

Environment and Communications

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28 September 2010 - 31 December 2010

	Matters current as at 28 September 2010	Matters re-referred and/or referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2010
Legislation	0	5	4	1
References	0	4	2 + (1 [^])	2
Total	0	9	6	3

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	2:59	3	23:53	9	0:36	0	0:00	13	27:28
References	2	11:08	0	0:00	7	0:46	0	0:00	9	11:54
Total	3	14:07	3	23:53	16	1:22	0	0:00	22	39:22

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	20	0	2	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			
Legislation	4	158	9	0	291	37	0	7	81	0
References	2	0	0	32	0	0	130	1	1	0
Total	6	158	9	32	291	37	130	8	82	0

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

^ Reports that re-referred inquiries from the 42nd Parliament

Environment and Communications (Legislation)

43rd Parliament (28 September 2010 to 31 December 2010)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 30.09.10)</i>	30.09.10
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 30.09.10)</i>	30.09.10
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	30.09.10
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	30.09.10
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Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	30.09.10
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	30.09.10
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Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	30.09.10
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	30.09.10

Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
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Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
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Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10
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Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	30.09.10
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	30.09.10

Inquiries from the end of the 42nd Parliament

- Nil

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2010

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Support for Whaling) Bill 2010 (referred 23 November 2010)

New references

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

- National Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 30 September 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Radiocommunications Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (referred 30 September 2010—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010 (referred 26 October 2010)
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Support for Whaling) Bill 2010 (referred 23 November 2010)

Public hearings

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

- 2010–11 Supplementary Budget Estimates—18 & 19 October 2010 and 27 October 2010
- National Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions]—1 November 2010, Canberra

Reports tabled

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

- Keeping Jobs from Going Offshore (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2009 (presented out of session on 6 August 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)
- Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010 (presented out of session on 6 August 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)
- Annual reports (No. 2 of 2010) (tabled 17 November 2010)
- Radiocommunications Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (tabled 17 November 2010)
- National Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (tabled 17 November 2010)
- Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010 (tabled 18 November 2010)

Government responses

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

- Nil

Estimates

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

Environment and Communications (References)

43rd Parliament (28 September 2010 to 31 December 2010)

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Inquiries from the end of the 42nd Parliament

- Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources (referred 20 August 2009)
- Administration and effectiveness of the Green Loans Program (referred 10 March 2010)
- The adequacy of protections for the privacy of Australians online (referred 24 June 2010)

Inquiries lapsed at the beginning of the 43rd Parliament

- Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources (referred 20 August 2009)
- Administration and effectiveness of the Green Loans Program (referred 10 March 2010)
- The adequacy of protections for the privacy of Australians online (referred 24 June 2010)

Inquiries re-referred

- Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources (re-referred 30 September 2010)
- Administration and effectiveness of the Green Loans Program (re-referred 30 September 2010)
- The adequacy of protections for the privacy of Australians online (re-referred 30 September 2010)

Current inquiries

As at 31 December 2010

- The adequacy of protections for the privacy of Australians online (re-referred 30 September 2010)
- The status, health and sustainability of Australia's koala population (referred 17 November 2010)

New references

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

- The status, health and sustainability of Australia's koala population (referred 17 November 2010)

Public hearings

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

- The adequacy of protections for the privacy of Australians online—29 October 2010, Canberra; 1 December 2010, Melbourne

Reports tabled

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

- Energy Efficient Homes Package (ceiling insulation)—Interim report 2 (presented out of session on 30 June 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)
- Energy Efficient Homes Package (ceiling insulation)—Interim report 3 (presented out of session on 9 July 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)
- Energy Efficient Homes Package (ceiling insulation)—Report (presented out of session on 15 July 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)

- Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources—Interim report (presented on 30 July 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)
- Administration and effectiveness of the Green Loans Program—Interim report (presented out of session on 6 August 2010; tabled 28 September 2010)
- Report on matters not disposed of at the end of the 42nd Parliament (tabled 30 September 2010)
- Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources (presented out of session on 7 October 2010; tabled 25 October 2010)
- Green Loans Program (tabled 27 October 2010)

Government responses

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

- Australia Post's treatment of injured and ill workers (presented out of session on 22 December 2010; report tabled 24 June 2010)