

Select Committees

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

**Reform of the Australian
Federation**

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	Matters current as at 28 September 2010	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2010
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	1	4:32	0	0:00	1	0:26	1	4:03	3	9:01

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	2	1	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	6	0	0	40	2	264	0

Select Committee on the Reform of the Australian Federation

43rd Parliament (29 September 2010 to 31 December 2010)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 29 September 2010.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 27.10.10)</i>	30.09.10
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 27.10.10)</i>	30.09.10
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	25.10.10
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	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 Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	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
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
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 Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
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
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
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 Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	30.09.10
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	30.09.10
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 the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	30.09.10
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	30.09.10
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	30.09.10
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	30.09.10

Current inquiry

29 September 2010

Reform of the Australian Federation to:

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 - 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.

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As at 31 December 2010

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Public hearings

29 September 2010–31 December 2010

- 2 December 2010, Sydney

Reports tabled

29 September 2010–31 December 2010

- Nil

Government responses

29 September 2010–31 December 2010

- Nil