

## **WORK OF COMMITTEES**

**Year Statistics: 1 January 2008–31 December 2008**  
**Half-Year Statistics: 1 July 2008–31 December 2008**

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## **FORMAT OF THIS REPORT**

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

- the half year (1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008); and
- the year (1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008)

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/wocjuldec08/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*

AGRIC	Agricultural and Related Industries
ACC	Australian Crime Commission
ACLEI	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
CA	Community Affairs
CFS	Corporations and Financial Services
ECO	Economics
EEWR	Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
ECA	Environment, Communications and the Arts
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
FPA	Finance and Public Administration
FUEL	Fuel and Energy
LCA	Legal and Constitutional Affairs
MEN	Men's Health
NBN	National Broadband Network
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
RRIC	Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities
SGFM	State Government Financial Management

### *Political Affiliations*

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

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<b>Senate Committees Page</b>	<a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/index.htm">http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/index.htm</a>	

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Other publications available from the Committee Office:

- Committee Reports\*
- Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970–2008)  
(<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/register/report/index.htm>)
- 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

- 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](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](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](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](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>
Agricultural and Related Industries	Select	S	6277 3513	6277 5811
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 <sup>^</sup>	LGPS	S	6277 3515	6277 5829
Corporations and Financial Services	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3583	6277 5719
Economics <sup>^</sup>	LGPS	S	6277 3540	6277 5719
Electoral Matters	Joint	H	6277 2374	6277 4710
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations <sup>^</sup>	LGPS	S	6277 3521	6277 5706
Environment, Communications and the Arts <sup>^</sup>	LGPS	S	6277 3526	6277 5818
Finance and Public Administration <sup>^</sup>	LGPS	S	6277 3439	6277 5809
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint	H	6277 2313	6277 2221
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade <sup>^</sup>	LGPS	S	6277 3535	6277 5818
Fuel and Energy	Select	S	6277 3437	6277 3899
House	Standing	S	6277 3398	6277 3199
Intelligence and Security	Joint Statutory	H	6277 2360	6277 2067
Legal and Constitutional Affairs <sup>^</sup>	LGPS	S	6277 3594	6277 5794
Men's Health	Select	S	6277 3559	6277 5775
Migration	Joint	H	6277 4560	6277 4427
National Broadband Network	Select	S	6277 3635	6277 5794
National Capital and External Territories	Joint	H	6277 4355	6277 8478
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 3455	6277 5784
Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities	Select	S	6277 3433	6277 5706
Regulations and Ordinances	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3066	6277 5838
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport <sup>^</sup>	Standing	S	6277 3511	6277 5811
Scrutiny of Bills	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3051	6277 5838
Selection of Bills	Standing	S	6277 3020	6277 3098
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
State Government Financial Management	Select	S	6277 3530	6277 5809
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;
- Specific Joint Statutory Committees; and
- Senate Select Committees

## Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees

On 11 September 2006 Senate committees were restructured. The new committees 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:

<u>Community Affairs</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</li><li>• Health and Ageing</li></ul>
<u>Economics</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</li><li>• Resources, Energy and Tourism</li><li>• Treasury</li></ul>
<u>Education, Employment and Workplace Relations</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education, Employment and Workplace Relations</li></ul>
<u>Environment, Communications and the Arts</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts</li><li>• Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy</li></ul>
<u>Finance and Public Administration</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parliament</li><li>• Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Climate Change)</li><li>• Finance and Deregulation</li><li>• Human Services</li></ul>
<u>Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)</li><li>• Foreign Affairs and Trade</li></ul>

### Legal and Constitutional Affairs

- Attorney-General
- Immigration and Citizenship

### Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

### **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

### **Senate Select Committees**

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

- Agricultural and Related Industries (appointed 14 February 2008)
- Fuel and Energy (appointed 25 June 2008)
- Men's Health (appointed 13 November 2008)
- National Broadband Network (appointed 25 June 2008)
- Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities (appointed 19 March 2008)
- State Government Financial Management (appointed 14 February 2008)



**PART ONE**

**1 July 2008–31 December 2008**



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





# **Community Affairs**

## Community Affairs

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	6	11	14	3

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	17	61:20	3	27:55	20	9:30	3	20:45	43	119:30

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	35	2	1	0	0	1	4	0

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Standing Committee	15	563	147	56	291	660	296	260	4205	3

\* includes referral of Annual Reports (1)

\*\*Total reports tabled 12 (3 separate references - Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008; Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008; and ATMs and Cash Facilities in Licensed Venues Bill 2008 - were included in one report

# Community Affairs (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 Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 27.08.08)</i>	01.07.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	28.08.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	12.02.08

## Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	01.07.08

## Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, 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 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 the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, ALP)	14.02.08
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 Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	12.02.08

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<sup>1</sup> Replaces Senator Carol Brown for the committee's inquiry into petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia

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 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 Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
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 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 Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
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 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 Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	13.02.08–30.06.08
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Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	12.02.08–28.08.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	12.02.08–30.06.08

### **Former substitute members**

### *Term of appointment*

Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	20.03.08–15.05.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) <sup>3</sup>	15.05.08–24.06.08
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD) <sup>4</sup>	16.06.08–24.06.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	16.10.08–04.12.08
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) <sup>6</sup>	10.11.08–13.11.08

### **Former participating members**

### *Term of appointment*

Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	13.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	16.10.08–04.12.08
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08–28.08.08
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 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)	12.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	10.11.08–13.11.08
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	14.02.08–30.06.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	13.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.03.08–30.06.08

### **Inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2008*

- Mental Health Services in Australia (re-referred 14 February 2008)
- Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 (referred 12 March 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

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2 Replaced Senator Polley for the committee's inquiry into the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 [Provisions]

3 Replaced Senator Adams for the committee's inquiry into ready-to-drink alcohol beverages

4 Replaced Senator Allison for the committee's inquiry into ready-to-drink alcohol beverages

5 Replaced Senator Carol Brown for the committee's inquiry into Government expenditure on Indigenous affairs and social services in the Northern Territory

6 Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the National Rental Affordability Scheme Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the National Rental Affordability Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions]

- Special Disability Trusts (referred 15 May 2008)
- Petrol Sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia (referred 17 June 2008)
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008 (referred 25 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

### **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2008*

- Petrol Sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia (referred 17 June 2008)
- Progress with the implementation of the recommendations in the reports by the Community Affairs References Committee, *Lost Innocents: Righting the Record*, and *Forgotten Australians* (referred 18 September 2008)
- Impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia (referred 11 November 2008)

### **New references**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Schooling Requirements) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 3 September 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- ATMs and Cash Facilities in Licensed Venues Bill 2008 (referred 4 September 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008 (referred 4 September—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits—Charges) Regulations 2008—Draft regulations (referred 4 September 2008)
- Levels of Federal and NT government expenditure on Indigenous affairs and social services in Northern Territory (referred 15 September 2008)
- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 18 September 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Progress with the implementation of the recommendations in the reports by the Community Affairs References Committee, *Lost Innocents: Righting the Record*, and *Forgotten Australians* (referred 18 September 2008)
- National Rental Affordability Scheme Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the National Rental Affordability Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008

- [Provisions] (referred 25 September 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Aged Care Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 16 October 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia (referred 11 November 2008)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008—28 July 2008, Canberra
- Special Disability Trusts—29 July 2008, Canberra
- ATMs and Cash Facilities in Licensed Venues Bill 2008—11 September 2008, Melbourne; 12 September 2008, Sydney; 25 September 2008, Canberra; 16 October 2008, Canberra
- Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008—11 September 2008, Melbourne; 12 September 2008, Sydney; 25 September 2008, Canberra; 16 October 2008, Canberra
- Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008—11 September 2008, Melbourne; 12 September 2008, Sydney; 25 September 2008, Canberra; 16 October 2008, Canberra
- Draft National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits—Charges) Regulations 2008—22 September 2008, Canberra; 25 September 2008, Canberra
- Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Schooling Requirements) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—9 October 2008, Perth; 3 November 2008, Canberra
- 2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates—22, 23 & 24 October 2008, Canberra
- Petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia—29 October 2008, Alice Springs
- Levels of Federal and NT government expenditure on Indigenous affairs and social services in Northern Territory—30 October 2008, Darwin; 11 November 2008, Canberra
- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—3 November 2008, Canberra
- National Rental Affordability Scheme Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the National Rental Affordability Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—6 November 2008, Canberra
- Aged Care Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—14 November 2008, Canberra

- Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008—19 November 2008, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 (presented out of session 22 August 2008; tabled 26 August 2008)
- Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2008) (tabled 17 September 2008)
- Towards recovery: mental health services in Australia (tabled 25 September 2008)
- Draft National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits—Charges) Regulations 2008 (presented out of session on 2 October 2008; tabled 13 October 2008)
- Building trust: Supporting families through Disability Trusts (tabled 16 October 2008)
- Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008; Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008; and ATMs and Cash Facilities in Licensed Venues Bill 2008 (tabled 10 November 2008)
- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 10 November 2008)
- Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Schooling Requirements) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 13 November 2008)
- National Rental Affordability Scheme Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the National Rental Affordability Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 13 November 2008)
- Aged Care Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session 20 November 2008, tabled 24 November 2008)
- Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008 (tabled 2 December 2008)
- Government expenditure on Indigenous affairs and social services in the Northern Territory (tabled 4 December 2008)

## **Government responses**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- A decent quality of life: Inquiry into the cost of living pressures on older Australians—(presented out of session 5 September 2008; report tabled 20 March 2008)
- Workplace exposure to toxic dust (tabled 25 September 2008; report tabled 31 May 2006)



- A matter relating to the PET Review of 2000 (tabled 13 November 2008; report tabled 26 June 2008)

### **Estimates**

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



# **Economics**

## Economics

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	14	15	24 +(2)	5

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	47	140:02	2	22:40	31	13:39	0	0:00	80	176:21

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	49	8	7	0	4	6	0	6

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Standing Committee	21	226	243	173	281	1121	930	421	5853	0

\* includes referral of Annual Reports (1). Does not include 1 matter referred and subsequently transferred to Finance and Public Administration Committee.

\*\* Includes 2 Interim Reports

## **Economics (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 Annette Hurley (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	12.02.08
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	16.09.08

<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 Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
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)	26.06.08
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 Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	12.03.08
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 Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
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 Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	26.06.08
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)	01.07.08
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 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 Glen 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

### **Former members**

### *Term of appointment*

Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	12.02.08–01.07.08
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	12.02.08–17.03.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	17.03.08–01.07.08
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	13.02.08–30.06.08

Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP) 12.02.08–30.06.08

### **Former substitute members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Lyn Allison <sup>1</sup> (VIC, AD)	17.03.08–30.05.08
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja <sup>2</sup> (SA, AD)	19.06.08–30.06.08
Senator Mathias Cormann <sup>3</sup> (WA, LP)	26.06.08–27.08.08
Senator Mathias Cormann <sup>4</sup> (WA, LP)	26.06.08–27.08.08

### **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
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	19.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
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 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)	19.03.08–30.06.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08

### **Inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2008*

- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008 (referred 19 March 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- The current state of Australia's space science and industry sector, examining options to strengthen and expand Australia's position in fields that strongly align with space science and industry, giving consideration to any national strategic coordination requirements and taking into account findings and policy options of the National Innovation System Review (referred 19 March 2008)

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1 Replaced Senator Murray for the committee's inquiry into the Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Power Percentage ) Bill 2008 and the National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [2008]

2 Replaced Senator Murray for the committee's inquiry into Australia's space science and industry sector

3 Replaced Senator Joyce for the committee's inquiry into the Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008

4 Replaced Senator Bushby for the committee's inquiry into the Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008

- Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme (referred 19 March 2008)
- Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations (referred 18 June 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008 and A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008)
- Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 18 June 2008)
- Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], and Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 25 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 26 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008] (referred 26 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 26 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

### **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2008*

- Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)



- Tax Laws Amendment (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Tax Agent Services Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 26 November 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Economic, social and employment impacts of the recent mergers among Australian banks (referred 24 November 2008)

## **New references**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Matters relating to the gas explosion at Varanus Island, Western Australia (referred 28 August 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Political Contributions and Gifts) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 3 September 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Definition of unconscionable conduct for the purposes of Part IVA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (referred 16 September 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 25 September 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Education Refund) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 25 September 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Temporary Residents' Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 25 September 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Funding, planning, allocation, capital and equity of residential and community aged care in Australia (referred 25 September 2008)—Reference transferred to the Finance and Public Administration Committee 14 October 2008
- Joint marketing arrangements on the North West Shelf project and their impact on competition in the upstream gas market and on prices paid by consumers (referred 25 September 2008)
- upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the Nation-building Funds Bill 2008 [Provisions]; Nation-building Funds (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the COAG Reform Fund Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 15 October 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Corporations Amendment (Short Selling) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 13 November 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Economic, social and employment impacts of the recent mergers among Australian banks (referred 24 November 2008)
- Tax Agent Services Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 26 November 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- Tax Laws Amendment (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—14 July 2008, Karratha; 16 July 2008, Perth; 17 July 2008, Brisbane; 18 July 2008, Rockhampton; 21 July 2008, Adelaide; 1 August 2008, Sydney; 7 August 2008, Melbourne; 11 August 2008, Canberra
- Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008—15 July 2008, Perth; 11 August 2008, Canberra
- Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008—15 July 2008, Perth; 17 July 2008, Brisbane; 22 July 2008, Adelaide; 31 July 2008, Sydney; 6 August 2008, Melbourne; 12 August 2008, Canberra
- Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations—18 July 2008, Rockhampton; 28 & 29 October 2008, Canberra; 30 October 2008, Melbourne; 31 October 2008, Sydney
- Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008 and A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008—22 July 2008, Adelaide; 31 July 2008, Sydney; 6 August 2008, Melbourne
- Current state of Australia's space science and industry sector—22 July 2008, Adelaide; 29 July 2008, Canberra; 1 August 2008, Sydney; 23 September 2008, Canberra
- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 and Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]—5 August 2008, Melbourne
- Unit Pricing (Easy Comparison of Grocery Prices) Bill 2008—6 August 2008, Melbourne; 11 August 2008, Canberra
- Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008—12 August 2008, Canberra

- Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], and Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—29 August 2008, Canberra; 1 September 2008, Canberra
- Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme—17 September 2008, Canberra; 23 & 24 September 2008, Canberra
- Gas Explosion at Varanus Island, Western Australia—2 October 2008, Perth; 3 October 2008, Bunbury; 28 & 29 October 2008, Canberra; 26 November 2008, Canberra
- 2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates—22 & 23 October 2008, Canberra
- Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—28 October 2008, Canberra
- Definition of unconscionable conduct for the purposes of Part IVA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*—3 November 2008, Sydney
- Temporary Residents' Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]—3 November 2008, Sydney
- Joint marketing arrangements on the North West Shelf project and their impact on competition in the upstream gas market and on prices paid by consumers—11 November 2008, Canberra
- Corporations Amendment (Short Selling) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—24 November 2008, Canberra
- Nation-building Funds Bill 2008 [Provisions]; Nation-building Funds (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the COAG Reform Fund Bill 2008 [Provisions]—25 November 2008, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 26 August 2008)
- Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008] (tabled 26 August 2008)
- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 26 August 2008)
- Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 (tabled 27 August 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008 (tabled 27 August 2008)

- National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Interim Report (tabled 27 August 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008 and A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008 (tabled 28 August 2008)
- Provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 (tabled 28 August 2008)
- Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008 (tabled 1 September 2008)
- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008 (tabled 16 September 2008)
- Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2008) (tabled 17 September 2008)
- Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions] and Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 23 September 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim Report (tabled 13 October 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Education Refund) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 13 October 2008)
- National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Final Report (tabled 14 October 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Political Contributions and Gifts) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 20 October 2008; tabled 10 November 2008)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 10 November 2008)
- Lost in Space? Setting a new direction for Australia's space science and industry sector (tabled 12 November 2008)
- Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme (tabled 13 November 2008)
- Temporary Residents' Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session 18 November 2008, tabled 24 November 2008)

- Corporations Amendment (Short Selling) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 27 November 2008)
- Joint marketing arrangements on the North West Shelf project (tabled 2 December 2008)
- Nation-building Funds Bills 2008 [Provisions]; Nation-building Funds (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the COAG Reform Fund Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 2 December 2008)
- The need, scope and content of a definition of unconscionable conduct for the purposes of Part IVA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (tabled 3 December 2008)
- Matters relating to the gas explosion at Varanus Island, Western Australia (tabled 3 December 2008)
- Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations (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.



**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.

<b>Current members</b>	<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

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

<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 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

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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) <sup>3</sup>	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)

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<sup>3</sup> 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.



**Environment, Communications and  
the Arts**

## Environment, Communications and the Arts

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	4	7	8 +(1)	3

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	19	68:22	2	22:35	26	8:15	0	0:00	47	99:12

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	29	3	6	0	2	2	4	1

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Standing Committee	9	136	46	154	283	263	678	714	2331	1

\* includes referral of Annual Reports (1)

\*\* includes 1 Interim Report



# Environment, Communications and the Arts (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 Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 6.08.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	15.10.08
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	01.07.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	24.11.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	12.02.08

  

<b>Substitute members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS) <sup>1</sup>	01.12.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>2</sup>	04.12.08

  

<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 Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	01.12.08
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

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1 Replaces Senator Boswell for the committee's inquiry into the effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities

2 Replaces Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008

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 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 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 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 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)	04.12.08
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 Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
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 Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	01.07.08

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	13.02.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	12.02.08–24.11.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.07.08–15.10.08

<b>Former participating members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD)	13.02.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	12.02.08–15.10.08
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)	12.03.08–26.08.08
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 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 the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	12.02.08–24.11.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08

## **Inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2008*

- Waste management in Australia, including consideration of the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008 (referred 20 March 2008)
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008 (referred 18 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities (referred 18 June 2008)
- Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2] and related matters (referred 25 June 2008)

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2008*

- Effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities (referred 18 June 2008)

- Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008 (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands (referred 4 December 2008)

### **New references**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 (referred 1 September 2008)
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2008 (referred 25 September 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television Switch-over) Bill 2008 (referred 25 September 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2008 (referred 25 September 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands (referred 4 December 2008)
- Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008 (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

### **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Waste management in Australia, including the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008—2 July 2008, Melbourne; 3 July 2008, Sydney; 4 July 2008, Canberra
- Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2]—25 July 2008, Canberra; 28 July 2008, Melbourne; 6 August 2008, Adelaide; 7 August 2008, Perth; 11 August 2008, Brisbane
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008—8 September 2008, Sydney; 9 September 2008, Melbourne; 16 October 2008, Canberra
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008—12 September 2008, Canberra
- 2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates—20 & 21 October 2008, Canberra
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television Switch-over) Bill 2008—12 November 2008, Canberra
- Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2008—17 & 18 November 2008, Alice Springs; 28 November 2008, Canberra

- Effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities—8 December 2008, Melbourne; 9 December 2008, Canberra; 10 December 2008, Sydney

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2]—Interim Report (presented out of session 15 August 2008; tabled 26 August 2008)
- Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2]—Final Report (presented out of session 25 August 2008; tabled 26 August 2008)
- Management of Australia's waste streams (including consideration of the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008) (tabled 3 September 2008)
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 (tabled 15 September 2008)
- Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2008) (tabled 17 September 2008)
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2008 (tabled 13 October 2008)
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008 (tabled 10 November 2008)
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television Switch-over) Bill 2008 (tabled 25 November 2008)
- Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2008 (presented out of session 18 December 2008; to be tabled in February 2009)

## **Government responses**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Indigenous art: Securing the future—Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector (presented out of session 8 August 2008; report tabled 20 June 2007)

## **Estimates**

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



**Finance and  
Public Administration**

## Finance and Public Administration

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.

<b>Current members</b>	<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

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

<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 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

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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.

**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) <i>(elected Chair on 14.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP) <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

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



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.

# **Legal and Constitutional Affairs**

## Legal and Constitutional Affairs

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	4	8	8 +(1)	4

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	14	54:43	2	28:00	14	2:13	0	0:00	30	84:56

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	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	22	5	3	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	7	0	114	0	271	585	0	1948	4585	0

\* includes referral of Annual Reports (1)

\*\* includes 1 Interim Report

# Legal and Constitutional Affairs (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 Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	01.07.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	12.02.08

<b>Substitute members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>1</sup>	04.12.08
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) <sup>2</sup>	04.12.08
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) <sup>3</sup>	04.12.08

<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 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

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1 Replaces Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]

2 Replaces Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008 [Provisions]

3 Replaces Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the Federal Justice System Amendment (Efficiency Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2008 [Provisions]

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 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 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)	04.12.08
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	12.02.08
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)	01.07.08
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)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	14.02.08
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 Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	13.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	17.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	12.02.08–17.03.08

### **Former substitute members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	19.03.08–26.06.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	19.03.08–16.06.08
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) <sup>6</sup>	03.09.08–14.10.08

### **Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, 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)	03.09.08–14.10.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08–26.08.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	12.03.08–17.03.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	19.03.08–26.06.08
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
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 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*

- Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008, and any related bills introduced to give effect to

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4 Replaced Senator Hurley for the committee's inquiry into the Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008

5 Replaced Senator Hurley for the committee's inquiry into the Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008

6 Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2]

- the recommendations of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's report *Same Sex: Same Entitlements* (referred 18 June 2008)
- Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 18 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 26 June 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Effectiveness of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality (referred 26 June 2008)

### **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2008*

- Exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008 (referred 13 November 2008)
- Federal Justice System Amendment (Efficiency Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

### **New references**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2] (referred 2 September 2008)
- Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 September 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) Bill 2008 (referred 15 October 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008 (referred 13 November 2008)
- Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Federal Justice System Amendment (Efficiency Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)



- Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 4 December 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008—5 August 2008, Sydney; 6 August 2008, Melbourne; 7 August 2008, Canberra
- Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—5 August 2008, Sydney; 6 August 2008, Melbourne; 7 August 2008, Canberra
- Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]—7 August 2008, Canberra
- Effectiveness of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality—9 September 2008, Sydney; 10 September 2008, Melbourne; 11 September 2008, Canberra
- Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2]—18 September 2008, Canberra
- Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—22 & 23 September 2008, Canberra
- 2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates—20 & 21 October 2008, Canberra
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) Bill 2008—31 October 2008, Sydney

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 28 August 2008)
- Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2008) (tabled 17 September 2008)
- Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 25 September 2008)
- Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2] (tabled 14 October 2008)
- Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008 (tabled 14 October 2008)
- Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (tabled 14 October 2008)
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) Bill 2008—Interim Report (presented out of session 7 November 2008, report tabled 10 November 2008)

- Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) Bill 2008—Final Report (tabled 10 November 2008)
- Effectiveness of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality (presented out of session 12 December 2008; to be tabled in February 2009)

### **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.

**Rural and Regional Affairs  
and Transport**

## Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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	5	10	8 +(7)	7

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	18	92:08	2	21:07	26	7:37	0	0:00	46	120:52

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	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	42	0	0	0	2	1	0	1

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Standing Committee	18	178	0	233	273	0	1495	320	2594	2

\* includes referral of Annual Reports (1)

\*\* includes 7 Interim Reports

# Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (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 Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.02.08)</i>	12.02.08
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 27.08.08)</i>	23.08.08
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	12.02.08
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	24.09.08

<b>Substitute members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>1</sup>	03.09.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>2</sup>	18.09.08

<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 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
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08

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1 Replaces Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin system

2 Replaces Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into natural resource management and conservation challenges

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 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 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 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 Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	12.02.08
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 the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	03.09.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, 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)	23.08.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	12.02.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	01.07.08

### **Former members**

### *Term of appointment*

Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	12.02.08–24.09.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) (Deputy Chair 13.02.08–26.06.08)	14.02.08–23.08.08

### **Former substitute members**

### *Term of appointment*

Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	15.09.08–12.12.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>4</sup>	11.11.08–21.11.08

### **Former participating members**

### *Term of appointment*

Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, 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 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 Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.02.08–23.08.08
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	20.03.08–30.06.08
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 John Watson (TAS, LP)	12.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.03.08–30.06.08
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.07.08–24.09.08

### **Inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2008*

- Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (re-referred 14 February 2008)
- Concerns in relation to meat marketing, with particular reference to the need for effective supervision of national standards and controls and the national harmonisation of regulations applying to the branding and marketing of meat (referred 19 March 2008)
- Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and related matters (adopted by committee 29 May 2008)
- Natural resource management and conservation challenges (referred 26 June 2008)

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3 Replaced Senator O'Brien for the period 15 September 2008 to 12 December 2008

4 Replaced Senator Milne for the committee's inquiry into the Water Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]

- Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests (referred 26 June 2008)

### **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2008*

- Concerns in relation to meat marketing, with particular reference to the need for effective supervision of national standards and controls and the national harmonisation of regulations applying to the branding and marketing of meat (referred 19 March 2008)
- Natural resource management and conservation challenges (referred 26 June 2008)
- Water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes (referred 27 August 2008)
- Implications for the long-term sustainable management of the Murray-Darling Basin system (referred 27 August 2008)
- Establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania (referred 28 August 2008)
- Issues relating to the import risk analysis (IRA) for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines (referred 27 November 2008)
- Public passenger transport infrastructure and services in Australia (referred 4 December 2008)

### **New references**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes (referred 27 August 2008)
- Implications for the long-term sustainable management of the Murray-Darling Basin system (referred 27 August 2008)
- Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008—to be included in water management inquiry for Coorong and Lower Lakes (referred 28 August 2008)
- Establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania (referred 28 August 2008)
- Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008; Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008; and Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (referred 4 September 2008)
- Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008 [Provisions] and the Road Charges Legislation Repeal and Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 15 October 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Water Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 15 October 2008—through the Selection of Bills Committee)



- Issues relating to the import risk analysis (IRA) for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines (referred 27 November 2008)
- Public passenger transport infrastructure and services in Australia (referred 4 December 2008)

### **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector—1 July 2008, Canberra
- Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and related matters—2 July 2008, Canberra; 3 July 2008, Canberra
- Meat marketing—9 July 2008, Canberra
- Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning carbon sink forests—24 July 2008, Canberra; 18 August 2008, Brisbane; 11 September 2008, Canberra
- Water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes—9 September 2008, Canberra; 10 September 2008, Adelaide; 18, 19 & 26 September 2008, Canberra
- Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008; Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008; and Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—24 September 2008, Canberra
- Natural resource management and conservation challenges—10 October 2008, Perth; 17 October 2008, Canberra
- 2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates—20 & 21 October 2008, Canberra
- Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008 [Provisions] and the Road Charges Legislation Repeal and Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]—10 November 2008, Canberra
- Water Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]—12 & 13 November 2008, Canberra

### **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters—Interim Report (presented out of session 9 July 2008; tabled 26 August 2008)
- Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning carbon sink forests—Interim Report (presented out of session 22 August 2008; tabled 26 August 2008)
- Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector—Interim Report (tabled 4 September 2008)
- Meat Marketing—Interim Report (tabled 4 September 2008)

- Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters—Final Report (tabled 18 September 2008)
- Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning carbon sink forests—Final Report (tabled 23 September 2008)
- Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008; Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008; and Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Interim Report (presented out of session on 3 October 2008; tabled 13 October 2008)
- Water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes (including consideration of the Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008—Interim Report (presented out of session on 3 October 2008; tabled 13 October 2008)
- Water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes (including consideration of the Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008—Final Report (presented out of session on 10 October 2008; tabled 13 October 2008)
- Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2008) (tabled 13 November 2008)
- Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008; Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008; and Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Final Report (tabled 13 November 2008)
- Water Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim Report (presented out of session on 19 November 2008; tabled 24 November 2008)
- Water Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Final Report (presented out of session on 21 November 2008; tabled 24 November 2008)
- Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008 [Provisions] and the Road Charges Legislation Repeal and Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 21 November 2008; tabled 24 November 2008)
- Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector—Final report (tabled 4 December 2008)

## **Government responses**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- An appropriate level of protection? The importation of salmon products: A case study of the administration of Australian Quarantine and the impact of international trade arrangements (report tabled 5 June 2000); Biosecurity Australia's import risk analysis for pig meat (report tabled 13 May 2004); Administration of Biosecurity Australia: Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines (report tabled 17 March 2005); Administration of Biosecurity Australia: Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand (report tabled 17 March 2005); The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (report tabled 20 June 2006) (response tabled 25 September 2008)

- Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland (report tabled 16 August 2007) (response tabled 4 December 2008)

### **Estimates**

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



**Joint Statutory  
Committees administered by the  
Senate Committee Office**



**Australian Commission for  
Law Enforcement Integrity**

## Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

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
Joint Statutory	2	0	0	2

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	5	15:56	0	0:00	8	6:34	1	1:25	14	23:55

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Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	8	2	1	0	0	1	0	2

	Witnesses			Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses	
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)				General
Joint Statutory	1	0	0	37	0	0	248	15	135	0



# Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint Statutory)

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Part 14 of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*; appointed 14 February 2008

## Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Ms Melissa Parke, MP (Fremantle, WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 01.07.08)</i>	11.03.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 15.10.08)</i>	15.10.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	14.02.08
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	14.02.08
Mr Darren Chester, MP (Gippsland, VIC, NATS)	28.08.08
Mr Jason Clare, MP (Blaxland, NSW, ALP)	11.03.08
Mr Christopher Hayes, MP (Werriwa, NSW, ALP)	11.03.08
The Hon Sussan Ley, MP (Farrer, NSW, LP)	25.09.08

## Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP) <i>(Chair 13.03.08–30.06.08)</i>	14.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	14.02.08–15.10.08
The Hon Christopher Pyne, MP (Sturt, SA, LP)	12.03.08–25.09.08

## Inquiries

*As at 1 July 2008*

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Law enforcement integrity models (agreed by the committee 15 May 2008)

## Current inquiries

*As at 31 December 2008*

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Law enforcement integrity models (agreed by the committee 15 May 2008)

## New references

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

### **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Law enforcement integrity models—26 September 2008, Canberra; 1 October 2008, Melbourne; 14 November 2008, Brisbane; 17 November 2008, Perth; 18 November 2008, Sydney

### **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

### **Government responses**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

**Australian Crime  
Commission**

## Australian Crime Commission

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
Joint Statutory	3	0	1	2

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	8	21:20	0	0:00	15	18:11	3	4:08	26	43:39

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	11	3	2	2	4	3	0	1

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Joint Statutory	1	0	0	65	0	0	370	12	112	0

# Australian Crime Commission (Joint Statutory)

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*; appointed 14 February 2008

## Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.03.08)</i>	14.02.08
Mr Jason Wood, MP (La Trobe, VIC, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 13.03.08)</i>	12.03.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	01.09.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	14.02.08
Mr Nick Champion, MP (Wakefield, SA, ALP)	11.03.08
Mr Steve Gibbons, MP (Bendigo, VIC, ALP)	11.03.08
Mr Christopher Hayes, MP (Werriwa, NSW, ALP)	11.03.08
The Hon Sussan Ley, MP (Farrer, NSW, LP)	25.09.08

## Former member

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
The Hon Christopher Pyne, MP (Sturt, SA, LP)	12.03.08–25.09.08

## Inquiries

*As at 1 July 2008*

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Inquiry into the *Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007* (agreed by the Committee 17 March 2008)
- Inquiry into the legislative arrangements to outlaw serious and organised crime groups (agreed by the Committee 17 March 2008)

## Current inquiries

*As at 31 December 2008*

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Inquiry into the legislative arrangements to outlaw serious and organised crime groups (agreed by the Committee 17 March 2008)

## New references

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- The legislative arrangements to outlaw serious and organised crime—3 July 2008, Adelaide; 4 July 2008, Perth; 29 September 2008, Sydney; 27 October 2008, Hobart; 28 October 2008, Melbourne; 6 November 2008, Canberra; 7 November 2008, Brisbane
- *Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007*—29 July 2008, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Inquiry into the *Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007* (tabled 4 September 2008)

## **Government responses**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

**Corporations and Financial  
Services**

## Corporations & Financial Services

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
Joint Statutory	2	0	1 +(1)	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	6	22:17	0	0:00	12	4:42	0	0:00	18	26:59

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	14	1	1	0	0	0	0	2

	Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Joint Statutory	0	0	0	58	0	0	415	139	2106	0

\*\* report that did not discharge a reference



# Corporations and Financial Services (Joint Statutory)

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to section 241 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*; appointed 14 February 2008

## Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Mr Bernie Ripoll, MP (Oxley, QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 12.03.08)</i>	11.03.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 17.10.08)</i>	15.10.08
Senator Mark Arbib (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Ms Sharon Grierson, MP (Newcastle, NSW, ALP)	11.03.08
Ms Julie Owens, MP (Parramatta, NSW, ALP)	11.03.08
The Hon Chris Pearce, MP (Aston, VIC, LP)	10.11.08
Mr Stuart Robert, MP (Fadden, QLD, LP)	12.03.08

## Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	14.02.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	01.07.08–13.10.08
Mr Michael Keenan, MP (Stirling, WA, LP)	12.03.08–10.11.08
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	14.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	14.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	14.02.08–30.06.08

## Inquiries

*As at 1 July 2008*

- Oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (continuing)
- Franchising Code of Conduct (agreed to by the Committee 25 June 2008)

## Current inquiries

*As at 31 December 2008*

- Oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (continuing)

## New references

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Franchising Code of Conduct—9 October 2008, Sydney; 10 October 2008, Brisbane; 17 October 2008, Canberra; 5 November 2008, Melbourne
- Statutory Oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission—28 November 2008, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Statutory Oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (tabled 1 September 2008 in the House of Representatives and 2 September 2008 in the Senate)
- Opportunity not opportunism: improving conduct in Australian franchising (tabled in the House of Representatives 1 December 2008 and the Senate 2 December 2008)

## **Government responses**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

## **Select Committees**



# **Agricultural and Related Industries**

## Agricultural and Related Industries

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
Select Committee	2	0	0 +(1)	2

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	3	9:33	0	0:00	10	1:46	0	0:00	13	11:19

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	12	0	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			
Select Committee	0	0	0	17	0	0	168	52	672	0

\*\* includes 1 Interim Report

# Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 21.02.08)</i>	14.02.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.02.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	14.02.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	12.12.08
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	14.02.08

<b>Participating members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Mark Arbib (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	15.05.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	01.07.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	15.05.08

Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	15.05.08
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	01.07.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	15.05.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	15.05.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	15.05.08
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.07.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	15.05.08
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	01.07.08

### **Former members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.10.08–12.12.08)</i>	15.09.08–12.12.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 21.02.08–15.09.08)</i>	14.02.08–15.09.08

### **Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	15.05.08–30.06.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	15.05.08–30.06.08
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	01.07.08–15.09.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	15.05.08–26.08.08
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	15.05.08–30.06.08
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	15.05.08–30.06.08



Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	15.05.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	15.05.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP)	15.05.08–30.06.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	15.05.08–30.06.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	15.05.08–30.06.08

## **Inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2008*

- The pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global chemical and fertiliser markets, the implications for Australian farmers of world chemical and fertiliser supply and pricing arrangements, monopolistic and cartel behaviour and related matters (referred 14 February 2008)
- Food production in Australia (referred 25 June 2008)

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2008*

- The pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global chemical and fertiliser markets, the implications for Australian farmers of world chemical and fertiliser supply and pricing arrangements, monopolistic and cartel behaviour and related matters (referred 14 February 2008)
- Food production in Australia (referred 25 June 2008)

## **New references**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- The pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global chemical and fertiliser markets, the implications for Australian farmers of world chemical and fertiliser supply and pricing arrangements, monopolistic and cartel behaviour and related matters—23 July 2008, Melbourne; 11 & 14 November 2008, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market—Interim Report (tabled 2 December 2008)

## **Government responses**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil



# **Fuel and Energy**

## Fuel and Energy

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
Select Committee	1	0	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	3	21:30	0	0:00	6	1:50	0	0:00	9	24:20

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	6	0	2	0	0	1	0	0

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Select Committee	1	0	0	44	0	0	347	78	1433	0

# Select Committee on Fuel and Energy

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 25 June 2008.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 26.06.08)</i>	26.06.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 26.06.08)</i>	26.06.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	12.11.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	26.06.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	26.06.08

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Mark Arbib (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	26.06.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	11.11.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08

Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	01.07.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	26.06.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
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 Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	26.06.08–11.11.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	26.06.08–12.11.08

### **Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	26.06.08–12.11.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08–26.08.08

### **Inquiry**

*As at 1 July 2008*

- (a) The impact of higher petroleum, diesel and gas prices on:
  - (i) families
  - (ii) small business

- (iii) rural and regional Australia
  - (iv) grocery prices, and
  - (v) key industries, including but not limited to tourism and transport;
- (b) the role and activities of the Petrol Commissioner, including whether the Petrol Commissioner reduces the price of petroleum;
- (c) the operation of the domestic petroleum, diesel and gas markets, including the fostering of maximum competition and provision of consumer information;
- (d) the impact of an emissions trading scheme on the fuel and energy industry, including but not limited to:
  - (i) prices,
  - (ii) employment in the fuel and energy industries, and any related adverse impacts on regional centres reliant on these industries,
  - (iii) domestic energy supply, and
  - (iv) future investment in fuel and energy infrastructure;
- (e) the existing set of state government regulatory powers as they relate to petroleum, diesel and gas products;
- (f) taxation arrangements on petroleum, diesel and gas products including:
  - (i) Commonwealth excise,
  - (ii) the goods and services tax, and
  - (iii) new state and federal taxes;
- (g) the role of alternative fuels to petroleum and diesel, including but not limited to: LPG, LNG, CNG, gas to liquids, coal to liquids, electricity and bio-fuels such as, but not limited to, ethanol;
- (h) the domestic oil/gas exploration and refinement industry, with particular reference to:
  - (i) the impact of Commonwealth, state and local government regulations on this industry,
  - (ii) increasing domestic oil/gas exploration and refinement activities, with a view to reducing Australia's reliance on imported oil, and
  - (iii) other tax incentives; and
- (i) the impact of higher petroleum, diesel and gas prices on public transport systems, including the adequacy of public transport infrastructure and record of public transport investment by state governments.

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 31 December 2008*

- (a) The impact of higher petroleum, diesel and gas prices on:
  - (i) families
  - (ii) small business
  - (iii) rural and regional Australia
  - (iv) grocery prices, and
  - (v) key industries, including but not limited to tourism and transport;
- (b) the role and activities of the Petrol Commissioner, including whether the Petrol Commissioner reduces the price of petroleum;

- (c) the operation of the domestic petroleum, diesel and gas markets, including the fostering of maximum competition and provision of consumer information;
- (d) the impact of an emissions trading scheme on the fuel and energy industry, including but not limited to:
  - (i) prices,
  - (ii) employment in the fuel and energy industries, and any related adverse impacts on regional centres reliant on these industries,
  - (iii) domestic energy supply, and
  - (iv) future investment in fuel and energy infrastructure;
- (e) the existing set of state government regulatory powers as they relate to petroleum, diesel and gas products;
- (f) taxation arrangements on petroleum, diesel and gas products including:
  - (i) Commonwealth excise,
  - (ii) the goods and services tax, and
  - (iii) new state and federal taxes;
- (g) the role of alternative fuels to petroleum and diesel, including but not limited to: LPG, LNG, CNG, gas to liquids, coal to liquids, electricity and bio-fuels such as, but not limited to, ethanol;
- (h) the domestic oil/gas exploration and refinement industry, with particular reference to:
  - (i) the impact of Commonwealth, state and local government regulations on this industry,
  - (ii) increasing domestic oil/gas exploration and refinement activities, with a view to reducing Australia's reliance on imported oil, and
  - (iii) other tax incentives; and
- (i) the impact of higher petroleum, diesel and gas prices on public transport systems, including the adequacy of public transport infrastructure and record of public transport investment by state governments.

### **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- 17 November 2008, Perth; 19 November 2008, Canberra; 8 December 2008, Melbourne

### **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

### **Government responses**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil



# **Men's Health**

## Men's Health

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
Select Committee	0	1	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	0	0:00	0	0:00	1	0:15	0	0:00	1	0:15

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	1	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			
Select Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10	0

## Select Committee on Men's Health

*13 November 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 13 November 2008.

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 27.11.08)</i>	13.11.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	05.12.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	13.11.08
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	13.11.08

<b>Participating members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Mark Arbib (NSW, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	13.11.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	13.11.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	13.11.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	13.11.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	13.11.08

Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	13.11.08
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	13.11.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	13.11.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	13.11.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	27.11.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	13.11.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	13.11.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	13.11.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	27.11.08

### **Former members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	13.11.08–25.11.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	25.11.08–05.12.08

### **Former participating member**

*Date of appointment*

Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	13.11.08–25.11.08
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### **Inquiry**

*As at 13 November 2008*

General issues related to the availability and effectiveness of education, supports and services for men's health, including but not limited to:

- (i) level of Commonwealth, state and other funding addressing men's health, particularly prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and depression,
- (ii) adequacy of existing education and awareness campaigns regarding men's health for both men and the wider community,

- (iii) prevailing attitudes of men towards their own health and sense of wellbeing and how these are affecting men's health in general, and
- (iv) the extent, funding and adequacy for treatment services and general support programs for men's health in metropolitan, rural, regional and remote areas.

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 31 December 2008*

General issues related to the availability and effectiveness of education, supports and services for men's health, including but not limited to:

- (i) level of Commonwealth, state and other funding addressing men's health, particularly prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and depression,
- (ii) adequacy of existing education and awareness campaigns regarding men's health for both men and the wider community,
- (iii) prevailing attitudes of men towards their own health and sense of wellbeing and how these are affecting men's health in general, and
- (iv) the extent, funding and adequacy for treatment services and general support programs for men's health in metropolitan, rural, regional and remote areas.

### **Public hearings**

*13 November 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

### **Reports tabled**

*13 November 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

### **Government responses**

*13 November 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil



# **National Broadband Network**

## National Broadband Network

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
Select Committee	1	0	0 +(1)	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	7	36:55	0	0:00	8	11:18	0	0:00	15	48:13

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	11	1	1	0	0	1	0	1

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Select Committee	3	0	0	55	0	0	496	40	1097	0

\*\* includes 1 Interim Report



# Select Committee on National Broadband Network

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 25 June 2008.

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 26.06.08)</i>	26.06.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 25.09.08)</i>	26.06.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 26.06.08–25.09.08)</i>	26.06.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	01.07.08

<b>Participating members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Mark Arbib (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	26.06.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	26.08.08

Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	26.06.08
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	01.07.08
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	01.07.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
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 participating member**

*Term of appointment*

Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08–26.08.08
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**Inquiry**

*As at 1 July 2008*

- (a) The Government's proposal to partner with the private sector to upgrade parts of the existing network to fibre to provide minimum broadband speeds of 12 megabits per second to 98 per cent of Australians on an open access basis; and

- (b) The implications of the proposed National Broadband Network (NBN) for consumers in terms of:
  - (i) service availability, choice and costs
  - (ii) competition in telecommunications and broadband services, and
  - (iii) likely consequences for national productivity, investment, economic growth, cost of living and social capital.

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 31 December 2008*

- (a) The Government's proposal to partner with the private sector to upgrade parts of the existing network to fibre to provide minimum broadband speeds of 12 megabits per second to 98 per cent of Australians on an open access basis; and
- (b) The implications of the proposed National Broadband Network (NBN) for consumers in terms of:
  - (i) service availability, choice and costs
  - (ii) competition in telecommunications and broadband services, and
  - (iii) likely consequences for national productivity, investment, economic growth, cost of living and social capital.

### **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- 7 October 2008, Sydney; 8 October 2008, Canberra; 28 October 2008, Melbourne; 6 November 2008, Perth; 11 November 2008, Canberra; 21 November 2008, Brisbane; 24 November 2008, Canberra

### **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Interim Report (tabled 2 December 2008)

### **Government responses**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil



**Regional and Remote Indigenous  
Communities**

## Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities

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
Select Committee	1	0	0 +(1)	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	2	5:46	0	0:00	2	1:30	5	20:00	9	27:16

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	3	2	0	0	0	4	0	0

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Select Committee	2	0	0	15	0	0	31	12	141	0

\*\* Includes 1 Progress Report

# Select Committee on Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 19 March 2008.

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 20.03.08)</i>	20.03.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 20.03.08)</i>	19.03.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	20.03.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	20.03.08

<b>Participating members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Mark Arbib (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	20.03.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	20.03.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	19.03.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	20.03.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	26.08.08

Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	01.09.08
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	20.03.08
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	01.07.08
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	01.09.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	20.03.08
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	20.03.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	20.03.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	20.03.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	20.03.08
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.07.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	19.03.08
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	01.07.08

### **Former participating members**

### *Term of appointment*

Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	20.03.08–30.06.08
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	19.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	20.03.08–30.06.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	19.03.08–26.08.08
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	20.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	19.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	20.03.08–30.06.08



Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	20.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	20.03.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP)	20.03.08–30.06.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	20.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	19.03.08–30.06.08

## **Inquiry**

*As at 1 July 2008*

- (a) the effectiveness of Australian Government policies following the Northern Territory Emergency Response, specifically on the state of health, welfare, education and law and order in remote Indigenous communities;
- (b) the impact of state and territory government policies on the wellbeing of remote Indigenous communities;
- (c) the health, welfare, education and security of children in remote Indigenous communities; and
- (d) the employment and enterprise opportunities in remote Indigenous communities.

## **Current inquiry**

*As at 31 December 2008*

- (a) the effectiveness of Australian Government policies following the Northern Territory Emergency Response, specifically on the state of health, welfare, education and law and order in remote Indigenous communities;
- (b) the impact of state and territory government policies on the wellbeing of remote Indigenous communities;
- (c) the health, welfare, education and security of children in remote Indigenous communities; and
- (d) the employment and enterprise opportunities in remote Indigenous communities.

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- 13 & 14 November 2008, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- First Report 2008 (presented out of session 30 September 2008; tabled 13 October 2008)

## **Government responses**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil



# **State Government Financial Management**

## State Government Financial Management

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
Select Committee	1	0	1	0

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	4	15:01	0	0:00	3	0:51	0	0:00	7	15:52

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Select Committee	2	0	0	19	0	0	230	1	7	0

# Select Committee on State Government Financial Management

*1 July 2008 to 18 September 2008*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 21.02.08)</i>	14.02.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	01.07.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	14.02.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	14.02.08

<b>Participating members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Mark Arbib (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	14.02.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	14.02.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	17.03.08

Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	01.07.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	17.03.08
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	01.07.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
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)	17.03.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	17.03.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	17.03.08
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)	17.03.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	17.03.08
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.07.08
Senator Wortley (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	01.07.08

**Former member**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	14.02.08–30.06.08
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**Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08–30.06.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08–26.08.08
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	17.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	12.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	17.03.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	17.03.08–30.06.08

Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	14.02.08–30.06.08
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	14.02.08–30.06.08
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP)	17.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP)	12.03.08–05.05.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	17.03.08–30.06.08
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.03.08–30.06.08

## **Inquiry**

*As at 1 July 2008*

- Commonwealth and state and territory fiscal relations and state and territory government financial management, including:
  - (a) Commonwealth funding to the states and territories—historic, current and projected;
  - (b) the cash and fiscal budgetary positions of state and territory governments—historic, current and projected;
  - (c) the level of debt of state/territory government businesses and utilities—historic, current and projected;
  - (d) the level of borrowing by state/territory governments—historic, current and projected;
  - (e) an examination of state/territory net government debt and its projected level—historic, current and projected;
  - (f) the reasons for any government debt including an analysis of the level and efficiency of revenue and spending;
  - (g) the level of investment in infrastructure and state-owned utilities by state and territory governments;
  - (h) the effect of dividends paid by state-owned utilities on their ability to invest;
  - (i) present and future ownership structures of current and former state-owned utilities and the impact of ownership on investment capacity; and
  - (j) the effect of investment by state-owned utilities on Australia's capacity constraints.

## **Current inquiry**

*As at 18 September 2008*

- Nil

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–18 September 2008*

- 17 July 2008, Brisbane; 24 July 2008, Sydney; 25 July 2008, Canberra; 1 September 2008, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2008–18 September 2008*

- State Government Financial Management (tabled 18 September 2008)

**Government responses**

*1 July 2008–18 September 2008*

- Nil



**Committee-related  
activity in the chamber**

## **Details of Reports tabled in the Senate and other related matters**

### ***33 Individual/Packages of Bills referred through Selection of Bills Committee:***

#### **3 September 2008**

Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2008 to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2008.

Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Schooling Requirements) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 13 November 2008.

Tax Laws Amendment (Political Contributions and Gifts) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 5 November 2008.

#### **4 September 2008**

ATMs and Cash Facilities in Licensed Venues Bill 2008 to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 10 November 2008.

Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008 to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 25 November 2008.

Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 30 September 2008.

#### **18 September 2008**

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for report by 10 November 2008.

#### **25 September 2008**

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2008 to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 13 October 2008.

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television Switch-over) Bill 2008 to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 25 November 2008.

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2008 to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 10 November 2008.

National Rental Affordability Scheme Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the National Rental Affordability Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 20 November 2008.

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee for inquiry and report by 24 November 2008.

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 13 October 2008.

Tax Laws Amendment (Education Refund) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 13 October 2008.

Temporary Residents' Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 20 November 2008.

### **15 October 2008**

Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008 [Provisions] and the Road Charges Legislation Repeal and Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 21 November 2008.

Water Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 19 November 2008.

Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) Bill 2008 to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 7 November 2008.

Schools Assistance Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee for inquiry and report by 27 November 2008.

Nation-building Funds Bill 2008 [Provisions]; Nation-building Funds (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the COAG Reform Fund Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee upon the introduction of the bills in the House of Representatives for inquiry and report by 10 November 2008.

### **16 October 2008**

Aged Care Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 20 November 2008.

### **13 November 2008**

Corporations Amendment (Short Selling) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 27 November 2008.

Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008 to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2009.

### **26 November 2008**

Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Bill 2008 to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2009.

Tax Agent Services Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 12 February 2009.

### **4 December 2008**

Defence Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee for inquiry and report by 20 February 2009.

Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 24 February 2009.

Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 20 February 2009.

Federal Justice System Amendment (Efficiency Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2008 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 17 February 2009.

Tax Laws Amendment (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 20 February 2009.

Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 20 February 2009.

Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 30 April 2009.

Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008 to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 27 March 2009.

### ***6 Individual/Packages of Bills referred by the Senate***

#### **27 August 2008**

Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 30 September 2008.

#### **1 September 2008**

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 15 September 2008.

#### **2 September 2008**

Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 17 September 2008.

#### **4 September 2008**

Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008; Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008; and Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 30 October 2008.

#### **13 November 2008**

Exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008 to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 24 February 2009.

#### **25 November 2008**

Fair Work Bill 2008 [Provisions] to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee for inquiry and report by 27 February 2009.

## ***17 References referred by the Senate***

### **27 August 2008**

Water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 30 September 2008.

Implications for the long-term sustainable management of the Murray-Darling Basin system to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 4 December 2008.

### **28 August 2008**

Establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 30 June 2009.

Matters relating to the gas explosion at Varanus Island, Western Australia to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 14 October 2008.

### **4 September 2008**

National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits—Charges) Regulations 2008—Draft regulations to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 2 October 2008.

### **15 September 2008**

Levels of Federal and NT government expenditure on Indigenous affairs and social services in the Northern Territory to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 4 December 2008.

### **16 September 2008**

Item 16525 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2007 to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report on and not before 13 November 2008.

Definition of unconscionable conduct for the purposes of Part IVA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 3 December 2008.

### **18 September 2008**

Progress with the implementation of the recommendations in the reports by the Community Affairs References Committee, *Lost Innocents: Righting the Record*, and *Forgotten Australians* to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in March 2009.

**25 September 2008**

Funding, planning, allocation, capital and equity of residential and community aged care in Australia to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting day in April 2009.

Joint marketing arrangements on the North West Shelf project and their impact on competition in the upstream gas market and on prices paid by consumers to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 10 November 2008.

**11 November 2008**

Impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of 2009.

**24 November 2008**

Economic, social and employment impacts of the recent mergers among Australian banks to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 26 February 2009.

**25 November 2008**

Financial, social and industry impact of the ABC Learning collapse on the provision of child care in Australia to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee for inquiry and report by 12 March 2009.

**27 November 2008**

Issues relating to the import risk analysis (IRA) for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 19 March 2009.

**4 December 2008**

Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 25 June 2009.

Public passenger transport infrastructure and services in Australia to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2009.

## Reports tabled

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 44 bills reports (plus 6 reports that did not discharge a reference) and 18 references reports (plus 7 reports that did not discharge a reference). The details are as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>RRAT</b>	* Interim Report—Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters (presented out of session on 9.07.08)	26.08.08
<b>FADT</b>	* Interim Report—Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations (presented out of session on 31.07.08)	26.08.08
<b>FADT</b>	Final Report—Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations (presented out of session on 01.08.08)	26.08.08
<b>ECA</b>	* Interim Report—Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2] (presented out of session on 15.08.08)	26.08.08
<b>ECA</b>	Final Report—Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2] (presented out of session on 25.08.08)	26.08.08
<b>RRAT</b>	* Interim Report—Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning carbon sink forests (presented out of session on 22.08.08)	26.08.08
<b>CA</b>	National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits-Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 (presented out of session on 22.08.08)	26.08.08
<b>ECO</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008 [Provisions]	26.08.08
<b>ECO</b>	Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]	26.08.08
<b>ECO</b>	Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]	26.08.08



<b>ECO</b>	Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008	27.08.08
<b>ECO</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008	27.08.08
<b>ECO</b>	* Interim Report—National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008	27.08.08
<b>ECO</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008 and A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008	28.08.08
<b>ECO</b>	Provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008	28.08.08
<b>LCA</b>	Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions]	28.08.08
<b>ECO</b>	Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008	01.09.08
<b>ECA</b>	Management of Australia's waste streams (including consideration of the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008)	03.09.08
<b>FPA</b>	Knock, knock...who's there? The Lobbying Code of Conduct	03.09.08
<b>RRAT</b>	* Interim Report—Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector	04.09.08
<b>RRAT</b>	* Interim Report—Meat marketing	04.09.08
<b>ECA</b>	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008	15.09.08
<b>ECO</b>	Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008	16.09.08

<b>RRAT</b>	Final Report—Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and related matters	18.09.08
<b>ECO</b>	Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions]; Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions]; Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions]; and Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions]	23.09.08
<b>RRAT</b>	Final Report—Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning carbon sink forests	23.09.08
<b>FADT</b>	* Reforms to Australia's military justice system—Fourth progress report	24.09.08
<b>LCA</b>	Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]	25.09.08
<b>CA</b>	Towards recovery: mental health services in Australia	25.09.08
<b>CA</b>	Draft National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits—Charges) Regulations 2008 (presented out of session on 2.10.08)	13.10.08
<b>RRAT</b>	* Interim Report—Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008; Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008; and Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (presented out of session on 3.10.08)	13.10.08
<b>RRAT</b>	* Interim Report—Water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes (including consideration of the Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008) (presented out of session on 3.10.08)	13.10.08
<b>RRAT</b>	Final Report—Water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes (including consideration of the Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008) (presented out of session on 10.10.08)	13.10.08
<b>ECO</b>	* Interim Report—Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008 [Provisions]	13.10.08

<b>ECO</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (Education Refund) Bill 2008 [Provisions]	13.10.08
<b>ECA</b>	Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2008	13.10.08
<b>ECO</b>	Final Report—National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008	14.10.08
<b>LCA</b>	Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2]	14.10.08
<b>LCA</b>	Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008	14.10.08
<b>LCA</b>	Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008 [Provisions]	14.10.08
<b>CA</b>	Building trust: Supporting families through Disability Trusts	16.10.08
<b>ECO</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (Political Contributions and Gifts) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 20.10.08)	10.11.08
<b>LCA</b>	* Interim Report—Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) Bill 2008 (presented out of session on 7.11.08)	10.11.08
<b>LCA</b>	Final Report—Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) Bill 2008	10.11.08
<b>CA</b>	Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008; Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008; and ATMs and Cash Facilities in Licensed Venues Bill 2008	10.11.08
<b>CA</b>	Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions]	10.11.08
<b>ECA</b>	Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008	10.11.08

<b>ECO</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008 [Provisions]	10.11.08
<b>ECO</b>	Lost in Space? Setting a new direction for Australia's space science and industry sector	12.11.08
<b>CA</b>	Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Schooling Requirements) Bill 2008 [Provisions]	13.11.08
<b>CA</b>	National Rental Affordability Scheme Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the National Rental Affordability Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions]	13.11.08
<b>ECO</b>	Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme	13.11.08
<b>FPA</b>	Item 16525 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2007	13.11.08
<b>RRAT</b>	Final Report—Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008; Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008; and Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008	13.11.08
<b>ECO</b>	Temporary Residents' Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (Presented out of session 18.11.08)	24.11.08
<b>RRAT</b>	* Interim Report—Water Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session 19.11.08)	24.11.08
<b>CA</b>	Aged Care Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session 20.11.08)	24.11.08
<b>RRAT</b>	Final Report—Water Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session 21.11.08)	24.11.08
<b>RRAT</b>	Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008 [Provisions] and the Road Charges Legislation Repeal and Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session 21.11.08)	24.11.08

<b>EEWR</b>	Social Security Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform) Bill 2008 [Provisions]	24.11.08
<b>ECA</b>	Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television Switch-over) Bill 2008	25.11.08
<b>EEWR</b>	Schools Assistance Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]	27.11.08
<b>ECO</b>	Corporations Amendment (Short Selling) Bill 2008 [Provisions]	27.11.08
<b>EEWR</b>	Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2008 (Presented out of session 28.11.08)	1.12.08
<b>ECO</b>	Joint marketing arrangements on the North West Shelf project	2.12.08
<b>ECO</b>	Nation-building Funds Bills 2008 [Provisions]; Nation-building Funds (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the COAG Reform Fund Bill 2008 [Provisions]	2.12.08
<b>CA</b>	Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008	2.12.08
<b>ECO</b>	The need, scope and content of a definition of unconscionable conduct for the purposes of Part IVA of the <i>Trade Practices Act 1974</i>	3.12.08
<b>ECO</b>	Matters relating to the gas explosion at Varanus Island, Western Australia	3.12.08
<b>RRAT</b>	Final Report—Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector	4.12.08
<b>CA</b>	Government expenditure on Indigenous affairs and social services in the Northern Territory	4.12.08
<b>ECO</b>	Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations	4.12.08
<b>EEWR</b>	Allegations of academic bias in universities and schools	4.12.08

<b>LCA</b>	Effectiveness of the <i>Sex Discrimination Act 1984</i> in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality (Presented out of session 12.12.08)	To be tabled in February 2009
<b>ECA</b>	Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2008 (Presented out of session 18.12.08)	To be tabled in February 2009

*\*Reports that did not discharge a reference*

***Estimates reports:***

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

***Reports on Annual Reports:***

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 8 reports.

***Joint Statutory/Select Committees:***

During the reporting period, 3 reports (plus 4 reports that did not discharge a reference) were tabled by the Joint Statutory/Select Committees.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	* Statutory Oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (tabled in the House of Representatives 01.09.08)	02.09.08
<b>ACC (Joint)</b>	Inquiry into the <i>Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007</i>	04.09.08
<b>SGFM (Select)</b>	Report	18.09.08
<b>RRIC(Select)</b>	* First Report 2008 (presented out of session 30.09.08)	13.10.08
<b>NBN (Select)</b>	* Interim Report	2.12.08
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	Opportunity not opportunism: improving conduct in Australian franchising (tabled in the House of Representatives 01.12.08)	2.12.08

<b>AGRIC (Select)</b>	*Interim Report—Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market	2.12.08
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\* *reports that did not discharge a reference*

## **Government Responses to Committee Reports**

The following table shows 8 Government responses to Senate Committee Reports:

<b>Government Response</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee</b>
Indigenous art: Securing the future—Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector (report tabled 20 June 2007)	08.08.08	ECA
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) (report tabled 27 February 2007)	21.08.08	FPA
A decent quality of life: Inquiry into the cost of living pressures on older Australians (report tabled 20 March 2008)	05.09.08	CA
Workplace exposure to toxic dust (report tabled 31 May 2006)	25.09.08	CA
An appropriate level of protection? The importation of salmon products: A case study of the administration of Australian Quarantine and the impact of international trade arrangements (report tabled 5 June 2000); Biosecurity Australia's import risk analysis for pig meat (report tabled 13 May 2004); Administration of Biosecurity Australia: Revised draft import risk analysis for bananas from the Philippines (report tabled 17 March 2005); Administration of Biosecurity Australia: Revised draft import risk analysis for apples from New Zealand (report tabled 17 March 2005); The administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak (report tabled 20 June 2006)	25.09.08	RRAT

A matter relating to the PET review of 2000 (report tabled 26 June 2008)	13.11.08	CA
The removal, search for and discovery of Ms Vivian Solon—Final Report (report tabled 8 December 2005)	27.11.08	FADT
Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland (report tabled 16 August 2007)	4.12.08	RRAT

**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/NAT</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>FFP</i>	<i>IND</i>
Additional Comments	19		7	1	1
Dissenting Reports	24	1	9	5	
Minority Reports	4		9		5
Report	2				
Additional Remarks	1				
Critique of Report	1				

**Extension of Time to present Reports**

During the reporting period, 38 extensions of time: 8 one week or less; 18 over a week; and 12 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 31 occasions.



### **Membership of Committees**

During the reporting period, there were 330 membership changes of Committees.

### **Appointment of Committees**

The Select Committee on Men's Health was appointed on 13 November 2008.

### **Change of Committee Name**

There were no changes to committee names during the reporting period.



## **Other Committees**

## **Regulations and Ordinances (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)**

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23.

### **Current members**

Senator Wortley (Chair), Senator Ronaldson (Deputy Chair), and Senators Carol Brown, Cormann and Moore

### **Former members**

Senator Bartlett

### **Secretary**

	Phone	Fax
Mr James Warmenhoven	(02) 6277 3066	(02) 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 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

### **Meetings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private	8
Briefings	1
Total:	9

<b>No. of instruments scrutinised</b>	1624
<b>Notices of Motion to Disallow</b>	15
<b>Notices withdrawn</b>	15
<b>Notices pending</b>	0

## **Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)**

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

### **Current members**

Senator Coonan (Chair), Senator Bishop (Deputy Chair), and Senators Cameron, Collins, Siewert and Troeth

### **Former members**

Senator Ellison (until 14 October 2008)

### **Secretary**

	Phone	Fax
Ms Julie Dennett	(02) 6277 3050	(02) 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 2008 and 31 December 2008, the committee considered 87 bills, and commented on 42 bills in six Alert Digests. The committee also produced six Reports containing correspondence from Ministers addressing its concerns.

### **Alert Digests tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- No. 7 of 2008 (27 August 2008)
- No. 8 of 2008 (3 September 2008)
- No. 9 of 2008 (17 September 2008)
- No. 10 of 2008 (24 September 2008)
- No. 11 of 2008 (15 October 2008)
- No. 12 of 2008 (12 November 2008)
- No. 13 of 2008 (26 November 2008)
- No. 14 of 2008 (3 December 2008)

## **Reports presented**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Seventh Report of 2008 (27 August 2008)
- Eighth Report of 2008 (3 September 2008)
- Ninth Report of 2008 (17 September 2008)
- Tenth Report of 2008 (24 September 2008)
- Eleventh Report of 2008 (15 October 2008)
- Twelfth Report of 2008 (12 November 2008)

## **Meetings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private: 9

Briefings:

Total: 9

## **Appropriations and Staffing (Standing)**

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19.

### **Members**

The President (Senator the Hon J Hogg – from 26.08.08) (Chair), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon C Evans), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator the Hon N Minchin), and Senators Faulkner, Lundy, Nash, Parry and Sherry

### **Former Members**

Senator the Hon A Ferguson (Chair – to 26.08.08)  
Senator Murray

### **Secretary**

	Phone	Fax
Ms Jenny Sawkins	(02) 6277 3015	(02) 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 2008–31 December 2008*

- Annual Report 2007–08 (tabled 4 September 2008)

### **Meetings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Nil

## **House (Standing)**

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21.

### **Current members**

The President (Senator the Hon A Ferguson – to 26.08.08) (Senator the Hon J Hogg – from 26.08.08) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator the Hon J Hogg – to 26.08.08) (Senator the Hon A Ferguson – from 26.08.08), and Senators Crossin, Heffernan, Parry, Stephens and Wortley

### **Secretary**

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

### **Meetings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private: \*2

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

**Total:** \*2

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



## **Privileges (Standing)**

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18.

### **Current members**

Senator Brandis (Chair), Senator Collins (Deputy Chair), and Senators Hurley, Lundy (15.09.08–12.12.08), McGauran, McLucas, O'Brien and Payne

### **Secretary**

	Phone	Fax	Email
Dr Rosemary Laing	(02) 6277 3360	6277 3199	<a href="mailto:Priv.sen@aph.gov.au">Priv.sen@aph.gov.au</a>

### **Reports presented**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- 135<sup>th</sup> report—Persons referred to in the Senate—Certain persons on behalf of the Exclusive Brethren (tabled 24 September 2008)

### **Meetings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private:	2
Public:	
In camera:	
Inspections:	
Briefings:	
Other:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2</b>

## Procedure (Standing)

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17.

### Current members

The Deputy President (Senator the Hon J Hogg – to 26.08.08) (Senator the Hon A Ferguson – from 26.08.08) (Chair), the President (Senator the Hon A Ferguson –to 26.08.08) (Senator the Hon J Hogg – from 26.08.08), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon C Evans), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator the Hon N Minchin), and Senators Ellison, Faulkner, Hurley, Ludwig, Parry and Siewert

### Secretary

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

### Current inquiry

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Restructure of Question Time
- Proposed changes to standing order 25 relating to committees

### Reports presented

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- First report, September 2008:  
Restructuring Question Time  
Reference of bills to committees  
Questions to chairs of committees  
Deputy chairs of committees  
Leave to make statements
- Second report, October 2008:  
Questions to chairs of committees and other senators
- Third report, November 2008:  
Restructuring Question Time

### Meetings

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private: 4  
Public:  
In camera:  
Inspections:  
Briefings:  
**Total: 4**

## **Publications (Standing)**

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22.

### **Current members**

Senator Carol Brown (Chair) and Senators Bernardi, Marshall, Mason, Parry, Sterle and Wortley

### **Secretary**

	Phone	Fax
Mr Matthew Keele	(02) 6277 3037	(02) 6277 3448

### **Public hearings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

### **Reports presented**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- 4<sup>th</sup> Report, 4 September 2008
- 5<sup>th</sup> Report, 25 September 2008
- 6<sup>th</sup> Report, 16 October 2008
- 7<sup>th</sup> Report, 13 November 2008
- 8<sup>th</sup> Report, 4 December 2008

### **Meetings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private: \*5

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

**Total: 5**

*\*Five meetings as a joint committee with a similar committee of the House of Representatives*

## **Selection of Bills (Standing)**

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 24A.

### **Current members**

The Acting Government Whip (Senator McEwen) (Acting Chair), the Opposition Whip (Senator Parry), the Nationals Whip (Senator Williams), the Australian Greens Whip (Senator Siewert), the Family First Party Whip (Senator Fielding), and Senators Adams, Coonan and Ludwig

### **Former members**

Senator Ellison

### **Secretary**

	Phone	Fax
Ms Maureen Weeks	(02) 6277 3020	(02) 6277 3098/6277 3099

### **Reports presented**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Report Nos 8 to 17 of 2008

### **Meetings—All meetings held at Parliament House, Canberra**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private:	10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>10</b>

## Senators' Interests (Standing)

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A.

### Current members

Senator Johnston (Chair), Senator Forshaw (Deputy Chair), and Senators Adams, Bilyk, Bob Brown, Fifield, Humphries and Pratt

### Former member

Senator Webber

### Secretary

	Phone	Fax	Email
Dr Rosemary Laing	(02) 6277 3360	(02) 6277 3199	<a href="mailto:Senators.interests@aph.gov.au">Senators.interests@aph.gov.au</a>

### Register of Senators' Interests

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Register of Senators' Interests incorporating Notifications of Alterations of Interests lodged by 1 December 2008
- Register of Senator's Interests incorporating Statements of Registrable Interests of Senators lodged by 23 September 2008, Vol 2. G-Z
- Register of Senators' Interests incorporating Statements of Registrable Interests of Senators lodged by 23 September 2008, Vol 1. A-F
- Register of Senators' Interests incorporating Statements of Registrable Interests and notifications of alterations lodged by 22 September 2008

### Reports presented

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

### Meetings

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private:	2
Public:	
In camera:	
Inspection:	
Briefings:	
Other:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2</b>

## **Electoral Matters (Joint)**

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 13 February 2008 and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

### **Current members**

Mr Melham MP (Chair), Mr Morrison MP (Deputy Chair), and Senators Birmingham, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Hutchins and Ronaldson and Mr Danby MP, Mr Scott MP and Mr Sullivan MP

### **Secretary**

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

### **Reports presented**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Inquiry into the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and other Measures) Bill 2008

### **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

### **Meetings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private:	9
Public:	13
Inspections:	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>23</b>

## **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint)**

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 13 February 2008 and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

### **Current Members**

Senator Forshaw (Chair), Mr Hawker MP (Deputy Chair), and Senators Arbib, Bishop, Ferguson, Fifield, Hanson-Young, Johnston, Ludlam, Moore, O'Brien, Payne and Trood and Mr Baldwin MP, Mr Bevis MP, Mr Danby MP, Ms AL Ellis MP, Mr Gibbons MP, Ms Grierson MP, Mr Hale MP, Mr Macfarlane MP, Mrs Markus MP, Mrs Mirabella MP, Ms Parke MP, Ms Rea MP, Mr Ripoll MP, Mr Robert MP, Mr Ruddock MP, Ms Saffin MP, Mr Scott MP, Mr KJ Thomson MP and Ms Vamvakinou MP

### **Former members**

Senator Cormann, The Hon A Robb AO, MP

### **Secretary**

	Phone
Dr Margot Kerley	(02) 6277 4629

### **Current inquiries**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2007–08
- Inquiry into Human Rights Mechanisms and the Asia-Pacific
- Inquiry into Australia's relationship with India as an emerging world power

### **Reports presented**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2006–07 (1 December 2008)

### **Government Responses**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2005–06 (13 November 2008)
- Australia's Aid Program in the Pacific (27 November 2008)

## **Meetings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private:	51
Public:	11
Inspections/Briefings:	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>64</b>

## **Secretaries of Sub-Committees**

Dr John Carter (Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4306
Mr Tas Lutterell (Trade Sub-Committee)	
Dr Margot Kerley (Defence Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4547
Ms Samantha Mannette (Human Rights Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4629



## Migration (Joint)

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 13 February 2008 and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

### Current members

Mr Danby MP (Chair), Mrs Vale MP (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bilyk, Eggleston, Hanson-Young (from 27.08.08), McEwen and Ms D’Ath MP, Mr Georgiou MP, Dr Stone MP (from 10.11.08) and Mr Zappia MP

### Former members

Senator Bartlett, Senator Polley, Mr Randall MP

### Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Ms Anna Dacre	(02) 6277 4565	(02) 6277 4427

### Current inquiry

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Inquiry into immigration detention in Australia

### Reports presented

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Immigration detention in Australia: A new beginning—Criteria for release from detention (presented 01.12.08)

### Government responses tabled

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

### Meetings

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

*Private:	11
*Public:	7
In camera	3
Briefings	1
Delegation	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>

\*These numbers are not a clear indication of how many meetings the committee held during this period, as there were some meetings which had public and private components. These were counted in their respective categories and therefore there are double-ups.

## National Capital and External Territories (Joint)

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 13 February 2008 and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

### Current members

Senator Lundy (Chair), Mr Secker MP (Deputy Chair), and the Deputy President (Senator the Hon A Ferguson – from 26.08.08) the Deputy Speaker (Ms A Burke MP), and Senators Crossin, Humphries and Joyce and Mr Adams MP, Ms AL Ellis MP, Mr Neville MP and Mr Turnour MP

### Former members

Senator the Hon J Hogg (Deputy President until 26.08.08)

### Secretary

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

### Reports presented

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- The Way Forward, Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority (presented on 16 July 2008)

### Government responses

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- The Way Forward, Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority (tabled 12 December 2008)

### Meetings

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private:	14
Public:	0
Briefings:	7
<b>Total:</b>	<b>21</b>

## **Parliamentary Library (Joint Standing)**

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 13 February 2008 and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

### **Current members**

Senators Barnett, Bilyk, Cameron, Fielding, Hutchins, and Trood (Joint Chair) and Mr Adams MP (Joint Chair), Mr Broadbent MP, Mr Butler MP, Mr Hawker MP, Ms Jackson MP, Mrs Mirabella MP and Mr Perrett MP

### **Former members**

Senator Allison, Senator Kirk, Senator Webber

### **Secretary**

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

### **Meetings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private:	2
Public	
In camera	
Inspections	
Briefings:	
Other	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2</b>

## **Treaties (Joint)**

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 13 February 2008 and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

### **Members**

Mr KJ Thomson MP (Chair), Senator McGauran (Deputy Chair), Senator Ludlam (Deputy Chair from 04.09.08) and Senators Birmingham, Cash, Farrell, Pratt and Wortley and Mr Andrews MP (until 10.11.08), Mr Briggs MP (from 10.11.08), Mr Forrest MP, Ms Hall MP, Ms Neal MP, Ms Parke MP, Mr Simpkins MP, Mr Trevor MP and Ms Vamvakinou MP

### **Acting Secretary**

	Phone	Fax
Ms Siobhán Leyne (until 05.09.08)	(02) 6277 4642	(02) 6277 2219
Mr Jerome Brown (from 24.11.08)		

### **Current inquiries**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nuclear non-proliferation and Disarmament
- Treaties (tabled on 04.12.08)
- Treaties (tabled on 25.06.08)
- Treaty (tabled on 03.12.08)
- Treaty (tabled on 26.11.08)

### **Documents tabled**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Report 93: Treaties (tabled 12.03.08 & 14.05.08; presented 04.09.08)
- Report 94: Treaties (tabled 14.05.08; presented 18.09.08)
- Report 95: Treaties (tabled 04.06.08, 17.06.08, 25.06.08 & 26.08.08; presented 16.10.08)
- Report 96: Treaties (tabled 16.09.08; presented 24.11.08)
- Report 97: Treaties (tabled 16.09.08; presented 04.12.08)

## **Meetings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private:	10
Public	11
In camera	0
Inspections	0
Briefings:	1
Other	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>22</b>

## Intelligence and Security (Joint Statutory)

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### Appointment

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

### Members

Mr Bevis MP (Chair), Mr Ruddock MP (Deputy Chair), and Senators Coonan, Forshaw, McGauran and Marshall and Mr Dreyfus MP, Mr Melham MP and Mrs Hull MP

### Former members

Senator Nash, Mr Downer MP and Mr Robb MP

### Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Dr Margot Kerley	(02) 6277 4629	(02) 6277 2067

### Reports presented

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Annual Report of Committee Activities 2007–08 (13 October 2008)
- Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida (AQ), Jemaah Islamiya (JI) and Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghred (AQIM) as terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code Act 1995 (13 October 2008)

### Meetings

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private (meetings):

Public (hearings)

In camera (hearings)                      7

Inspections

Briefings:                                      1

**Total:    8**

## **Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings (Joint Statutory)**

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*.

### **Current members**

The President (Senator the Hon J Hogg) (Vice Chair from 25.11.08), the Speaker (Mr H Jenkins MP) (Chair from 25.11.08), and Senators O'Brien and Parry and Mr Hale MP, The Hon D Hawker MP, Mr Hayes MP, The Hon P Lindsay MP and The Hon R Price MP

### **Former members**

Senator the Hon A Ferguson (from 26.08.08) and Senator Cormann (from 25.09.08)

### **Secretary**

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

### **Reports presented**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Nil

### **Meetings**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- 25 November 2008

## **Public Accounts and Audit (Joint Statutory)**

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### **Appointment**

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

### **Membership**

Ms Grierson MP (Chair), Mr Georgiou MP (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bishop, Boyce, Bushby, Feeney and Lundy, and Mr Bevis MP, Mrs B. Bishop MP, Mr Bradbury MP, Mr Briggs MP, Mr Butler MP, Ms King MP, Mr Neumann MP and Mr Robert MP

### **Former members**

Senators Chapman, Hogg, Murray and Watson and Mr Baldwin MP and Mr Morrison MP

### **Secretary**

	Phone	Fax
Mr Russell Chafer	(02) 6277 4615	(02) 6277 2220

### **Current inquiries**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Review of Auditor-General's reports (ongoing)
- Inquiry into financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and the Defence Materiel Organisation (reported 8 August 2008)
- Inquiry into the effects of the ongoing efficiency dividend on smaller public sector agencies (reported 4 December 2008)

### **Reports presented**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Report 411: Progress on equipment acquisition and financial reporting in Defence (08.08.08)
- Report 412: Audit Reports reviewed during the 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament (25.08.08)
- Report 413: The efficiency dividend and small agencies: Size does matter (04.12.08)



## **Government responses received**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Response to Report 409: Developments in Aviation Security since the Committee's June 2004 Report 400: Review of Aviation Security in Australia (response received 21.10.08)
- Response to Report 410: Tax Administration (response received 13.11.08)

## **Meetings/hours**

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Full committee:	9:15
Sectional committees:	25:51
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>35.06</b>

## Public Works (Joint Statutory)

*1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008*

### Appointment

Pursuant to *Public Works Act 1969*.

### Current members

Mr Butler MP (Chair), Senator Troeth (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bishop and Forshaw and Mr Champion MP, Mr Forrest MP, Mr Hale MP, Mr Lindsay MP, Mr Price MP (from 28.08.08) and Mr Slipper MP

### Former members

Mr Hale MP (discharged 28.08.08)

### Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Mr James Catchpole	(02) 6277 4157	(02) 6277 4844

### Current inquiries

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Fit-out for the Australian Federal Police of the Edmund Barton Building, Barton, ACT
- AWM Eastern Precinct Development and National Service Memorial, Canberra, ACT
- Puckapunyal redevelopment, Victoria
- Enhanced Land Force Stage 1

### Reports presented

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

- Referrals tabled March–June 2008: 6/2008
- Update Report: The Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre Project: 7/2008
- Australian Superhornet Facilities Projects RAAF Base Amberley: 8/2008
- Referrals tabled June–September 2008: 9/2008

### Meetings

*1 July 2008–31 December 2008*

Private:	9
Public:	8
Inspections:	6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>23</b>

**PART TWO**

**Consolidated Statistical Overview**

**1 July 2008–31 December 2008**

## Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

	Matters current as at 1 July 2008	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2008
Standing	39	64 (A)	70+2 <sup>^</sup> +(15*) (B)	31
Joint	7	0	2 +(1*)	5
Select	6	1	1 +(3*)	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>73+2<sup>^</sup>+(19*)</b>	<b>42</b>

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing	125	476:07	17	179:35	156	51:22	3	20:45	301	727:49
Joint	19	59:33	0	0:00	35	29:27	4	5:33	58	94:33
Select	19	88:45	0	0:00	30	18:30	5	20:00	54	126:15
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>624:25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>179:35</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>99:19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>46:18</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>948:37</b>

Meetings by State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing	229	20	18	0	8	10	8	8
Joint	33	6	4	2	4	4	0	5
Select	36	5	4	0	0	6	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>

	Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Standing	82	1494	641	690	2234	3059	3822	4471	22360	8
Joint	2	0	0	160	0	0	1033	166	2353	0
Select	8	0	0	150	0	0	1272	186	3360	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1494</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>2234</b>	<b>3059</b>	<b>6127</b>	<b>4823</b>	<b>28073</b>	<b>8</b>

(A) 8 Annual Reports; 39 Individual/Packages of Bills; 17 references

(B) 8 Reports on Annual Reports; 44 bills reports and 18 references reports

\*Reports that did not discharge a reference;

<sup>^</sup> Community Affairs Committee included 3 separate references in one report

**PART THREE**

**Consolidated Statistical Overview  
(Year)**

**1 January 2008–31 December 2008**

**Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office: 1 January 2008–31 December 2008**

	Matters current as at 1 January 2008	Inquiries discharged at beginning of 42 <sup>nd</sup> Parliament	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2008
Standing	7	5	148 (A)	117+2 <sup>^</sup> (24*,3#)(B)	31
Joint	0	0	8	3 +(3*)	5
Select	0	0	8	2 +(3*)	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>122 + 2<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>42</b>

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing	175	735:32	69	695:17	292	100:43	4	22:50	540	1554:22
Joint	26	68:15	0	0:00	59	48:22	12	16:51	97	133:28
Select	38	220:16	0	0:00	53	26:08	6	22:00	97	267:24
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>1024:03</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>695:17</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>175:13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>61:41</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>1955:14</b>

Meetings by State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing	434	29	25	1	14	13	13	11
Joint	69	8	4	2	4	4	0	6
Select	61	8	9	3	2	9	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>

	Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Standing	150	4395	898	1087	7935	4421	6238	7562	36306	9
Joint	8	0	0	223	0	0	1336	206	2860	0
Select	11	0	0	357	0	0	2521	397	7582	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>4395</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>1667</b>	<b>7935</b>	<b>4421</b>	<b>10095</b>	<b>8165</b>	<b>46748</b>	<b>9</b>

(A) 16 Estimates; 16 Annual Reports; 74 Individual/Packages of Bills; 42 references

(B) 16 Estimates Reports; 16 Reports on Annual Reports; 85 Reports

\*Reports that did not discharge a reference; ^ 1 report discharged 3 references; # reports that re-referred inquiries from the 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament

**PART FOUR**

**Statistics On**

**2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates  
(October 2008)**

<b>Statistics on 2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2008)</b>
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### Community Affairs

	<b>2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2008)</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>3</b> (22, 23 & 24 October)
Hours by portfolio:	
– Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	10:20
– Health and Ageing	11:50
– Indigenous matters	5:45
Hours of public meetings	<b>27:55</b>

### Economics

	<b>2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2008)</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (22 & 23 October)
Hours by portfolio:	
– Resources, Energy and Tourism	3:36
– Innovation, Industry, Science and Research	4:59
– Treasury	13:22
Hours of public meetings	<b>21:57</b>

### Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

	<b>2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2008)</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (22 & 23 October)
Hours by portfolio:	
– Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	19:52
Hours of public meetings	<b>19:52</b>

### Environment, Communications and the Arts

	<b>2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2008)</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (20 & 21 October)
Hours by portfolio:	
– Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	10:12
– Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	12:23
Hours of public meetings	<b>22:35</b>



<b>Statistics on 2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2008)</b>
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### Finance and Public Administration

	2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2008)
No. of public meetings	2 (20 & 21 October)
Hours by portfolio:	
– Finance and Deregulation	8:14
– Human Services	2:17
– Parliament	1:35
– Prime Minister and Cabinet	9:09
Hours of public meetings	<b>21:15</b>

### Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

	2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2008)
No. of public meetings	2 (22 & 23 October)
Hours by portfolio:	
– Defence	8:00
– Foreign Affairs and Trade	9:35
– Veterans' Affairs	1:15
Hours of public meetings	<b>18:50</b>

### Legal and Constitutional Affairs

	2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2008)
No. of public meetings	2 (20 & 21 October)
Hours by portfolio:	
– Attorney-General's	11:05
– Immigration and Citizenship	11:13
Hours of public meetings	<b>22:18</b>

### Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

	2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates (October 2008)
No. of public meetings	2 (20 & 21 October)
Hours by portfolio:	
– Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	11:22
– Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	9:52
Hours of public meetings	<b>21:14</b>

**The number of days the committees met to consider estimates:**

**2008–09 Supplementary Budget Estimates:      5 days (20, 21, 22, 23 & 24 October)**