Senator Birmingham (*from 20 June 07*), Senator Wortley, Senator McGauran, Hon D Adams MP, Mr M Johnson MP, Mr M Keenan MP, Mrs M May MP, Mrs S Mirabella MP (*to 14 Feb 07*), Mr A Laming MP (*from 14 Feb 07*), Mr B Ripoll MP, Hon B Scott MP.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr James Rees	6277 4642	6277 2219

Current inquiries

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- *Treaties tabled on 15 August 2007*
- *Treaties tabled on 11 September 2007*
- *Treaties tabled on 18 September 2007*

Documents tabled

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Report 86: Treaties tabled on 27 March and 9 May 2007 (*Tabled 16 August 2007*)
- Report 87: Treaties tabled on 13 June 2007 (*Tabled 16 August 2007*)
- Report 88: Treaty tabled on 7 August 2007 (*Tabled 16 August 2007*)
- Report 89: Treaties tabled on 7 August 2007 (*Tabled 20 September 2007*)

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- 5

Intelligence and Security (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2007 to 17 October 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to *Intelligence Services Act 2001*; amended by the *Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Act 2005* on 2 December 2005

Members

The Hon David Jull MP (Presiding Member)

Mr Anthony Byrne MP (Deputy Chair)

Senator Alan Ferguson, Senator Julian McGauran (till 28 March 2006), Senator the Hon Robert Ray, Senator the Hon John Faulkner (appointed 9 December 2005), Senator Fiona Nash (appointed 9 May 2006);

Mr Stewart McArthur MP; The Hon Duncan Kerr SC MP; and Mr Stephen Ciobo MP (appointed 8 December 2005)

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Stephen Boyd	6277 4348	6277 2067

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

- Review of Administration and Expenditure: Australian Intelligence Organisations – No. 5 (tabled 13 August 2007)
- Annual Report of Committee Activities 2006-2007 (tabled 13 August 2007)
- Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation (ESO) as a terrorist organisation under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (tabled 15 August 2007)
- Inquiry into the Terrorist Organisation Listing Provisions of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (tabled 20 September 2007)
- Review of the re-listing of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), Lashkar-e-Tayibba (LeT) and the Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades as terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (tabled 27 September 2007)

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

Private (meetings)	5
Public (hearings)	0
In camera (hearings)	0
Inspections	1
Briefings	2*
Total	6

**not counted*

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2007 to 17 October 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*.

Current members

The Speaker (The Hon D Hawker MP), the President (Senator The Hon A Ferguson), Senators the Hon J Faulkner and S Parry and, Mr K Bartlett MP, The Hon G Hardgrave MP, Mr J Murphy MP and Ms M Vamvakinou MP

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Claressa Surtees	6277 4888	6277 4204

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Nil

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Nil

Public Accounts and Audit (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2007 to 17 October 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*.

Committee name

Joint Statutory Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Membership

Members

Mr Phil Barresi (from/*elected Chair*, 6.2.07)

Ms Sharon Grierson MP (Deputy-Chair)

Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP

Mr Russell Broadbent MP

Dr Craig Emerson MP

Dr Dennis Jensen MP (*from 29 May 2006*)

Hon Jackie Kelly MP

Ms Catherine King MP

Mr Andrew Laming MP

Mr Lindsay Tanner MP

Senators

Senator Mark Bishop
(*from 11 May 2006*)

Senator John Hogg

Senator Gary Humphries

Senator Andrew Murray

Senator Grant Chapman
(*from 23.3.07*)

Senator John Watson

Former members

Mr Tony Smith MP (to 6.2.07)(Chair) (to 6.2.07)

Hon Alex Somlyay (*to 12.8.05*)

Senator Nigel Scullion (*to 7.9.05*)

Ms Jackie Burke (*to 12.9.05*)

Mr Bob Baldwin MP (*Chairman to 7.2.06*)

Senator Claire Moore (*to 11.5.06*)

Mr Ken Ticehurst MP (*to 29.5.06*)

Senator Fiona Nash (*to 23.3.07*)

Current inquiries

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Review of Auditor General's Reports Nos. 21 (2006/07) to 3 (2007/08)
- Review of Auditor General's Reports Nos. 1 to 20 (2006/07)
- Review of Auditor General's Reports Nos. 35 to 52 (2005/06)
- Review of Auditor General's Reports Nos. 7 to 34 (2005/06)
- Review of Auditor General's Reports Nos. 43 (2004/05) to 6 (2005/06)
- Inquiry reviewing 'Certain Taxation Matters' within Australia
- Inquiry into financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and the Defence Materiel Organisation

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Nil

Government responses received

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- *Report 407 – Review of Auditor-General's Reports tabled between 18 January and 18 April 2005*: Response by the Department of Finance and Administration (Rec'd 3 September 2007)

Meetings/hours

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

Full committee: 5hrs (5 meetings)

Sectional committees: 5hrs (4 meetings)

Total hours: 10 (9 meetings)

Public Works (Joint Statutory)

1 July 2007 to 17 October 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to *Public Works Act 1969*.

Current members

Hon J. Moylan MP (Chair), Mr B. O'Connor MP, (Deputy Chair), Senator A. Ferguson (to 11/8/05) , Senator M. Forshaw (from 1/12/04 to 23/6/05 and from 9/11/05 to 1/3/07), Senator D. Wortley (from 1/7/05 to 9/11/05), Senator Stephen Parry (from 11/8/05) Mr H. Jenkins MP, Mr B. Ripoll MP, Mr J. Forrest MP and Mr B. Wakelin MP

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Stephen Boyd	6277 4348	6277 2067

Current inquiries

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- Multi role helicopter facilities
- Hardened and Networked Army (HNA) facilities at Edinburgh Defence Precinct, SA
- Refurbishment of staff apartments, Australian Embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan
- Airborne Early Warning and Control Facilities, RAAF Base Tindal, NT
- Robertson Barracks Redevelopment, Darwin, NT
- Land Engineering Agency Test Services Relocation, Monegeetta, VIC.
- HMAS Creswell Redevelopment, Jervis Bay Territory.
- Villawood Immigration Detention Centre redevelopment, Sydney, NSW.

Reports presented

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

- C-17 Heavy Air Lift Infrastructure Project. - 19 September 2007
- RAAF Base Amberley Redevelopment Stage 3, Qld. - 19 September 2007
- Proposed CSIRO Co-Location with Queensland Government on the Eco-Science and Health and Food Sciences precincts in Brisbane. - 19 September 2007
- Fit-out of New Leased Premises for the Australian Customs Service, Brisbane, Qld. - 12 September 2007

- RAAF Base Pearce Redevelopment Stage 1, Pearce, WA. - 15 August 2007
- Rationalisation of ADF Facilities at RMAF Butterworth, Malaysia. – 15 August 2007
- Fit-out of New Leased Premises for the Department of Health and Ageing in the Sirius Building, Woden Town Centre, ACT. - 15 August 2007

Meetings

1 July 2007 – 17 October 2007

Private	5
Public	8
Inspections	7
Total	20

PART TWO

Consolidated Statistical Overview (Half Year)

1 July 2007 - 31 December 2007

Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office

1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007

	Matters current as at 1 July 2007	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Inquiries lapsed as at 17 October 2007	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2007
Standing	28	23 (A)	44 + (14*, 1^^) (B)	0	7
Joint	6	0	2 + (1*)	4	0
Total	34	23	46	4	7

Number and Hours of Meeting						
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other
Standing	40	193:14	0	0:00	71	21:01
Joint	3	12:25	0	0:00	13	9:12
Total	43	205:39	0	0:00	84	30:13
					3	9:57
						113
						17
						130
						223:20
						22:29
						245:49

Meetings by State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Standing	83	7	10	1	1	3
Joint	17	0	0	0	0	0
Total	100	7	10	1	1	3
						5

Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Standing	18	0	280	231	0	1282	814	5266	6
Joint	2	0	0	42	0	170	32	418	2
Total	20	0	280	273	0	1422	846	5684	8

(A) 7 Annual Reports; 15 Individual/Packages of Bills; 1 reference

(B) 7 Annual Report reports; 37 Reports

*Reports that did not discharge a reference; ^^Third progress report that did not discharge a reference

PART THREE

Consolidated Statistical Overview (Year)

1 January 2007 - 31 December 2007

Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office

1 January 2007 – 31 December 2007

	Matters current as at 1 January 2007	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Inquiries lapsed as at 17 October 2007	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2007
Standing	26	97 (A)	117# +(16*,1^,1^^) (B)	0	7
Joint	8	2 (C)	5 +(3*)	4	0
Total	34	99	122	4	7

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing	111	481:19	52	527:17	214	72:36	8	35:35	385	1116:47
Joint	14	51:26	0	0:00	29	17:57	5	5:56	48	75:19
Total	125	532:45	52	527:17	243	90:33	13	41:31	433	1192:06

Meetings by State									
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Standing	15	22	1	4	6	5	13		
Joint	3	5	0	0	2	0	1		
Total	18	27	1	4	8	5	14		

Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Standing	108	3244	692	614	2927	3632	2088	15058	14
Joint	5	0	30	116	138	736	84	988	3
Total	113	3244	722	730	3065	4368	2172	16046	17

(A) 16 Estimates; 15 Annual Reports; 58 Individual/Packages of Bills; 87 references

(B) 16 Estimates Reports; 15 Annual Report reports; 86 Reports

(C) 1 Package of Bills; 1 reference

*Reports that did not discharge a reference; ^Second progress report that did not discharge a reference;

^^Third progress report that did not discharge a reference; #Economics Standing Committee tabled 2 Reports to discharge 1 Bills package