

**Foreign Affairs, Defence  
and Trade**

## Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

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 | 3                                 | 2                                | 2 +(2)                                       | 3  |

|                    | Number and Hours of Meeting |       |                  |       |         |      |            |      |                |             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|------|------------|------|----------------|-------------|
|                    | Public                      | Hrs   | Public Estimates | Hrs   | Private | Hrs  | Insp/Other | Hrs  | Total Meetings | Total Hours |
| Standing Committee | 2                           | 13:49 | 2                | 18:50 | 12      | 3:52 | 0          | 0:00 | 16             | 36:31       |

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|                    | Meetings By State |     |     |     |    |    |    |     |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|
|                    | ACT               | NSW | VIC | TAS | SA | WA | NT | QLD |
| Standing Committee | 16                | 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                  | 110       | 0             | 44      | 212           | 0             | 204     | 66                | 972         | 1                    |

\* includes referral of Annual Reports (1)

\*\* includes 1 Interim Report and 1 Progress Report

# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Standing)

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

| <b>Current members</b>   | <i>Date of appointment</i> |
|--|----------------------------|
| Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)<br><i>(elected Chair on 14.02.08)</i>          | 12.02.08                   |
| Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)<br><i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.02.08)</i> | 12.02.08                   |
| Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)  | 01.07.08                   |
| Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)                                       | 16.10.08                   |
| Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)   | 12.02.08                   |
| Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)   | 01.07.08                   |
| Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)  | 04.09.08                   |
| Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)  | 12.02.08                   |

| <b>Participating members</b>                 | <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 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                   |
| Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)               | 12.03.08                   |
| Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)               | 12.02.08                   |
| Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)              | 01.07.08                   |
| Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)              | 01.07.08                   |
| Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)    | 12.02.08                   |
| Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)           | 14.05.08                   |
| Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, 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 Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)            | 13.02.08                   |

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| Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP) | 12.02.08 |
| Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)              | 12.02.08 |
| Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)              | 12.02.08 |
| 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 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 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 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)              | 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 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 Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)            | 12.02.08–16.10.08 |
| Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)                | 12.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS) | 12.02.08–30.06.08 |

### **Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)     | 13.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD) | 13.02.08–30.06.08 |

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|---|-------------------|
| Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)      | 12.03.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)          | 12.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)            | 01.07.08–26.08.08 |
| 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 Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)           | 01.07.08–04.09.08 |
| 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 Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)  | 13.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)           | 12.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)           | 12.03.08–30.06.08 |

## **Inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2008*

- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (readopted 14 February 2008)
- Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations (re-referred 14 February 2008)
- Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific (referred 24 June 2008)

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2008*

- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (readopted 14 February 2008)
- Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific (referred 24 June 2008)
- Defence Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

## **New references**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Defence Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- 2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates—22 & 23 October 2008, Canberra
- Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific—20 & 21 November 2008, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations—Interim Report (presented out of session 31 July 2008, tabled 26 August 2008)
- Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations—Final Report (presented out of session 1 August 2008; tabled 26 August 2008)
- Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2008) (tabled 17 September 2008)
- Reforms to Australia's military justice system: Fourth progress report (tabled 24 September 2008)

## **Government responses**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- The removal, search for and discovery of Ms Vivian Solon—Final Report (tabled 27 November 2008; report tabled 8 December 2005)

## **Estimates**

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