

**Education, Employment and Workplace
Relations**

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

1 July 2008 - 31 December 2008

	Matters current as at 1 July 2008	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2008
Standing Committee	2	6	5	3

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	6	32:41	2	16:35	12	1:40	0	0:00	20	50:56

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	17	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Standing Committee	4	60	91	0	352	430	0	118	1050	0

* includes referral of Annual Reports (1)

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (Standing)

1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 26.08.08)</i>	01.07.08
Senator Mark Arbib (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	01.07.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	17.03.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	01.07.08

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) ¹	11.11.08
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²	27.11.08

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	12.02.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	04.12.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	14.02.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	12.02.08

1 Replaces Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change

2 Replaces Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the oversight of the child care industry

Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	13.02.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	12.02.08
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	01.07.08
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	01.07.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.02.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	12.02.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	12.02.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.11.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.07.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	01.07.08

Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND) 01.07.08

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	13.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	12.02.08–17.03.08
Senator Glen Sterle (WA, ALP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	13.02.08–30.06.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	12.02.08–30.06.08

Former substitute member

Term of appointment

Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) ³	10.11.08–27.11.08
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Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	13.02.08–30.06.08
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	19.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.08–30.06.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	12.03.08–17.03.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08–26.08.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	14.02.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	12.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	13.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	14.02.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP)	12.03.08–05.05.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	14.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	10.11.08–27.11.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.03.08–30.06.08

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2008

- Academic freedom in school and higher education (referred 24 June 2008)
- Developing Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change (referred 26 June 2008)

³ Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the Schools Assistance Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2008

- Developing Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change (referred 26 June 2008)
- Financial, social and industry impact of the ABC Learning collapse on the provision of child care in Australia (referred 25 November 2008)
- Fair Work Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 25 November 2008)

New references

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

- Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2008 (referred 3 September 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 25 September 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Schools Assistance Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 15 October 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Fair Work Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 25 November 2008)
- Financial, social and industry impact of the ABC Learning collapse on the provision of child care in Australia (referred 25 November 2008)

Public hearings

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

- Academic freedom in school and higher education—8 October 2008, Melbourne; 9 October 2008, Sydney; 16 October 2008, Canberra
- 2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates—22 & 23 October 2008, Canberra
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—18 November 2008, Sydney
- Schools Assistance Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]—19 November 2008, Canberra
- Fair Work Bill 2008 [Provisions]—11 December 2008, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

- Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2008) (tabled 17 September 2008)
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 24 November 2008)
- Schools Assistance Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 27 November 2008)

- Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2008 (Presented out of session 28 November 2008; tabled 1 December 2008)
- Allegations of academic bias in universities and schools (tabled 4 December 2008)

Government responses

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

- Nil

Estimates

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

