

**Finance and
Public Administration**

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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	1	5	3	3

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	2	13:02	2	21:53	15	4:36	0	0:00	19	39:31

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	19	0	0	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	221	0	30	271	0	219	624	770	1

* includes referral of Annual Reports (1)

Finance and Public Administration (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 Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 13.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.08
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	16.09.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	24.11.08
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	01.07.08

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹	10.11.08
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG) ²	26.11.08
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ³	26.11.08

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 Mark Arbib (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
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)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	14.02.08

1 Replaces Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into residential and community aged care in Australia

2 Replaces Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008

3 Replaces Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Bill 2008

Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	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 Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	12.03.08
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 Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	10.11.08
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, 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 Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	12.03.08
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 Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	12.02.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	12.02.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	14.02.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
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)	12.03.08

Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND) 01.07.08

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	12.02.08–24.11.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	12.02.08–14.05.08
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	13.02.08–30.06.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	13.02.08–30.06.08
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	01.07.08–16.09.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08–26.08.08
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 Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	14.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	12.02.08–24.11.08
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 Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.03.08–30.06.08

Inquiry

As at 1 July 2008

- Inquiry into the *Lobbying Code of Conduct* issued by the Government (referred 14 May 2008)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2008

- Funding, planning, allocation, capital and equity of residential and community aged care in Australia (originally referred to Economics Committee 25 September 2008; reference varied 14 October 2008)
- Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008 (referred 13 November 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Bill 2008 (referred 26 November 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

- Item 16525 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2007 (referred 16 September 2008)
- Funding, planning, allocation, capital and equity of residential and community aged care in Australia (originally referred to Economics Committee 25 September 2008; reference varied 14 October 2008)
- Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008 (referred 13 November 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Bill 2008 (referred 26 November 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

- 2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates—20 & 21 October 2008, Canberra
- Item 16525 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2007—29 & 30 October 2008, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

- Knock, knock...who's there? The Lobbying Code of Conduct (tabled 3 September 2008)
- Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2008) (tabled 17 September 2008)
- Item 16525 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2007 (tabled 13 November 2008)

Government responses

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

- Departmental and agency contracts: Second report on the operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (2003–06) (presented out of session 21 August 2008; report tabled 27 February 2007)

Estimates

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