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1 July 2010 - 27 September 2010

| | Matters current as at 1 July 2010 | Matters referred during period | Reports tabled that discharge a reference | Inquiries lapsed at 27 September 2010 |
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| Select Committee | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

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

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

| | Witnesses | | | | Hansard Pages | | | No of Submissions | No Of Pages | Government Responses |
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| | Televised Hearings | Estimates | Other (Bills) | General | Estimates | Other (Bills) | General | | | |
| Select Committee | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 269 | 0 |

Select Committee on the Reform of the Australian Federation

1 July 2010 to 27 September 2010

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 17 March 2010.

| Current members | <i>Date of appointment</i> |
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| Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 17.06.10)</i> | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 17.06.10)</i> | 13.05.10 |
| Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) | 21.06.10 |
| Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP) | 11.05.10 |

| Participating members | <i>Date of appointment</i> |
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| Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP) | 11.05.10 |

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| Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP) | 11.05.10 |
| Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP) | 13.05.10 |
| Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS) | 11.05.10 |

Inquiries

As at 1 July 2010

Reform of the Australian Federation to:

- a) Inquire into and report by 17 November 2010 on key issues and priorities for the reform of relations between the three levels of government within the Australian federation; and
- b) Explore a possible agenda for national reform and to consider ways it can best be implemented in relation to, but not exclusively, the following matters:
 - i) The distribution of constitutional powers and responsibilities between the Commonwealth and the states (including territories),
 - ii) Financial relations between federal, state and local governments,
 - iii) Possible constitutional amendment, including the recognition of local government,

- iv) Processes, including the Council of Australian Governments, and the referral of powers and procedures for enhancing cooperation between the various levels of Australian government, and
- v) Strategies for strengthening Australia's regions and the delivery of services through regional development committees and regional grant programs.

Current inquiries

As at 27 September 2010

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New references

1 July 2010–27 September 2010

- Nil

Public hearings

1 July 2010–27 September 2010

- Nil

Reports tabled

1 July 2010–27 September 2010

- Nil

Government responses

1 July 2010–27 September 2010

- Nil