

PART SIX

1 January 2016 – 9 May 2016

**Legislative and General Purpose
Standing Committees
administered by the
Senate Committee Office
1 January 2016 – 9 May 2016**

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 January 2016 - 9 May 2016

	Matters current as at 1 January 2016	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 9 May 2016
Legislation	3	6	6	3
References	3	1	0 + (1**)	4
Total	6	7	6	7

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	4:26	5	37:16	14	1:17	0	0:00	20	42:59
References	6	32:35	0	0:00	13	4:08	0	0:00	19	36:43
Total	7	37:01	5	37:16	27	5:25	0	0:00	39	79:42

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	19	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
References	12	0	2	0	0	2	0	3
Total	31	0	3	0	0	2	0	3

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	6	351	18	0	600	55	0	51	318	0
References	6	0	0	136	0	0	384	1698	9913	3
Total	12	351	18	136	600	55	384	1749	10231	3

* Includes referral of Annual reports x 1; estimates x 2

** Interim report

Community Affairs (Legislation)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 01.07.14)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.11.13
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP)	12.11.15
Senator Joanna Lindgren (QLD, LP)	23.02.16
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP)	15.03.16

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	13.11.13–30.06.14
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	04.02.16–15.03.16
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	04.02.16–23.02.16
Senator Joanna Lindgren (QLD, LP)	15.06.15–04.02.16
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP)	12.11.13–12.11.15
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.07.14–15.06.15
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) <i>(Acting Chair 17.03.14–18.03.14)</i>	13.11.13–04.02.16

Former substitute member

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP) ¹	04.08.15–04.08.15
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¹ Replaced Senator Brown on 4 August 2015

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 1 of 2016 tabled 02.03.2016	Ongoing
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	04.02.2016	No
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	22.02.2016	No
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	18.02.2016—Melbourne	01.03.2016	No

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New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	04.02.2016 (SB)	Nil	Report presented OOS 10.03.2016; tabled 15.03.2016	No

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Additional Estimates 2015–16	04.02.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 137—4 February 2016, p3720)	10–11 February 2016—Canberra 03.03.2016—Canberra 16.03.2016—Canberra	Report presented OOS 06.04.2016; tabled 18.04.2016	No
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity) Bill 2016 [Provisions]	03.03.2016 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Interest Charge) Bill 2016 [Provisions]	03.03.2016 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Budget Estimates 2016–17	03.05.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 152—3 May 2016, p4215)	06.05.2016—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)

Community Affairs (References)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 08.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.11.13
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP)	12.11.15
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP)	15.03.16

Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹	03.12.15

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	13.11.13–30.06.14
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	04.02.16–15.03.16
Senator Joanna Lindgren (QLD, LP)	15.06.15–04.02.16
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP)	12.11.13–12.11.15
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.07.14–15.06.15
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon Lin Thorp (TAS, ALP)	06.03.14–30.06.14
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	12.11.13–06.03.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP) ²	21.08.15–21.08.15
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) ³	08.07.14–29.10.14
Senator the Hon Lin Thorp (TAS, ALP) ⁴	04.12.13–26.03.14

¹ Replaces Senator Brown for the committee's inquiry into the future of Australia's aged care sector workforce

² Replaced Senator Brown on 21 August 2015

³ Replaced Senator Reynolds for the committee's inquiry into grandparents raising grandchildren

⁴ Replaced Senator Brown for the committee's inquiry into the care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Growing evidence of an emerging tick-borne disease that causes a Lyme-like illness for many Australian patients	12.11.2015	14.04.2016—Perth 15.04.2016—Brisbane 20.04.2016—Canberra	Interim report tabled 04.05.2016	Yes
Future of Australia's aged care sector workforce	01.12.2015	28.04.2016—Melbourne	Nil	Yes
Indefinite detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment in Australia	02.12.2015	23.03.2016—Brisbane 29.04.2016—Melbourne	Nil	Yes

New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Medical complaints process in Australia	02.02.2016	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

- Grandparents who take primary responsibility for raising their grandchildren (presented OOS 15.01.2016; tabled 02.02.2016; report tabled 29.10.2014)
- Impact on service quality, efficiency and sustainability of recent Commonwealth community service tendering processes by the Department of Social Services (presented OOS 15.01.2016; tabled 02.02.2016; report tabled 16.09.2015)
- Palliative care in Australia (presented OOS 06.05.2016; report tabled 10.10.2012)

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Economics

Economics

1 January 2016 - 9 May 2016

	Matters current as at 1 January 2016	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 9 May 2016
Legislation	1	7	6	2
References	13	2	4 + (14**)	11
Total	14	9	10	13

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	2:30	3	31:55	11	0:36	0	0:00	15	35:01
References	16	64:58	0	0:00	23	4:41	1	2:45	40	72:24
Total	17	67:28	3	31:55	34	5:17	1	2:45	55	107:25

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	26	10	2	0	2	0	0	0
Total	40	11	2	0	2	0	0	0

Witnesses

Hansard Pages

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	4	297	9	0	265	28	0	94	696	0
References	16	0	0	181	0	0	623	416	4113	3
Total	20	297	9	181	265	28	623	510	4809	3

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; estimates x 2

** Interim reports

Economics (Legislation)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 28.10.15)</i>	01.07.14
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–02.07.14)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 02.07.14–22.10.15)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	23.02.16
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	14.11.13

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	13.11.13–14.11.13
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 11.02.14–30.06.14)</i>	11.02.14–30.06.14
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(Acting Chair on 04.05.15)</i>	01.07.14–23.02.16
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	14.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–11.02.14)</i>	12.11.13–11.02.14
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	13.11.13–01.07.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ¹	13.11.14–24.11.14
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP) ²	27.02.14–27.02.14
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ³	06.03.14–24.03.14
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ⁴	02.06.14–06.06.14
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) ⁵	06.03.14–24.03.14

¹ Replaced Senator Dastyari for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014, from 13 November 2014

² Replaced Senator Bishop on 27 February 2014

³ Replaced Senator Pratt for the committee's inquiry into the Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014

⁴ Replaced Senator Pratt for the week beginning 2 June 2014

⁵ Replaced Senator Bishop for the committee's inquiry into the Qantas Sale Amendment Bill 2014

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 1 of 2016 tabled 02.03.2016	Ongoing
Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	23.02.2016—Canberra	01.03.2016	No

New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Tax Laws Amendment (New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015 [Provisions], Income Tax Rates Amendment (Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015 [Provisions], Medicare Levy Amendment (Attribution Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015 [Provisions] and the Income Tax (Attribution Managed Investment Trusts—Offsets) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	04.02.2016 (SB)	Nil	Report presented OOS 10.03.2016; tabled 15.03.2016	No

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Additional Estimates 2015–16	04.02.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 137—4 February 2016, p3720)	10–11 February 2016— Canberra	01.03.2016	No
Corporations Amendment (Life Insurance Remuneration Arrangements) Bill 2016 [Provisions]	25.02.2016 (SB)	Nil	15.03.2016	No
Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016 [Provisions]	25.02.2016 (SB)	Nil	Report presented OOS 10.03.2016; tabled 15.03.2016	No
Anti-competitive conduct in the retail wine industry and ACCC's role	26.02.2016 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))	Nil	Nil	Yes
Budget Estimates 2016–17	03.05.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 152—3 May 2016, p4215)	06.05.2016—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Economics (References)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Current members	
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 22.10.15)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <i>(Chair 02.07.14–22.10.15)</i>	12.11.13
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)	14.05.15
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	23.02.16
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	14.11.13

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Leyonhjelm (NSW, LDP) ¹	25.06.15
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ²	30.11.15

Subcommittee members³

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Leyonhjelm (NSW, LDP) <i>(Sub-Committee Chair)</i>	08.09.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP)	08.09.15
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	08.09.15

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	14.11.13–30.06.14
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–01.07.14)</i>	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(Acting Deputy Chair on 10.11.14)</i>	01.07.14–23.02.16
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	19.03.14–24.03.14
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP)	01.07.14–14.05.15
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	12.11.13–14.11.13
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	12.11.13–19.03.14
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	24.03.14–30.06.14
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	13.11.13–01.07.14

¹ Replaces Senator McAllister for the committee's inquiry into personal choice and community impacts

² Replaces Senator Dastyari for the committee's inquiry into Australia's steel industry

³ Inquiry into personal choice and community impacts for the purpose of hearings

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) ⁴ <i>(Acting Deputy Chair on 11.11.14)</i>	11.11.14–11.11.14
Senator the Hon Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) ⁵	24.03.15–14.05.15
Senator the Hon Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) ⁶	01.12.15–03.12.15
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁷	24.03.14–30.06.14
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁸ <i>(Acting Chair on 01.10.15)</i>	14.05.15–01.12.15
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁹	14.05.15–03.12.15
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) ¹⁰	12.11.14–12.11.14
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ¹¹	10.08.15–23.02.16
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ¹²	25.02.16–17.03.16
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP) ¹³	15.07.14–08.05.15
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹⁴	12.11.14–12.11.14
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS) ¹⁵	07.07.15–07.07.15

Former subcommittee members¹⁶

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <i>(Chair 03.08.15–03.08.15)</i>	03.08.15–03.08.15
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(Deputy Chair 03.08.15–03.08.15)</i>	03.08.15–03.08.15
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP)	03.08.15–03.08.15

Former subcommittee members¹⁷

Term of appointment

Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP)	05.08.15–05.08.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹⁸ <i>(Acting Chair 05.08.15–05.08.15)</i>	05.08.15–05.08.15
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) ¹⁹ <i>(Deputy Chair 05.08.15–05.08.15)</i>	05.08.15–05.08.15

4 Replaced Senator Edwards for the committee's inquiry into affordable housing on 11 November 2014

5 Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's inquiry into insolvency in the construction industry

6 Replaced Senator McAllister for the committee's inquiry into insolvency in the construction industry

7 Replaced Senator Pratt for the committee's inquiry into Australia's innovation system

8 Replaced Senator McAllister for the committee's inquiry into Australia's automotive industry

9 Replaced Senator McAllister for the committee's inquiry into Australia's innovation system

10 Replaced Senator Canavan for the committee's inquiry into forestry managed investment schemes (MIS) on 12 November 2014

11 Replaced Senator Canavan for the committee's inquiry into cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms

12 Replaced Senator Smith for the committee's inquiry into cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms

13 Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's inquiry into affordable housing

14 Replaced Senator Ketter for the committee's inquiry into forestry managed investment schemes (MIS) on 12 November 2014

15 Replaced Senator Canavan for the committee's inquiry into scrutiny of financial advice on 7 July 2015

16 Inquiry into Australia's innovation system on 3 August 2015

17 Inquiry into forestry managed investment schemes on 5 August 2015

18 Replaced Senator McAllister for the committee's inquiry into forestry managed investment schemes on 5 August 2015

19 Replaced Senator Edwards for the committee's inquiry into forestry managed investment schemes on 5 August 2015

Former subcommittee members²⁰

Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)
(Acting Chair 29.10.15–30.10.15)
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)

Term of appointment

29.10.15–30.10.15
29.10.15–30.10.15
29.10.15–30.10.15

Former subcommittee members²¹

Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP)
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP)

Term of appointment

28.04.16–28.04.16
28.04.16–28.04.16
28.04.16–28.04.16

Former subcommittee members²²

Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)
(Sub-Committee Chair)
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)
(Sub-Committee Deputy Chair)
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP)
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP)

Term of appointment

20.08.15–29.04.16
20.08.15–29.04.16
20.08.15–29.04.16
20.08.15–29.04.16

²⁰ Inquiry into co-operative, mutual and member owned firms on 29 and 30 October 2015
²¹ Inquiry into scrutiny of financial advice on 28 April 2016
²² Inquiry into economic security for women in retirement for the purpose of the inquiry

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Structure and development of forestry managed investment schemes (MIS)	25.06.2014	Nil	Agribusiness managed investment schemes: Bitter harvest report presented OOS 11.03.2016; tabled 15.03.2016	No
Future sustainability of Australia's naval ship building industry	25.06.2014	03.02.2016—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Scrutiny of financial advice	04.09.2014 <i>(Terms of Reference varied 02.03.2016)</i>	28.04.2016—Sydney	Interim report presented OOS 01.02.2016; report tabled 02.02.2016 Part 1—Land banking: a ticking time bomb report tabled 24.02.2016	Yes
Corporate tax avoidance	02.10.2014	21.04.2016—Canberra	Part 2—Gaming the system report presented OOS 22.04.2016; tabled 02.05.2016	Yes
Role, importance and overall performance of cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms in the Australian economy	02.03.2015	26.02.2016—Canberra	17.03.2016	No

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Non-conforming building products	23.06.2015	15.02.2016—Melbourne	Interim report: Safety—'not a matter of good luck' tabled 04.05.2016	Yes
Foreign bribery	24.06.2015	22.04.2016—Sydney	Nil	Yes
Personal choice and community impacts	25.06.2015	09.03.2016—Sydney 11.03.2016—Sydney 22.04.2016—Canberra	Interim report tabled 04.05.2016 Sale and use of marijuana—interim report tabled 04.05.2016 Bicycle helmet laws—interim report tabled 04.05.2016 Western Sydney Wanderers supporters—interim report tabled 04.05.2016 Classification of publications, films and computer games—interim report presented OOS 06.05.2016 Sale and use of tobacco, tobacco products, nicotine products and e-cigarettes—interim report presented OOS 06.05.2016 Sale and service of alcohol—interim report presented OOS 06.05.2016	Yes

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Economic security for women in retirement	17.08.2015	12.02.2016—Sydney 18.02.2016—Richmond, VIC 19.02.2016—Canberra	‘A husband is not a retirement plan’– Achieving economic security for women in retirement report presented OOS 29.04.2016; tabled 02.05.2016	No
Development of the bauxite resources near Aurukun in Cape York	24.11.2015	Nil	Interim report presented OOS 24.03.2016; tabled 18.04.2016	Yes
Criminal, civil and administrative penalties for white collar crime	25.11.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes
Foreign investment review framework	25.11.2015	10.03.2016—Sydney	Interim report tabled 04.02.2016 Report presented OOS 08.04.2016; tabled 18.04.2016 Supplementary report presented OOS 28.04.2016; tabled 02.05.2016	No
The future of Australia’s steel industry	26.11.2015	01.04.2016—Wollongong 05.04.2016—Whyalla 06.04.2016—Canberra	Nil	Yes

New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Carbon risk disclosure	02.02.2016	Nil	Nil	Yes
Causes and consequences of the collapse of listed retailers in Australia	04.02.2016	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

- Need for a national approach to retail leasing arrangements (tabled 24.02.2016; report tabled 18.03.2015)
- Digital currency—game changer or bit player (presented OOS 05.05.2016; report tabled 04.08.2015)
- Interest rates and informed choice in the Australian credit card market (presented OOS 06.05.2016; report tabled 16.12.2015)

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Education and Employment

Education and Employment

1 January 2016 - 9 May 2016

	Matters current as at 1 January 2016	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 9 May 2016
Legislation	3	5	5	3
References	3	0	3	0
Total	6	5	8	3

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	2	5:52	4	26:50	13	1:47	0	0:00	19	34:29
References	2	5:46	0	0:00	5	0:25	0	0:00	7	6:11
Total	4	11:38	4	26:50	18	2:12	0	0:00	26	40:40

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	6	93	30	0	582	83	0	49	1601	0
References	2	0	0	21	0	0	72	98	1808	0
Total	8	93	30	21	582	83	72	147	3409	0

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; estimates x 2

Education and Employment (Legislation)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <i>(elected Chair 26.06.14)</i> <i>(Chair 14.11.13–11.02.14)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	23.02.16
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	07.07.14
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	12.10.15
Senator Robert Simms (SA, AG)	14.10.15

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹	15.10.15
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ²	18.03.16

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) <i>(Chair 11.02.14–26.06.14)</i>	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	15.06.15–04.02.16
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	02.12.13–30.06.14
Senator Joanna Lindgren (QLD, LP)	04.02.16–23.02.16
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	03.03.15–15.04.15
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS)	01.07.14–03.03.15
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	12.11.13–14.10.15
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP)	01.07.14–03.03.15
Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos (NSW, LP)	03.03.15–12.10.15
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	13.11.13–02.12.13
Senator Mehmet Tillem (VIC, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ³	17.03.14–16.06.14
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁴	04.09.14–28.10.14

¹ Replaces Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015
² Replaces Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Australian Workers) Bill 2016
³ Replaced Senator Tillem for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2014

Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁵	12.02.15–13.03.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ⁶	26.06.14–28.08.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ⁷	03.12.15–04.04.16
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ⁸	08.09.14–19.09.14
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ⁹	15.06.15–11.08.15
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ¹⁰	04.02.16–11.03.16
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹¹	02.10.14–24.11.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹²	12.10.15–24.11.15
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ¹³	19.10.15–23.10.15
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹⁴	01.10.14–28.10.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) ¹⁵	25.03.14–05.06.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) ¹⁶	16.06.14–08.07.14

- ⁴ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014
- ⁵ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Higher Education and Research Reform Bill 2014
- ⁶ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2014
- ⁷ Replaces Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015
- ⁸ Replaced Senator O'Sullivan from 8 to 19 September 2014
- ⁹ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill [No.2]
- ¹⁰ Replaced Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [No.2] and related bill
- ¹¹ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Job Seeker Compliance Framework) Bill 2014
- ¹² Replaced Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Further Strengthening Job Seeker Compliance) Bill 2015; formerly, Senator Rhiannon replaced for the inquiry
- ¹³ Replaced Senator Lines from 19 to 23 October 2015
- ¹⁴ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014
- ¹⁵ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014
- ¹⁶ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014

Inquiries

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	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 1 of 2016 tabled 02.03.2016	Ongoing
Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015	15.10.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Fair Work Amendment (Remaining 2014 Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	04.02.2016	No
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	04.03.2016—Canberra	Report presented OOS 04.04.2016; tabled 18.04.2016	No

New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [No. 2] [Provisions] and the Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [No. 2] [Provisions]	04.02.2016 (SB)	04.03.2016—Canberra	Report presented OOS 11.03.2016; tabled 15.03.2016	No

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Additional Estimates 2015–16	04.02.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 137—4 February 2016, p3720)	10–12 February 2016— Canberra	01.03.2016	No
Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Australian Workers) Bill 2016	17.03.2016 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Budget Estimates 2016–17	03.05.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 152—3 May 2016, p4215)	06.05.2016—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)

Education and Employment (References)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 26.06.14)</i> <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–06.03.14)</i>	13.11.13
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	23.02.16
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	07.07.14
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP)	26.11.15
Senator Robert Simms (SA, AG)	14.10.15

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 06.03.14–26.06.14)</i>	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP)	01.07.14–12.11.15
Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	12.11.15–26.11.15
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	12.10.15–23.02.16
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	12.11.13–14.10.15
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP)	01.07.14–03.03.15
Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos (NSW, LP)	03.03.15–12.10.15
Senator Mehmet Tillem (VIC, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	12.11.13–07.07.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ¹	12.02.15–17.03.15
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ²	12.02.15–15.10.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ³	12.12.13–16.07.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ⁴	12.12.13–16.07.14
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ⁵	13.05.15–14.10.15
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ⁶	11.11.15–25.02.16

¹ Replaced Senator Peris for the committee's inquiry into the principles of the Higher Education and Research Reform Bill 2014, and related matters

² Replaced Senator Peris for the committee's inquiry into private vocational education and training providers

³ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the immediate future of the childcare sector in Australia

⁴ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the delivery of quality and affordable early childhood education and care services

⁵ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into Australia's temporary work visa programs

⁶ Replaced Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into long service standards

Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ⁷	02.12.15–17.03.16
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁸	12.10.15–14.10.15
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁹	02.12.15–15.01.16
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) ¹⁰	04.12.13–27.03.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) ¹¹	11.12.13–27.03.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) ¹²	11.12.13–27.03.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) ¹³	24.06.15–10.09.15

⁷ Replaced Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into Australia's temporary work visa programs

⁸ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into students with disability and the schools system

⁹ Replaced Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into students with disability and the schools system

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the effectiveness of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

¹¹ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the Government's approach to re-establishing the Australian Building and Construction Commission

¹² Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013

¹³ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into students with disability and the schools system

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As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Impact of Australia's temporary work visa programs on the Australian labour market	24.03.2015	05.02.2016—Canberra	A national disgrace: The exploitation of temporary work visa holders report tabled 17.03.2016	No
Students with disability in the school system	17.06.2015	Nil	Access to real learning: the impact of policy, funding and culture on students with disability report presented OOS 15.01.2016; tabled 02.02.2016	No
Creation of a national long service standard and the portability of long service and other entitlements	09.11.2015	05.02.2016—Canberra	25.02.2016	No

New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

Nil

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Environment and Communications

Environment and Communications

1 January 2016 - 9 May 2016

	Matters current as at 1 January 2016	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 9 May 2016
Legislation	4	4	5 + (1**)	3
References	4	3	2 + (3**)	5
Total	8	7	7	8

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	4	19:06	4	37:54	13	1:59	0	0:00	21	58:59
References	9	36:43	0	0:00	15	5:17	1	1:20	25	43:20
Total	13	55:49	4	37:54	28	7:16	1	1:20	46	102:19

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	19	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
References	14	3	3	1	2	0	0	2
Total	33	3	5	1	2	0	0	2

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	8	130	58	0	458	229	0	182	1469	0
References	9	0	0	115	0	0	431	658	5879	2
Total	17	130	58	115	458	229	431	840	7348	2

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; estimates x 2

** Interim reports

Environment and Communications (Legislation)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.10.15)</i>	12.10.15
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	12.10.15
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP)	15.03.16
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG)	12.11.13

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ¹	03.12.15

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	04.02.16–15.03.16
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	01.07.14–03.03.15
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP)	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LP)	01.07.14–12.10.15
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	12.10.15–04.02.16
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <i>(Chair 01.07.14–12.10.15)</i>	13.11.13–12.10.15
Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos (NSW, LP)	03.03.15–12.10.15
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–01.07.14)</i>	13.11.13–01.07.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP) ²	08.02.16–08.02.16
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP) ³	09.02.16–09.02.16
Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy (VIC, ALP) ⁴	10.03.15–10.03.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) ⁵	20.11.14–20.11.14

¹ Replaces Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015

² Replaced Senator Abetz on 8 February 2016

³ Replaced Senator Abetz on 9 February 2016

⁴ Replaced Senator Urquhart on 10 March 2015

Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) ⁶	19.03.15–19.03.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) ⁷	27.05.15–28.05.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) ⁸	28.05.15–28.05.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) ⁹	20.10.15–20.10.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) ¹⁰	30.11.15–30.11.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) ¹¹	09.02.16–09.02.16
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) ¹²	05.05.16–05.05.16
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ¹³	23.02.15–23.02.15
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ¹⁴	10.12.13–28.03.14
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ¹⁵	26.03.15–29.05.15
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ¹⁶	03.12.15–22.02.16
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ¹⁷	03.03.16–05.05.16
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) ¹⁸	16.03.16–05.05.16
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) ¹⁹	01.07.14–01.07.14
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) ²⁰	21.07.14–22.08.14
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) ²¹	06.03.15–06.03.15
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) ²²	26.06.14–07.07.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ²³	30.09.14–24.11.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ²⁴	15.10.15–15.03.16
Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos (NSW, LP) ²⁵	23.02.15–27.02.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ²⁶	06.12.13–06.12.13
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ²⁷	27.03.14–16.07.14

5	Replaced Senator Singh on 20 November 2014
6	Replaced Senator Singh on 19 March 2015
7	Replaced Senator Singh for the consideration of the 2015-16 Budget estimates from 27 to 28 May 2015
8	Replaced Senator Singh on 28 May 2015
9	Replaced Senator Singh on 20 October 2015
10	Replaced Senator Singh on 30 November 2015
11	Replaced Senator Singh on 9 February 2016
12	Replaced Senator Singh on 5 May 2016
13	Replaced Senator Urquhart for the consideration of the 2014–15 Additional estimates on 23 February 2015
14	Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013
15	Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of Communications Legislation Amendment (SBS Advertising Flexibility and Other Measures) Bill 2015
16	Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Access Regime and NBN Companies) Bill 2015
17	Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016
18	Replaced Senator Singh for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016
19	Replaced Senator Urquhart on 1 July 2014
20	Replaced Senator Urquhart from 21 July to 22 August 2014
21	Replaced Senator Urquhart on 6 March 2015
22	Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014
23	Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014
24	Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015
25	Replaced Senator McGrath for the consideration of the 2014–15 Additional estimates from 23 to 27 February 2015
26	Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into Australia Post on 6 December 2013
27	Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Tasmania) Bill 2014

Inquiries

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	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 1 of 2016 tabled 02.03.2016	Ongoing
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015	15.10.2015 (SB)	05.02.2016—Canberra	15.03.2016	No
Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015	26.11.2015 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	Interim report presented OOS 05.05.2016	Yes
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Access Regime and NBN Companies) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	05.02.2016—Canberra	22.02.2016	No

New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Additional Estimates 2015–16	04.02.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 137—4 February 2016, p3720)	8–9 February 2016— Canberra 04.03.2016—Canberra	17.03.2016	No
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016 [Provisions]	03.03.2016 (SB)	31.03.2016—Canberra 29.04.2016—Melbourne	Report presented OOS 05.05.2016	No
Budget Estimates 2016–17	03.05.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 152—3 May 2016, p4215)	05.05.2016—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

Nil

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OOS (Out of session)

Environment and Communications (References)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 08.07.14)</i>	07.07.14
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 13.10.15)</i>	12.10.15
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	12.10.15
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	18.04.16
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG)	12.11.13

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹	10.09.15
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ²	23.02.16
Senator Robert Simms (SA, AG) ³	24.02.16
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP) ⁴	29.02.16
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ⁵	03.03.16
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ⁶	18.03.16

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Joe Bullock (WA, ALP)	01.07.14–13.04.16
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LP)	01.07.14–12.10.15
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 08.07.14–12.10.15)</i>	13.11.13–12.10.15
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator the Hon Lin Thorp (TAS, ALP) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–01.07.14)</i>	13.11.13–01.07.14

¹ Replaces Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into large capacity fishing vessels
² Replaces Senator Singh for the committee's inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight
³ Replaces Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight
⁴ Replaces Senator Reynolds for the committee's inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight
⁵ Replaces Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the commercial use of Tasmanian bumblebees
⁶ Replaces Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into fires in remote Tasmanian wilderness affecting the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area

Former substitute members*Term of appointment*

Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP), Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP) and Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ⁷	17.03.14–21.03.14
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP) ⁸	01.03.16–13.04.16
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ⁹	25.06.15–29.04.16
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) ¹⁰	21.07.14–22.08.14
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ¹¹	10.03.16–10.03.16
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) ¹²	11.12.13–26.03.14
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) ¹³	17.03.14–15.05.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹⁴	10.07.14–25.03.15
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) ¹⁵	03.03.16–13.04.16
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹⁶	13.05.15–21.08.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹⁷	10.08.15–20.04.16

⁷ Replaced Senators Pratt, Stephens and Thorp from 17 to 21 March 2014

⁸ Replaced Senator Bullock for the committee's inquiry into large capacity fishing vessels

⁹ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the future of Australia's video game development industry

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Urquhart from 21 July 2014 to 22 August 2014

¹¹ Replaced Senator Singh on 10 March 2016

¹² Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the Government's Direct Action Plan

¹³ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the National Landcare Program

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Bullock for the committee's inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the fin-fish aquaculture industry in Tasmania

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into marine plastic pollution

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Threat of marine plastic pollution in Australia	18.06.2015	18.02.2016—Sydney 26.02.2016—Canberra 10.03.2016—Brisbane 31.03.2016—Canberra	First interim report presented OOS 31.03.2016; tabled 18.04.2016 Second interim report presented OOS 12.04.2016; tabled 18.04.2016 Toxic tide—Final report presented OOS 20.04.2016; tabled 02.05.2016	No
Future of Australia's video game development industry	22.06.2015	19.02.2016—Melbourne 10.03.2016—Brisbane 11.03.2016—Sydney	Game on: more than playing around report presented OOS 29.04.2016; tabled 02.05.2016	No
Environmental, social and economic impacts of large-capacity fishing vessels (super trawlers) operating in Australia's marine jurisdiction	07.09.2015	15.04.2016—Hobart	Interim report presented OOS 31.03.2016; tabled 18.04.2016	Yes
Australian children accessing online pornography	02.12.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes

New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Commercial use of bumblebees in Tasmania	02.02.2016	Nil	Nil	Yes
Oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight	22.02.2016	28.04.2016—Adelaide	Nil	Yes
Recent fires in remote Tasmanian wilderness affecting the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area	17.03.2016	Nil	Nil	Yes

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Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

- Management of the Great Barrier Reef (presented OOS 14.04.2016; tabled 18.04.2016; report tabled 03.09.2014)
- Performance and management of electricity network companies (presented OOS 27.04.2016; tabled 02.05.2016; report tabled 05.06.2015)

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

**Finance and
Public Administration**

Finance and Public Administration

1 January 2016 - 9 May 2016

	Matters current as at 1 January 2016	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 9 May 2016
Legislation	3	4	5	2
References	3	3	3 + (1**)	3
Total	6	7	8	5

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	5:40	5	38:53	11	0:43	0	0:00	17	45:16
References	5	14:51	0	0:00	6	0:35	0	0:00	11	15:26
Total	6	20:31	5	38:53	17	1:18	0	0:00	28	60:42

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	15	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
References	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	25	0	2	0	0	0	1	0

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	6	346	24	0	507	57	0	30	365	1
References	5	0	0	36	0	0	166	80	1469	0
Total	11	346	24	36	507	57	166	110	1834	1

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; estimates x 2

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Finance and Public Administration (Legislation)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 16.11.15)</i>	12.11.15
Senator Joanna Lindgren (QLD, LP)	23.02.16
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	13.11.13
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP)	12.11.15
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)	07.07.14

Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ¹	03.03.16

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	01.07.14–06.02.15
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 26.03.15–12.11.15)</i>	26.03.15–12.11.15
Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	12.02.15–12.11.15
Senator the Hon Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–24.03.15)</i>	12.11.13–24.03.15
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	12.11.13–07.07.14
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	13.11.13–23.02.16
Senator Mehmet Tillem (VIC, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Joanna Lindgren (QLD, LP) ²	23.10.15–23.10.15
Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP) ³	20.11.14–20.11.14
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LP) ⁴	13.10.14–17.10.14
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ⁵	13.08.15–10.11.15

¹ Replaces Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016

² Replaced Senator Smith on 23 October 2015

³ Replaced Senator Faulkner on 20 November 2014

⁴ Replaced Senator Bernardi from 13 to 17 October 2014

Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ⁶	12.02.16–12.02.16
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ⁷	23.10.15–23.10.15
Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP) ⁸	28.02.14–28.02.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁹	22.11.13–22.11.13
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹⁰	09.12.13–11.12.13
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹¹	28.02.14–28.02.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹²	03.12.15–02.03.16
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹³	25.06.15–10.11.15

- ⁵ Replaced Senator Ludwig for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Government Boards (Gender Balanced Representation) Bill 2015
- ⁶ Replaced Senator McAllister on 12 February 2016
- ⁷ Replaced Senator McKenzie on 23 October 2015
- ⁸ Replaced Senator Bernardi for the committee's consideration of the 2013–14 Additional estimates on 28 February 2014
- ⁹ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the consideration of the 2013-14 Supplementary Budget estimates on 22 November 2013
- ¹⁰ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of Schedule 2 of the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013
- ¹¹ Replaced Senator Rhiannon on 28 February 2014
- ¹² Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015
- ¹³ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Government Boards (Gender Balanced Representation) Bill 2015

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 1 of 2016 tabled 02.03.2016	Ongoing
Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015	12.11.2015 (SB)	Nil	17.03.2016	No
Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2015) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	26.11.2015 (SB)	Nil	03.02.2016	No
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015	03.12.2015 (SB)	19.02.2016—Melbourne	02.03.2016	No

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New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Additional Estimates 2015–16	04.02.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 137—4 February 2016, p3720)	8, 9 and 12 February 2016— Canberra 22.02.2016—Canberra	01.03.2016	No

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016	03.03.2016 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Budget Estimates 2016–17	03.05.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 152—3 May 2016, p4215)	05.05.2016—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

- Report on annual reports referred to legislation committees (No. 1 of 2015) (tabled 04.02.2016; report tabled 17.03.2015)

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Finance and Public Administration (References)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 16.11.15)</i>	12.11.15
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Joanna Lindgren (QLD, LP)	23.02.16
Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP)	12.11.15
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)	07.07.14

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ¹	05.03.15
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ²	19.04.16
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ³	19.04.16
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ⁴	26.11.15

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	01.07.14–06.02.15
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP) <i>(Chair 26.03.15–12.11.15)</i>	26.03.15–12.11.15
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	12.11.13–07.07.14
Senator the Hon Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–24.03.15)</i>	12.11.13–24.03.15
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	12.02.15–12.11.15
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	12.11.13–07.07.14
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	13.11.13–23.02.16
Senator Mehmet Tillem (VIC, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁵	19.03.15–17.03.16

¹ Replaces Senator Ludwig for the committee's inquiry into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience of law enforcement and justice services

² Replaces Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the outcomes of the 42nd meeting of the Council of Australian Governments held on 1 April 2016

³ Replaces Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Commonwealth legislative provisions relating to oversight of associated entities of political parties

⁴ Replaces Senator Rice from the committee's inquiry into gender inequality

Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG)⁶
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG)⁷

26.06.14–07.07.14
30.09.14–20.08.15

⁵ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into Indigenous Advancement Strategy tendering processes
⁶ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into domestic violence in Australia
⁷ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into domestic violence in Australia

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Access to legal assistance services	04.03.2015	04.04.2016—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Commonwealth Indigenous Advancement Strategy tendering processes	19.03.2015	16.02.2016—Darwin 01.03.2016—Canberra	17.03.2016	No
Domestic violence and gender inequality	25.11.2015	Nil	Nil	Yes

New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Commonwealth paper procurement procedures	02.02.2016	Nil	Nil	Yes
Outcomes of the 42nd meeting of the Council of Australian Governments held on 1 April 2016	19.04.2016	27.04.2016—Canberra	04.05.2016	No
Commonwealth legislative provisions relating to oversight of associated entities of political parties	19.04.2016	28.04.2016—Canberra	Interim report presented OOS 29.04.2016; tabled 02.05.2016 Final report tabled 04.05.2016	No

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 January 2016 - 9 May 2016

	Matters current as at 1 January 2016	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 9 May 2016
Legislation	0	3	2	1
References	6	2	5 + (2**)	3
Total	6	5	7	4

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	0:00	6	38:53	7	0:34	0	0:00	13	39:27
References	6	23:42	0	0:00	8	1:17	0	0:00	14	24:59
Total	6	23:42	6	38:53	15	1:51	0	0:00	27	64:26

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	2

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	6	133	0	0	493	0	0	0	0	0
References	7	0	0	95	0	0	286	102	1223	5
Total	13	133	0	95	493	0	286	102	1223	5

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; estimates x 1

** Interim reports

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Legislation)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	04.02.16
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP)	13.11.13
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	07.07.14
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	06.03.14

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	13.11.13–30.06.14
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	12.11.13–06.03.14
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LP)	01.07.14–12.10.15
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	12.10.15–04.02.16
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	12.11.13–07.07.14

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ¹	12.12.13–04.03.14
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) ²	20.11.13–21.11.13
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ³	10.02.16–11.02.16
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁴	12.08.15–17.09.15
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP) ⁵	26.02.15–27.02.15
Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos (NSW, LP) ⁶	23.02.15–27.02.15
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ⁷	12.02.15–25.02.15

¹ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2013

² Replaced Senator Stephens for the consideration of the 2013-14 Supplementary Budget estimates on 20 and 21 November 2013

³ Replaced Senator Abetz for 10 and 11 February 2016

⁴ Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the International Aid (Promoting Gender Equality) Bill 2015

⁵ Replaced Senator McEwen for 26 and 27 February 2015

⁶ Replaced Senator McGrath for the consideration of the 2014-15 Additional estimates from 23 to 27 February 2015

⁷ Replaced Senator McEwen from 12 to 25 February 2015

Senator Peter Wish-Wilson (TAS, AG)⁸
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG)⁹

06.08.14–06.08.14
27.03.14–14.05.14

⁸ Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the Trade and Foreign Investment (Protecting the Public Interest) Bill 2014 on 6 August 2014

⁹ Replaced Senator Wish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Defence Legislation Amendment (Woomera Prohibited Area) Bill 2014

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 1 of 2016 tabled 02.03.2016	Ongoing

New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Additional Estimates 2015–16	04.02.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 137—4 February 2016, p3720)	10–11 February 2016— Canberra 25.02.2016—Canberra 03.03.2016—Canberra 17.03.2016—Canberra	Report presented OOS 24.03.2016; tabled 18.04.2016	No
Budget Estimates 2016–17	03.05.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 152—3 May 2016, p4215)	06.05.2016—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
OOS (Out of session)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (References)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair 02.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair 02.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <i>(Acting Chair 17.03.14–21.03.14)</i>	12.11.13
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP)	13.11.13
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	07.07.14
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	12.11.13

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ¹	05.12.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ²	01.12.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ³	03.12.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁴	03.12.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁵	01.03.16

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	13.11.13–30.06.14
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–30.06.14)</i>	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	12.11.13–07.07.14

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy (VIC, ALP) ⁶	17.03.14–21.03.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ⁷	17.03.14–27.03.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁸	13.02.14–27.03.14

¹ Replaces Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into Australia's bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea

² Replaces Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into Contamination of Australian Defence Force facilities and contamination on sites using firefighting foams

³ Replaces Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the operations of Defence Housing Australia

⁴ Replaces Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the planned acquisition of the Joint Strike Fighter

⁵ Replaces Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Defence Force resistance to interrogation training

⁶ Replaced Senator Stephens from 17 to 21 March 2014

⁷ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the breach of Indonesian territorial waters

Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁹	07.08.14–07.08.14
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹⁰	27.08.14–29.10.14
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹¹	08.09.14–09.09.14
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹²	13.05.15–17.03.16
Senator the Hon Penny Wong (SA, ALP) ¹³	04.09.14–01.10.14
Senator the Hon Penny Wong (SA, ALP) ¹⁴	24.06.15–06.11.15

8 Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into Australia's overseas aid and development assistance program

9 Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into processes to support victims of abuse in Defence on 7 August 2014

10 Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into Australia's future activities and responsibilities in the Southern Ocean and Antarctic waters

11 Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement on 8 & 9 September 2014

12 Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the mental health of returned Australian Defence Force personnel

13 Replaced Senator McEwen for the committee's inquiry into the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement

14 Replaced Senator McEwen for the committee's inquiry into the proposed China-Australia Free Trade Agreement

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Delivery and effectiveness of Australia's bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea (PNG)	04.12.2014	Nil	04.05.2016	No
Mental health of serving Australian Defence Force personnel	25.03.2015	Nil	17.03.2016	No
Capability of Defence's physical science and engineering (PSE) workforce	20.08.2015	05.02.2016—Canberra	Reported presented OOS 01.04.2016; tabled 18.04.2016	No
Contamination of Australian Defence Force facilities and contamination on sites using firefighting foams	30.11.2015	09.03.2016—Oakey, QLD 07.04.2016—Canberra	Firefighting foam contamination: Part A – RAAF Base Williamtown tabled 04.02.2016 Firefighting foam contamination: Part B – Army Aviation Centre Oakey and other Commonwealth, state and territory sites tabled 04.05.2016	No
Operations of Defence Housing Australia	02.12.2015	23.03.2016—Canberra	Interim report presented OOS 22.04.2016; tabled 02.05.2016	Yes
Planned acquisition of the F-35 Lightning II (Joint Strike Fighter)	02.12.2015	22.03.2016—Canberra	Nil	Yes

New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Australian Defence Force's resistance to interrogation training	29.02.2016	Nil	Nil	Yes
Partial suspension of sanctions against Iran	17.03.2016	27.04.2016—Sydney	04.05.2016	No

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

- Blind agreement: reforming Australia's treaty-making process (tabled 02.02.2016; report tabled 25.06.2015)
- Australia's future activities and responsibilities in the Southern Ocean and Antarctic waters (tabled 04.02.2016; report tabled 29.10.2014)
- The potential use by the Australian Defence Force of unmanned air, maritime and land platforms (tabled 03.03.2016; report tabled 25.06.2015)
- China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (presented OOS 08.04.2016; tabled 18.04.2016; report tabled 06.11.2015)
- Inquiry into firefighting foam contamination: Part A – RAAF Base Williamtown (presented OOS 15.04.2016; tabled 18.04.2016; report tabled 04.02.2016)

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

1 January 2016 - 9 May 2016

	Matters current as at 1 January 2016	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 9 May 2016
Legislation	6	7	10	3
References	5	1	3 + (3**)	3
Total	11	8	13	6

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	2	7:17	3	32:19	15	2:20	0	0:00	20	41:56
References	5	19:09	0	0:00	11	2:35	0	0:00	16	21:44
Total	7	26:26	3	32:19	26	4:55	0	0:00	36	63:40

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	33	2	0	0	0	0	0	1

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	5	169	15	0	372	39	0	94	1857	0
References	5	0	0	75	0	0	197	108	3196	2
Total	10	169	15	75	372	39	197	202	5053	2

* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; estimates x 2

** Interim reports

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Legislation)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	13.11.13
Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 10.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	10.09.15
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS)	04.02.16
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	12.10.15

Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹	18.03.16
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²	18.03.16
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ³	18.04.16

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	13.11.13–30.06.14
Senator Joanna Lindgren (QLD, LP)	10.09.15–04.02.16
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–24.02.14)</i>	12.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS) <i>(Acting Chair 20.04.15–15.05.15)</i>	01.07.14–10.09.15
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.07.14–12.10.15
Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP)	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 24.02.14–01.07.14)</i>	12.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG)	12.11.13–10.09.15

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) ⁴	19.10.15–20.10.15

¹ Replaces Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Customs and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

² Replaces Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016

³ Replaces Senator Collins for the committee's inquiries into the provisions of the Customs and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 and the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016

⁴ Replaced Senator Smith on 19 and 20 October 2015

Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG) ⁵	27.08.14–02.09.14
Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG) ⁶	17.07.14–10.11.14
Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG) ⁷	12.02.15–11.08.15
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP) ⁸	20.11.14–20.11.14
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ⁹	12.10.15–10.11.15
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ¹⁰	12.10.15–10.11.15
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ¹¹	02.02.16–18.02.16
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ¹²	25.02.16–17.03.16
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹³	10.12.13–18.03.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹⁴	12.12.13–12.02.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹⁵	27.03.14–21.08.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹⁶	16.06.14–25.09.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹⁷	26.06.14–22.09.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹⁸	30.09.14–24.11.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ¹⁹	17.11.14–24.11.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²⁰	26.06.14–10.02.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²¹	22.09.14–09.02.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²²	05.03.15–05.06.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²³	05.03.15–07.05.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²⁴	26.03.15–05.06.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²⁵	12.10.15–10.11.15

- ⁵ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Psychoactive Substances and Other Measures) Bill 2014
- ⁶ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the exposure draft of the Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2014
- ⁷ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014
- ⁸ Replaced Senator Reynolds on 20 November 2014
- ⁹ Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Charging for a Migration Outcome) Bill 2015
- ¹⁰ Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration and Maritime Powers Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015
- ¹¹ Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015
- ¹² Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 201
- ¹³ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia's Protection Obligations) Bill 2013
- ¹⁴ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment Bill 2013
- ¹⁵ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014
- ¹⁶ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014
- ¹⁷ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014
- ¹⁸ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014
- ¹⁹ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Citizenship and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 and into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014
- ²⁰ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014
- ²¹ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014
- ²² Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into provisions of the Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2015
- ²³ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Border Force Bill 2015 and the Customs and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Border Force) Bill 2015
- ²⁴ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of Migration Amendment (Strengthening Biometrics Integrity) Bill 2015

Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²⁶	12.10.15–10.11.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²⁷	15.10.15–18.02.16
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²⁸	23.11.15–25.02.16
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²⁹	25.02.16–17.03.16
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ³⁰	24.11.14–10.02.15
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ³¹	24.11.14–09.02.15
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ³²	17.03.15–05.06.15
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ³³	17.03.15–05.06.15
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ³⁴	26.03.15–11.06.15
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LP) ³⁵	20.11.14–20.11.14
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ³⁶	27.03.15–27.03.15
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP) ³⁷	16.07.14–10.11.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ³⁸	17.11.14–25.11.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ³⁹	19.06.14–27.08.14
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ⁴⁰	25.06.15–11.08.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁴¹	18.06.15–18.08.15

- 25 Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Charging for a Migration Outcome) Bill 2015
- 26 Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration and Maritime Powers Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015
- 27 Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015
- 28 Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Cessation of Visa Labels) Bill 2015
- 29 Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016
- 30 Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014
- 31 Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014
- 32 Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2014
- 33 Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Strengthening Biometrics Integrity) Bill 2015
- 34 Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Online Infringement) Bill 2015
- 35 Replaced Senator Reynolds on 20 November 2014
- 36 Replaced Senator Collins for the consideration of the 2014–15 Additional estimates on 27 March 2015
- 37 Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the exposure draft of the Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2014
- 38 Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of Freedom of Information Amendment (New Arrangements) Bill 2014
- 39 Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014
- 40 Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014
- 41 Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman Bill 2015 and the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2015

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 1 of 2016 tabled 02.03.2016	Ongoing
Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	15.10.2015 (SB)	05.02.2016—Canberra	Report presented OOS 18.02.2016; tabled 22.02.2016	No
Migration Legislation Amendment (Cessation of Visa Labels) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	12.11.2015 (SB)	Nil	25.02.2016	No
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Proceeds of Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	03.02.2016	No
Courts Administration Legislation Amendment Bill 2015	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	02.02.2016	No
Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.12.2015 (SB)	Nil	02.02.2016	No
Family Law Amendment (Financial Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2015	03.12.2015 (SB)	12.02.2016—Canberra	24.02.2016	No

New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Australian Crime Commission Amendment (National Policing Information) Bill 2015 [Provisions] and the Australian Crime Commission (National Policing Information Charges) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	04.02.2016 (SB)	Nil	Report presented OOS 10.03.2016; tabled 15.03.2016	No
Additional Estimates 2015–16	04.02.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 137—4 February 2016, p3720)	8–9 February 2016— Canberra	01.03.2016	No
Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016 [Provisions]	25.02.2016 (SB)	Nil	17.03.2016	No
Customs and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 [Provisions]	17.03.2016 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016 [Provisions]	17.03.2016 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Budget Estimates 2016–17	03.05.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 152—3 May 2016, p4215)	05.05.2016—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (References)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Glenn Lazarus (QLD, GLT) <i>(elected Chair on 25.06.15)</i>	24.06.15
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 10.07.14)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	12.11.13
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	12.10.15

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ¹	13.10.15
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP) ²	10.08.15

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	12.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.11.13–01.07.14)</i>	13.11.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	12.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.07.14–12.10.15
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) <i>(Chair 14.11.13–24.06.15)</i>	12.11.13–24.06.15

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ³ <i>(Chair for duration of inquiry)</i>	12.12.13–24.03.15
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) ⁴	18.09.15–18.09.15
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ⁵	31.10.14–31.10.14
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ⁶	20.08.15–07.09.15

¹ Replaces Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea

² Replaces Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into Commonwealth payments relating to asylum seeker boat turn backs

³ Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the comprehensive revision of the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979*

⁴ Replaced Senator Ludwig for the committee inquiry into arts programs and funding on 18 September 2015

⁵ Replaced Senator Macdonald from 11am on 31 October 2014

⁶ Replaced Senator Collins for all References committee inquiries, excluding the committee's inquiry into Commonwealth payments relating to asylum seeker boat turn backs

Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)⁷
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP)⁸

07.09.15–16.09.15
20.04.16–20.04.16

⁷ Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into a popular vote on the matter of marriage

⁸ Replaced Senator Ludwig for the committee's inquiry into the national registration system for paramedics on 20 April 2016

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Payment of cash or other inducements by the Commonwealth of Australia in exchange for the turn back of asylum seeker boats	24.06.2015	05.02.2016—Canberra	Interim report tabled 04.05.2016	Yes
Use of smoke alarms to prevent smoke and fire related deaths	25.06.2015	22.02.2016—Canberra	Report presented OOS 20.04.2016; tabled 02.05.2016	No
Establishment of a national registration system for Australian paramedics	20.08.2015	20.04.2016—Canberra	Report presented OOS 05.05.2016	No
Regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea	12.10.2015	Nil	Interim report presented OOS 05.05.2016	Yes
Revenge pornography	12.11.2015	18.02.2016—Sydney	Phenomenon colloquially referred to as 'revenge porn' tabled 25.02.2016	No

New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
A nationally consistent approach to alcohol-fuelled violence	03.02.2016	15.04.2016—Brisbane	Interim report presented OOS 05.05.2016	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

- Work undertaken by the Australian Federal Police’s Oil for Food Taskforce (tabled 03.02.2016; report tabled 24.03.2015)
- Impact of the 2014 and 2015 Commonwealth Budget decisions on the Arts (tabled 04.05.2016; report tabled 02.12.2015)

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

**Rural & Regional Affairs
and Transport**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

1 January 2016 - 9 May 2016

	Matters current as at 1 January 2016	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 9 May 2016
Legislation	1	6	5	2
References	7	1	2 + (6**)	6
Total	8	7	7	8

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	1:42	3	31:38	4	0:24	0	0:00	8	33:44
References	11	34:16	0	0:00	9	2:10	0	0:00	20	36:26
Total	12	35:58	3	31:38	13	2:34	0	0:00	28	70:10

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	17	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
Total	25	0	0	0	0	2	0	1

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	4	118	4	0	419	20	0	57	166	1
References	11	0	0	117	0	0	440	11	48	1
Total	15	118	4	117	419	20	440	68	214	2

* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; estimates x 2

** Interim reports

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	13.11.13
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	18.04.16
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	12.11.13
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.07.14

Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ¹	03.03.16

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	13.11.13–03.03.14
Senator Joe Bullock (WA, ALP)	01.07.14–13.04.16
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP)	12.11.13–01.07.14
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS)	03.03.14–01.07.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) ²	20.11.14–20.11.14
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ³	19.10.15–23.10.15
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ⁴	11.12.13–17.03.14
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ⁵	20.11.14–20.11.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁶	12.02.15–12.06.15
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁷	25.06.15–15.10.15

¹ Replaces Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016

² Replaced Senator Heffernan on 20 November 2014 for the consideration of the 2014-15 Supplementary Budget estimates

³ Replaced Senator Sterle from 19 to 23 October 2015

⁴ Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013

⁵ Replaced Senator Edwards on 20 November 2014 for the consideration of the 2014-15 Supplementary Budget estimates

⁶ Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the Criminal Code Amendment (Animal Protection) Bill 2015

⁷ Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2015

Senator Robert Simms (SA, AG)⁸

04.02.16–10.03.16

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Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Water Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2015

Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Annual reports	<i>(Refer Standing Order 25(20))</i>	Nil	No. 1 of 2016 tabled 02.03.2016	Ongoing
Performance of Airservices Australia	20.10.2014 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))	Nil	Nil	Yes

New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Water Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	04.02.2016 (SB)	Nil	Report presented OOS 10.03.2016; tabled 15.03.2016	No
Additional Estimates 2015–16	04.02.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 137—4 February 2016, p3720)	8–9 February 2016— Canberra	01.03.2016	No
Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016 [Provisions]	25.02.2016 (SB)	30.03.2016—Canberra	Report presented OOS 22.04.2016; tabled 02.05.2016	No

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2016 [Provisions]	17.03.2016 (SB)		Report presented OOS 22.04.2016; tabled 02.05.2016	No
Budget Estimates 2016–17	03.05.2016 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 152—3 May 2016, p4215)	05.05.2016—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

- Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2015 (presented OOS 05.05.2016; report tabled 15.10.2015)

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)

OOS (Out of session)

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (References)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.11.13)</i>	13.11.13
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	18.04.16
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP)	12.11.13
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	12.11.13
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.07.14

Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ¹	18.03.16

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Joe Bullock (WA, ALP)	01.07.14–13.04.16
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	12.11.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	13.11.13–01.07.14

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) ²	20.02.15–20.02.15
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP) ³	14.03.14–14.03.14
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ⁴	19.02.14–19.02.14
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ⁵	05.04.16–05.04.16
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁶	06.03.14–27.03.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ⁷	12.12.13–05.12.14

¹ Replaces Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the state of Australia's rail industry

² Replaced Senator Heffernan on 20 February 2015 for the committee's inquiry into industry structures and systems governing the imposition and disbursement of marketing and research and development (R&D) levies in the agricultural sector

³ Replaced Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into Qantas' future as a strong national carrier supporting jobs in Australia on 14 March 2014

⁴ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the role of public transport in delivering productivity outcomes on 19 February 2014

⁵ Replaced Senator Williams for the committee's inquiry into the effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector on 5 April 2016

⁶ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into Qantas' future as a strong national carrier supporting jobs in Australia

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ⁸	15.04.14–16.04.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁹	12.12.13–31.07.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹⁰	12.12.13–16.07.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹¹	12.12.13–09.09.14

Former subcommittee members¹²

Term of appointment

Senator Joe Bullock (WA, ALP)	16.02.16–16.02.16
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	16.02.16–16.02.16
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	16.02.16–16.02.16

Former subcommittee members¹³

Term of appointment

Senator Joe Bullock (WA, ALP)	18.02.16–18.02.16
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	18.02.16–18.02.16
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	18.02.16–18.02.16

Former subcommittee members¹⁴

Term of appointment

Senator Joe Bullock (WA, ALP)	04.03.16–04.03.16
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	04.03.16–04.03.16
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	04.03.16–04.03.16

Former subcommittee members¹⁵

Term of appointment

Senator Joe Bullock (WA, ALP)	23.03.16–23.03.16
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	23.03.16–23.03.16
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	23.03.16–23.03.16

⁷ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the role of public transport in delivering productivity outcomes

⁸ Replaced Senator Heffernan on 15 April 2014 for the committee's inquiry into the future of the beekeeping and pollination service industries in Australia and on 16 April 2014 for the committee's inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry

⁹ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the future of beekeeping and pollination service industries in Australia

¹¹ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into levies on grass-fed cattle

¹² Inquiry into the future role and contribution of regional capitals to Australia on 16 February 2016

¹³ Inquiry into aspects of road safety in Australia on 18 February 2016

¹⁴ Inquiry into the future role and contribution of regional capitals to Australia on 4 March 2016

¹⁵ Inquiry into the decision-making process for the Perth Freight Link project on 23 March 2016

Inquiries

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	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Aspects of road safety in Australia	30.10.2014	18.02.2016—Perth 25.02.2016—Canberra 22.03.2016—Canberra	Interim report tabled 03.05.2016	Yes
Airport and aviation security	04.12.2014	Nil	Nil	Yes
Future role and contribution of regional capitals to Australia	11.02.2015	16.02.2016—Townsville, QLD 04.03.2016—Canberra	Interim report tabled 03.05.2016	Yes
Effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector	18.03.2015	05.04.2016—Canberra	Interim report tabled 04.05.2016	Yes
Australian grape and wine industry	25.03.2015	Nil	Report presented OOS 12.02.2016; tabled 22.02.2016	No
Increasing use of so-called Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia	18.06.2015	03.02.2016—Canberra 23.02.2016—Canberra 16.03.2016—Canberra 30.03.2016—Canberra	Interim report tabled 02.02.2016 Second interim report tabled 03.05.2016	Yes
Decision-making process for the Perth Freight Link project	13.08.2015	23.03.2016—Kwinana, WA	Interim report presented OOS 22.04.2016; tabled 02.05.2016 Report tabled 03.05.2016	No

New References

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Australia's rail industry	16.03.2016	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

- Industry structures and systems governing the imposition of and disbursement of marketing and research and development (R&D) levies in the agriculture sector (presented OOS 05.05.2016; report tabled 30.06.2015)

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