

## **WORK OF COMMITTEES**

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## **FORMAT OF THIS REPORT**

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

- the half year (1 January 2016 to 30 June 2016); and
- the financial year (1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016).

Statistics on these periods are kept in order to record information based on parliamentary terms as well as half, financial and full year periods.

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## **NOTE ON THE DOUBLE DISSOLUTION OF 9 MAY 2016**

Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees, Joint Committees, Select Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office and other committees ceased to exist when the Senate and the House of Representatives were dissolved on 9 May 2016 for a general election on 2 July 2016. Consequently, statistics reported in this publication have an end date of 9 May 2016.





## ABBREVIATIONS

### *Committees*

Budget Cuts	Abbott Government's Budget Cuts
Budget Measures	Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures
ACLEI	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
CA	Community Affairs
CFS	Corporations and Financial Services
ECO	Economics
EE	Education and Employment
EC	Environment and Communications
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
FPA	Finance and Public Administration
Gas Mining	Unconventional Gas Mining
Health	Health
LCA	Legal and Constitutional Affairs
LE	Law Enforcement
Murray-Darling	Murray-Darling Basin Plan
NBN	National Broadband Network
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme
Nauru	Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru
SFI	School Funding Investment
NIC	Establishment of a National Integrity Commission
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

### *Political Affiliations*

AG	Australian Greens
ALP	Australian Labor Party
AMEP	Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party
CLP	Country Liberal Party
FFP	Family First Party
GLT	Glenn Lazarus Team
IND	Independent
LDP	Liberal Democratic Party
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
NATS	The Nationals
PUP	Palmer United Party



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Other publications available from the Committee Office:

### **Committee Reports\***

Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970–2016) [http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/register](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/register)

Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing: The First 20 Years 1970-1990  
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Bills referred to Senate committees  
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Today's Public Hearings (*daily list of committee public hearings held in Canberra or interstate*)  
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[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Upcoming\\_Public\\_Hearings](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Upcoming_Public_Hearings)

\*A selection of reports presented prior to June 1997 and all reports tabled thereafter are available online.

## **Information pamphlets**

Notes to assist in the preparation of submissions to Senate Committee inquiries [http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/How\\_to\\_make\\_a\\_submission](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/How_to_make_a_submission)

Information for witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (general information and notes to assist with the preparation of oral evidence before Senate committees) [http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Notes\\_for\\_guidance\\_for\\_witnesses](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Notes_for_guidance_for_witnesses)

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## DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Administered</i>	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Appropriations, Staffing and Security	Standing	S	6277 3015	6277 5784
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5809
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4888	6277 4204
Chairs	Standing	S	6277 3371	6277 3199
Community Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3518	6277 5829
Corporations and Financial Services	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3583	6277 5719
Economics*	LGPS	S	6277 3540	6277 5719
Electoral Matters	Joint	H	6277 4564	6277 4710
Education and Employment*	LGPS	S	6277 3521	6277 5706
Environment and Communications*	LGPS	S	6277 3526	6277 5818
Establishment of a National Integrity Commission	Select	S	6277 3555	6277 3899
Finance and Public Administration*	LGPS	S	6277 3439	6277 5809
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint	H	6277 4629	6277 2221
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade*	LGPS	S	6277 3535	6277 5818
Health	Select	S	6277 3555	6277 3899
House	Standing	S	6277 3398	6277 3199
Human Rights	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3823	6277 5767
Intelligence and Security	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4629	6277 2067
Law Enforcement	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5809
Legal and Constitutional Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3594	6277 5794
Migration	Joint	H	6277 4642	6277 4827
Murray-Darling Basin Plan	Select	S	6277 3555	6277 3899
National Broadband Network	Select	S	6277 3555	6277 3899
National Capital and External Territories	Joint	H	6277 4564	6277 8478
National Disability Insurance Scheme	Joint	S	6277 3518	6277 5829
Northern Australia	Joint Select	H	6277 4162	6277 4427
Parliamentary Library	Joint	DPS	6277 7102	6277 2403
Privileges	Standing	S	6277 3360	6277 3199
Procedure	Standing	S	6277 3350	6277 3199
Public Accounts and Audit	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4615	6277 2220
Public Works	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4636	6277 4426
Publications	Standing	S	6277 3037	6277 5784
Regulations and Ordinances	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3066	6277 5881
	Standing			
Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport*	LGPS	S	6277 3511	6277 5811
School Funding Investment	Select	S	6277 3563	6277 5829
Scrutiny of Bills	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3051	6277 5881
	Standing			
Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures	Select	S	6277 3439	6277 5809
Selection of Bills	Standing	S	6277 3020	6277 3098
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3360	6277 3199
Trade and Investment Growth	Joint Select	H	6277 4562	6277 4427
Treaties	Joint	H	6277 4642	6277 2219
Unconventional Gas Mining	Select	S	6277 3583	6277 5719

**H** Department of the House of Representatives

**DPS** Department of Parliamentary Services

**LGPS** Legislative and General Purpose Standing

**S** Department of the Senate

**\*** Legislation and References Committees



## Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

### Introduction

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

- Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees;
- Certain Joint Statutory and Joint Standing Committees; and
- Senate Select Committees.

### Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees

The Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees and the relevant portfolio/subject areas allocated to them are as follows:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Portfolio/subject area</i>
Community Affairs Legislation References	Health Social Services (including Human Services)
Economics Legislation References	Industry, Innovation and Science Treasury
Education and Employment Legislation References	Education and Training Employment
Environment and Communications Legislation References	Communications and the Arts Environment
Finance and Public Administration Legislation References	Finance Parliament Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Indigenous Affairs)
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation References	Defence (including Veterans' Affairs) Foreign Affairs and Trade
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation References	Attorney-General's Immigration and Border Protection
Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation References	Agriculture and Water Resources Infrastructure and Regional Development

### **Joint Statutory Committees**

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office also administered three Joint Statutory Committees comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators. These were:

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity,
- Corporations and Financial Services, and
- Law Enforcement.

### **Joint Standing Committee**

During the reporting period, the Senate Committee Office also administered the following Joint Standing Committee comprising members of the House of Representatives and Senators:

- National Disability Insurance Scheme.

### **Senate Select Committees**

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

- Establishment of a National Integrity Commission (appointed 24 February 2016),
- Health (appointed 25 June 2014),
- Murray-Darling Basin Plan (appointed 24 June 2015),
- National Broadband Network (appointed 14 November 2013),
- School Funding Investment (appointed 4 February 2016),
- Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures (appointed 25 June 2014, as Abbott Government's Budget Cuts), and
- Unconventional Gas Mining (appointed 12 November 2015).

### **Joint Select Committees**

There were no Joint Select Committees appointed during the reporting period.



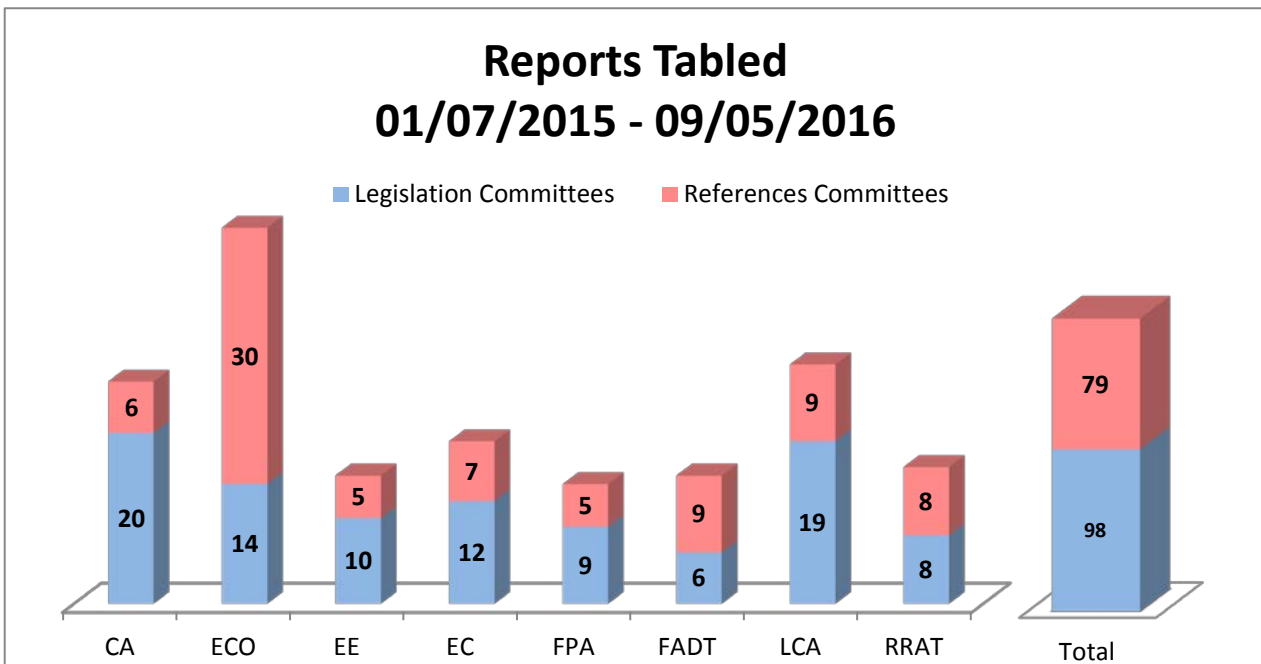
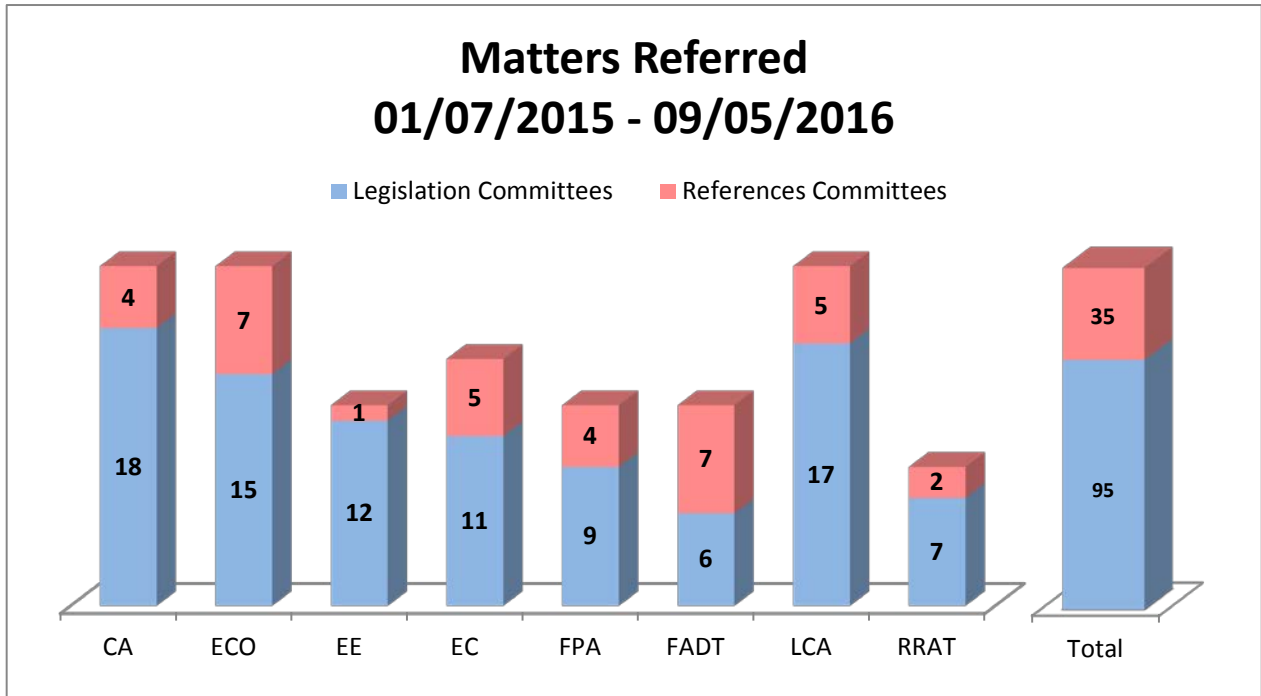
**PART ONE**

**Legislation and References Committees  
at a glance**

**1 July 2015–9 May 2016**



## Senate Committees at a glance Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees



CA (Community Affairs), ECO (Economics), EE (Education and Employment), EC (Environment & Communications), FPA (Finance & Public Administration), FADT (Foreign Affairs, Defence & Trade), LCA (Legal & Constitutional Affairs), RRAT (Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport)



**PART TWO**

**Consolidated Statistical Overview  
(Financial Year)**

**1 July 2015–30 June 2016**



**Financial Year Statistical Overview of Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office: 1 July 2015–30 June 2016**

	Matters current as at 1 July 2015	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Inquiries lapsed at dissolution of Senate 9 May 2016	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2016
Legislation	20	95 (A)	96 + (2**) (B)	19	0
References	41	35 (A)	41 + (38**) (B)	35	0
Select/Joint	16	6	9 + (14**) (B)	13	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>

**Number and Hours of Meeting**

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	40	141:47	53	465:53	191	24:43	0	0:00	284	632:23
References	164	726:57	0	0:00	217	55:11	4	13:10	385	795:18
Select/Joint	79	344:29	0	0:00	123	47:56	14	55:44	216	448:09
<b>Total</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>1213:13</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>465:53</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>127:50</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>68:54</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>1875:50</b>

**Meetings by State**

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	263	4	10	0	2	0	0	5
References	239	50	33	10	17	12	2	22
Select/Joint	140	24	15	4	4	5	6	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>45</b>

	Broadcast Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	93	2404	529	7	6196	1572	58	2033	15098	6
References	164	0	0	2338	0	0	8291	8994	57038	20
Select/Joint	78	0	0	1063	0	0	3718	1246	16195	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>2404</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>3408</b>	<b>6196</b>	<b>1572</b>	<b>12067</b>	<b>12273</b>	<b>88331</b>	<b>29</b>

(A) 16 Annual Reports and 16 estimates references; 62 individual/packages of bills referred; 1 Legislation matter referred; 35 other matters referred

(B) 16 Reports on Annual Reports; 9 Estimates reports; 70 bills reports; 1 Legislation Committee report; 41 references reports

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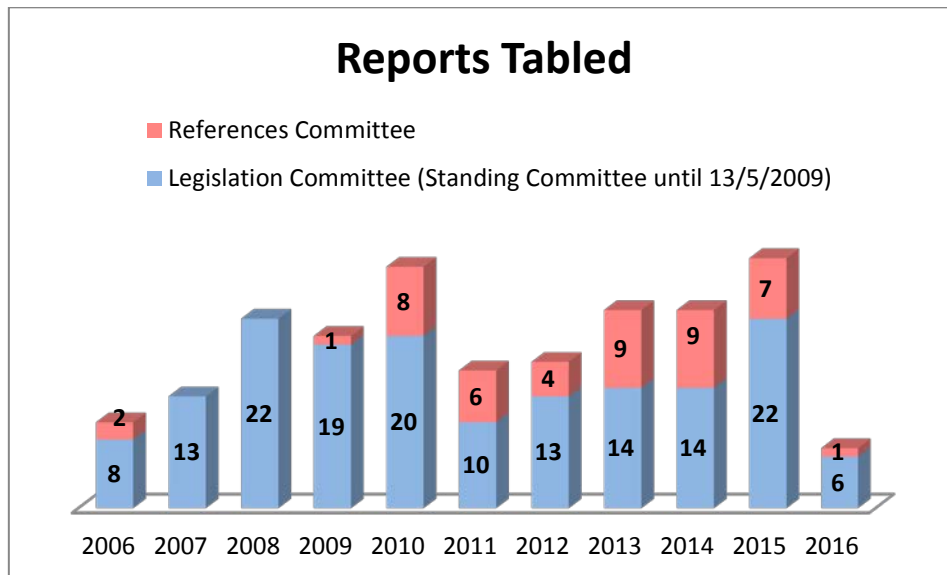
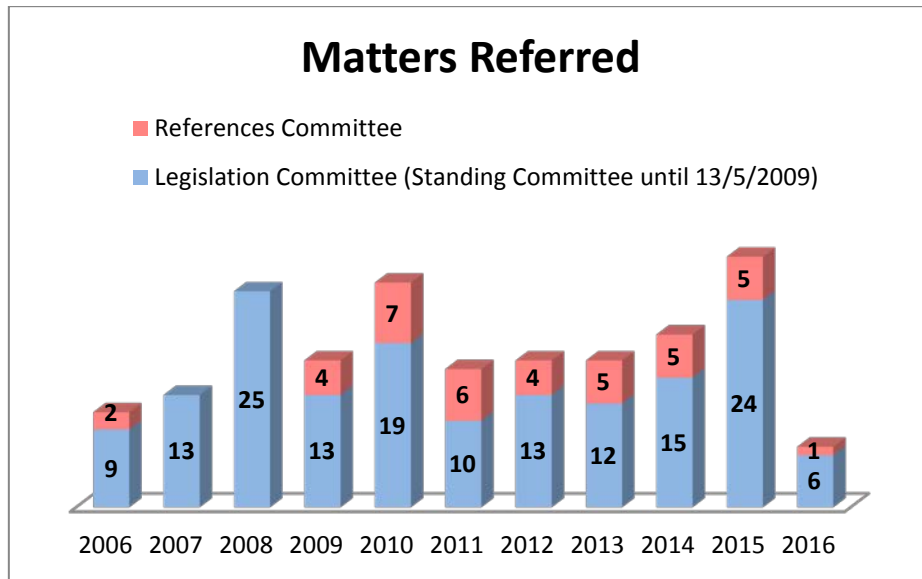
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(By Committee)**

**1 January 2006–9 May 2016**



# Community Affairs Legislation & References Committees

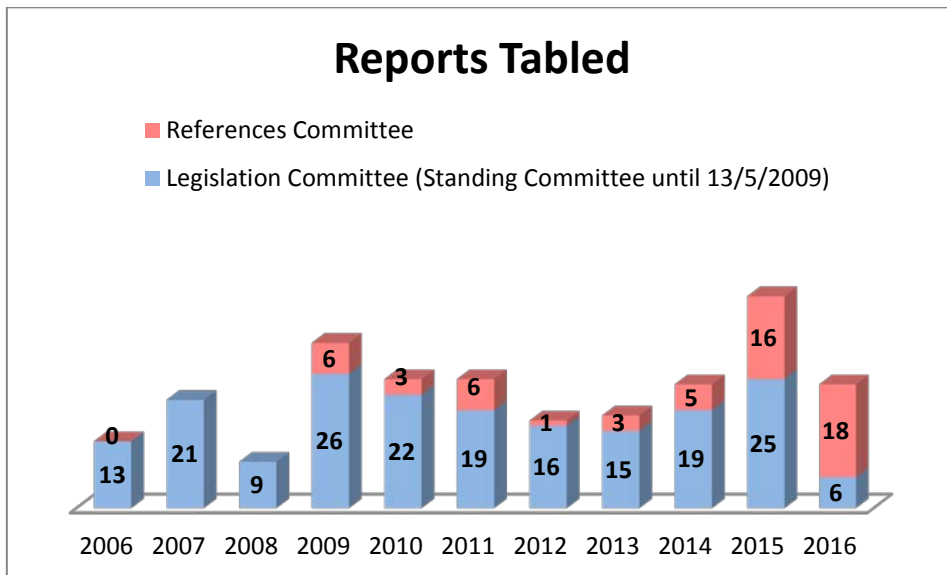
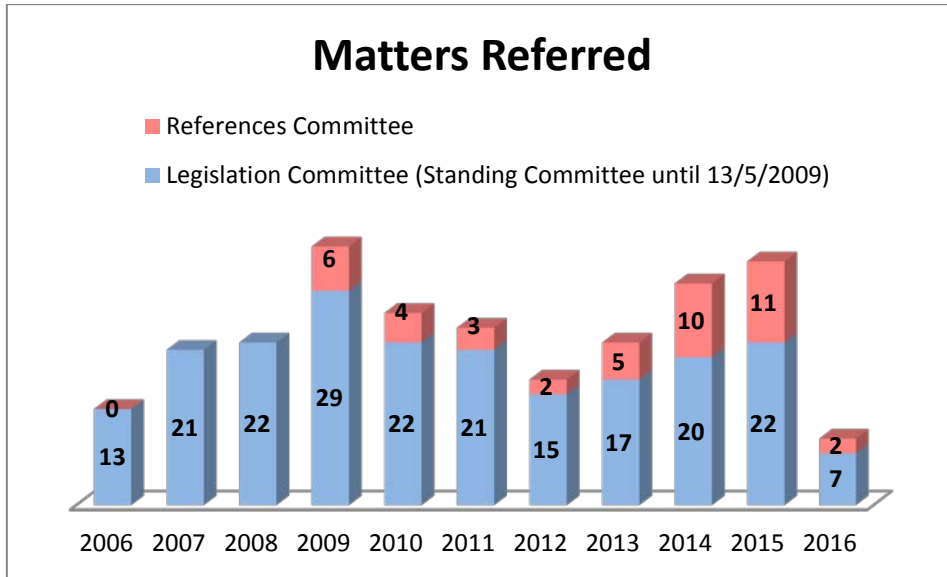
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# Economics

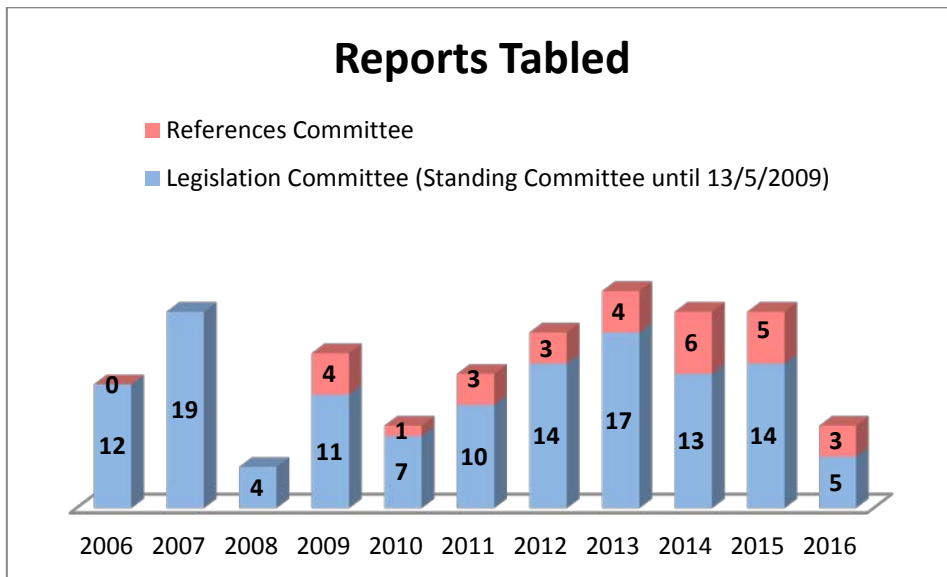
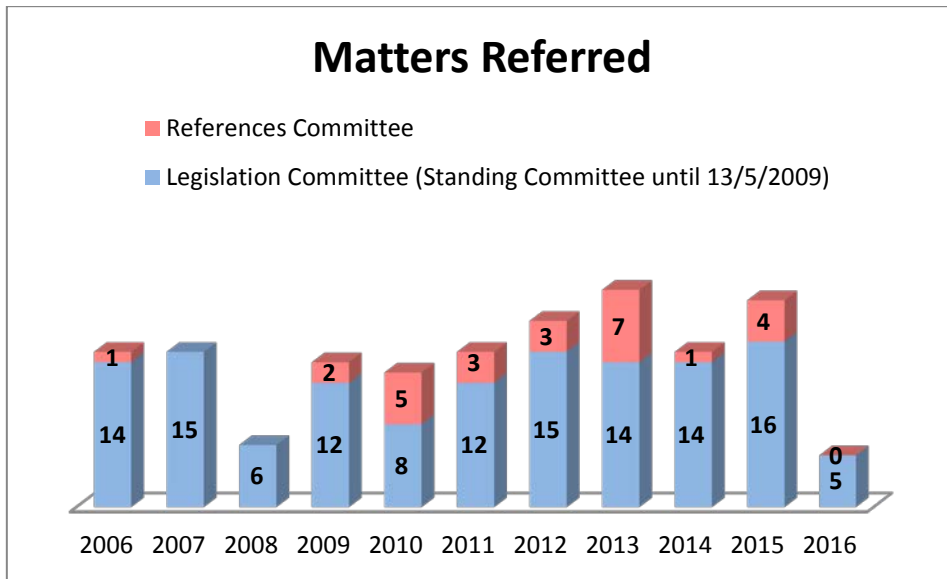
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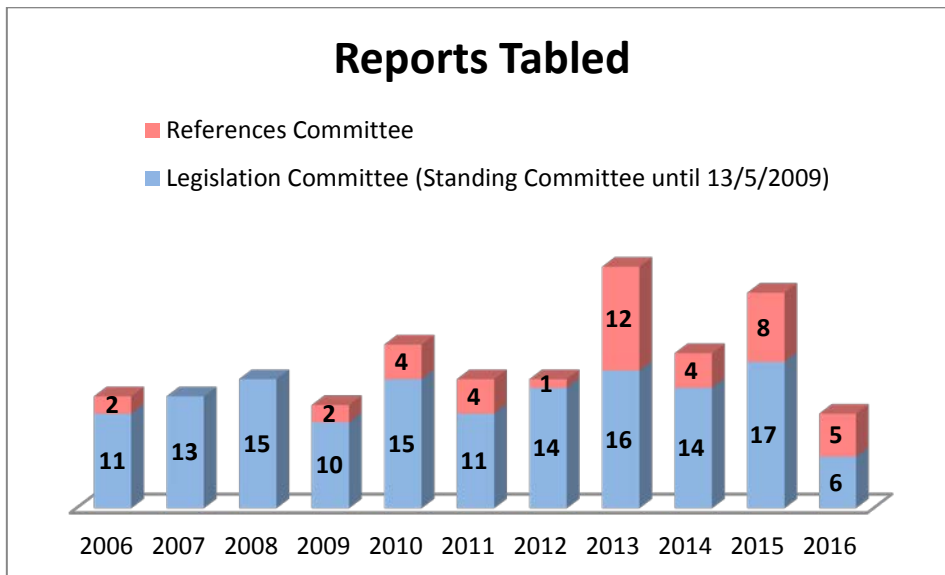
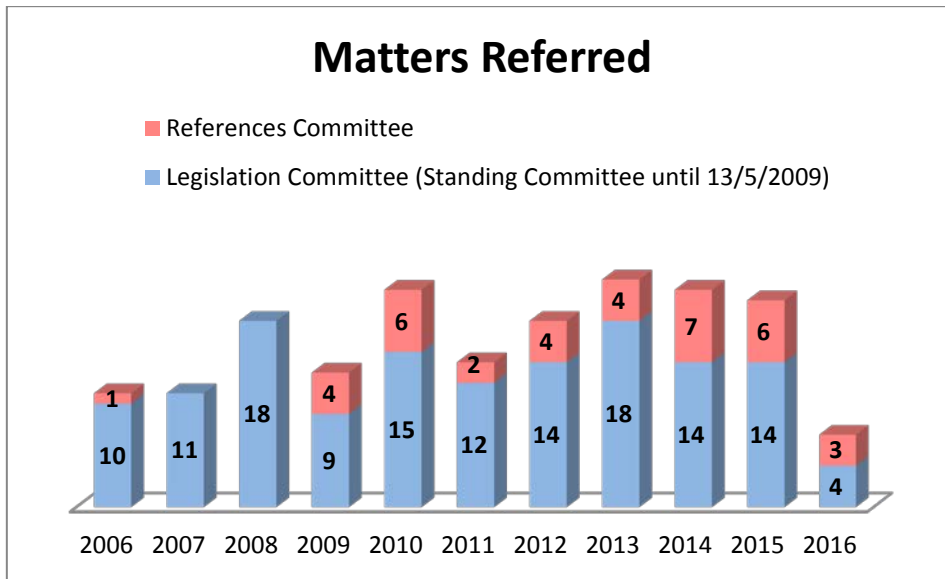
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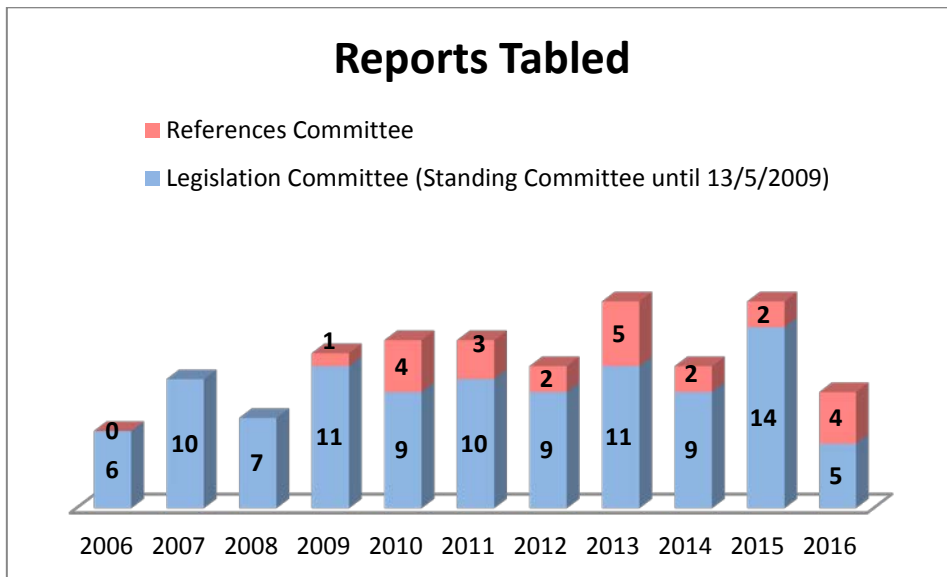
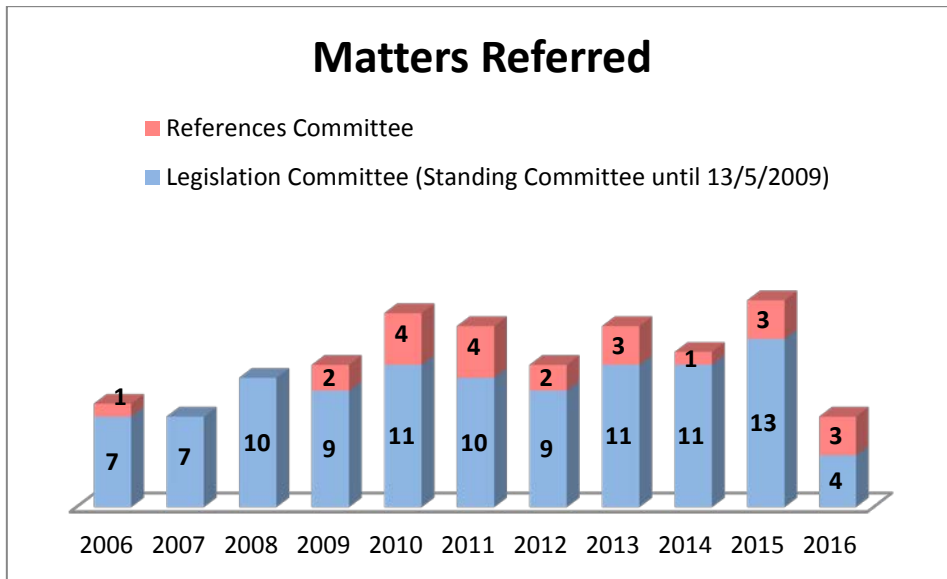
# Environment & Communications Legislation & References Committees

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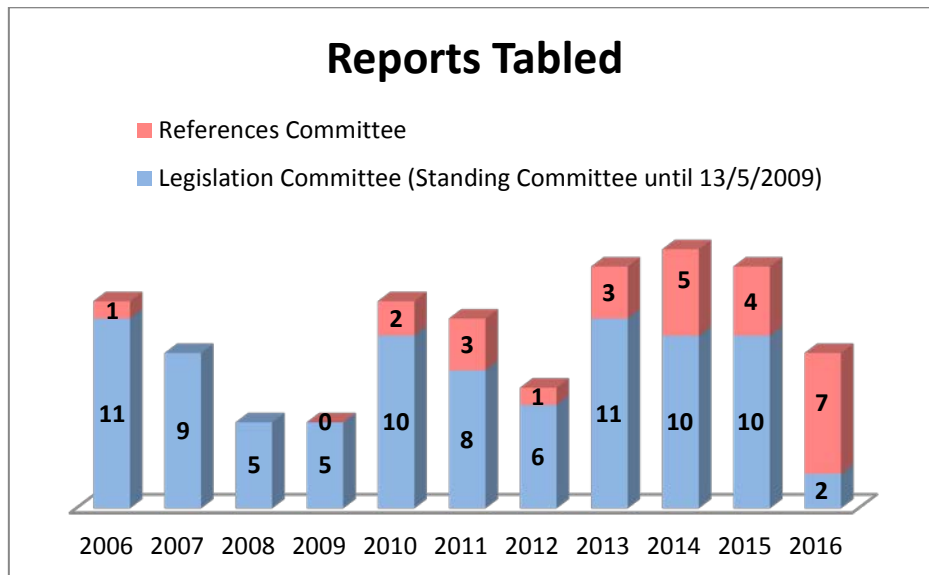
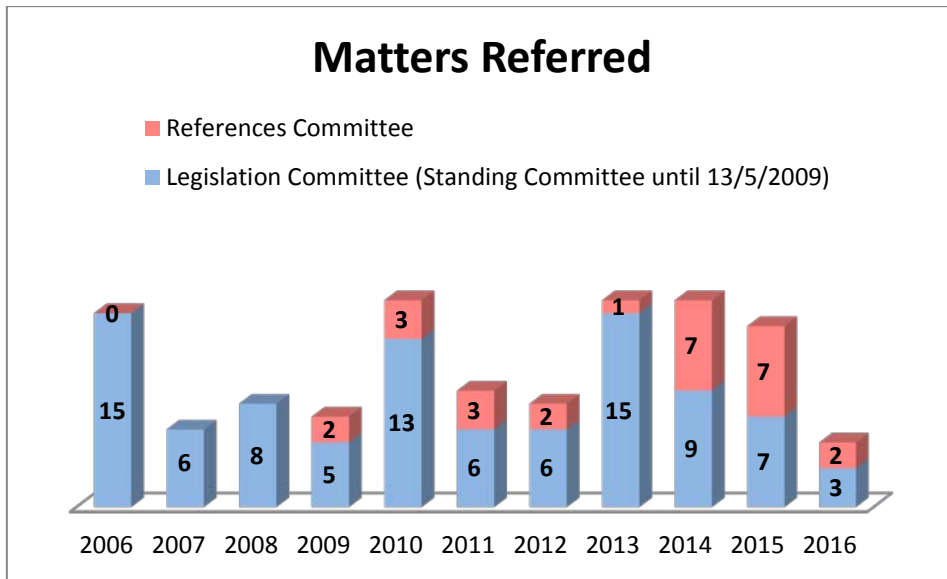
# Finance & Public Administration Legislation & References Committees

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# Foreign Affairs, Defence & Trade Legislation & References Committees

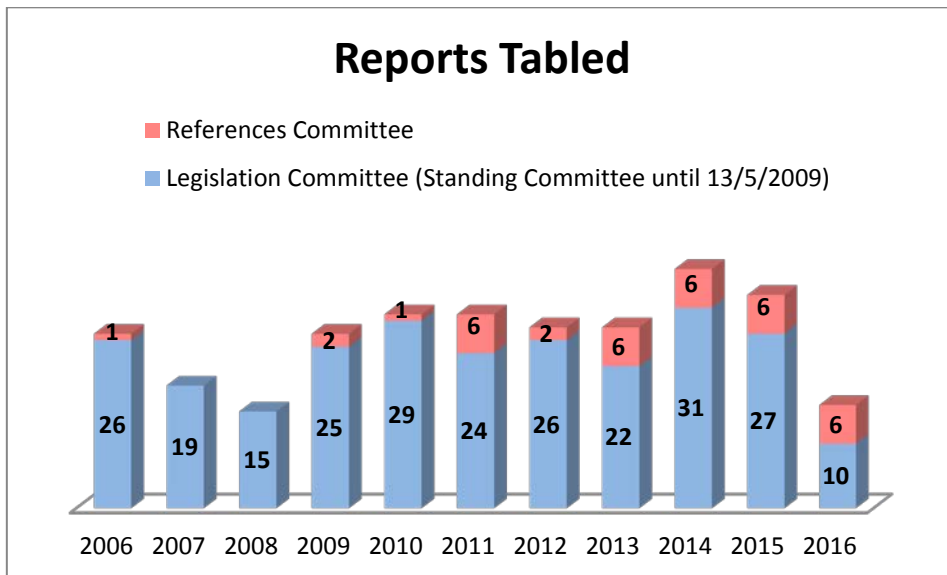
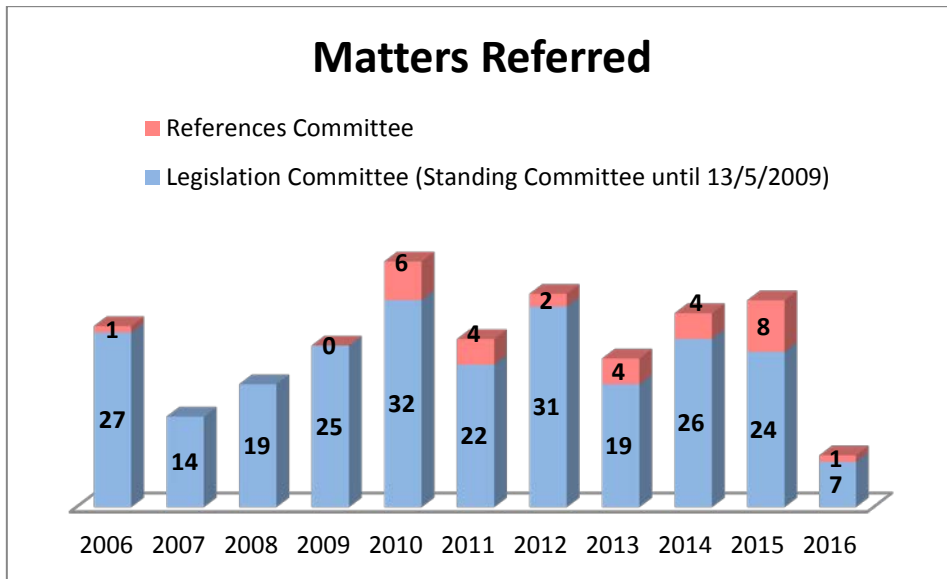
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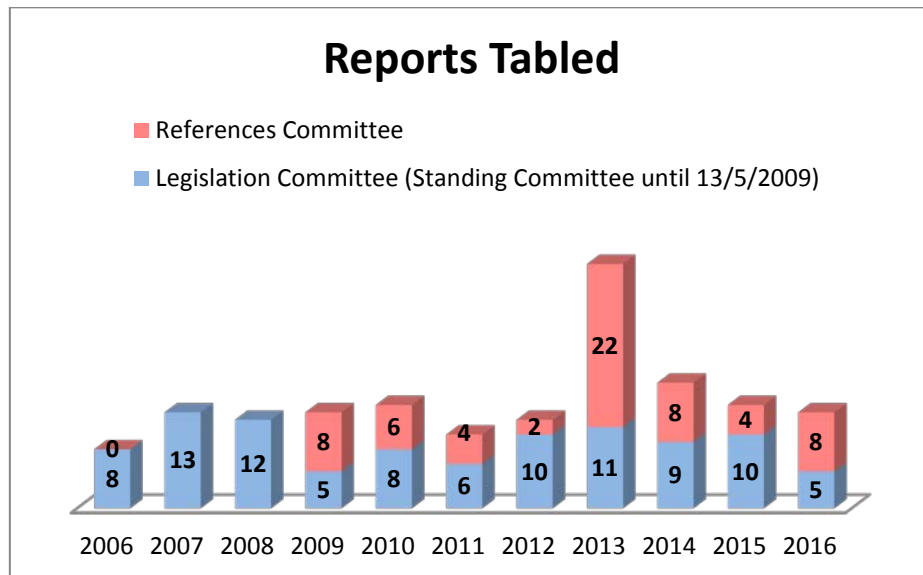
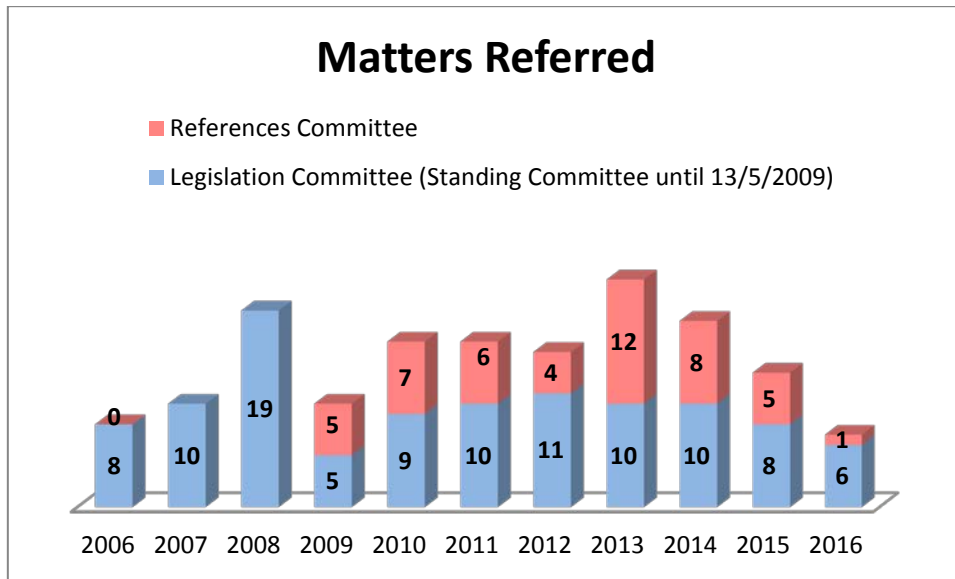
# Legal & Constitutional Affairs Legislation & References Committees

Matters Referred and Reports Tabled Annually  
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# Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation & References Committees

Matters Referred and Reports Tabled Annually  
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**PART FOUR**

**Consolidated Statistical Overview**

**1 January 2016–30 June 2016**



# Half-Year Statistical Overview of Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

1 January 2016–30 June 2016

	Matters current as at 1 January 2016	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Inquiries lapsed at dissolution of Senate 9 May 2016	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2016
Legislation	21	42 (A)	44 + (1**) (B)	19	0
References	44	13 (A)	22 + (30**) (B)	35	0
Joint/Select	16	2	5 + (10**) (B)	13	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>

	Number and Hours of Meeting										Total Meetings	Total Hours
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total	Total Hours		
Legislation	12	46:33	33	275:38	88	09:40	0	0:00	133	331:51		
References	60	232:00	0	0:00	90	21:08	2	04:05	152	257:13		
Joint/Select	32	130:29	0	0:00	64	23:55	6	16:57	102	171:21		
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>409:02</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>275:38</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>54:43</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21:02</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>760:25</b>		

	Meetings by State									
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	126	2	5	0	0	0	0	0		
References	111	15	7	1	4	4	1	9		
Joint/Select	71	9	2	3	0	4	4	9		
<b>Total</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>		

	Broadcast Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	45	1637	158	0	3696	511	0	557	6472	2
References	61	0	0	776	0	0	2599	3171	27649	16
Joint/Select	32	0	0	431	0	0	1421	696	11333	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>1637</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>1207</b>	<b>3696</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>4020</b>	<b>4424</b>	<b>45454</b>	<b>21</b>

(A) 8 Annual Reports and 16 estimates references; 17 Individual/Packages of Bills; 1 matter adopted by Legislation committee; 13 other references

(B) 8 Reports on Annual Reports; 8 estimates reports; 28 bills reports; 22 references reports

\*\* Interim reports & reports on statutory obligations



**PART FIVE**

**Statistics On**

**2015-16 Additional Estimates  
(February/March 2016) and  
2016-17 Budget Estimates (May 2016)**





**Statistics on 2015-16 Additional Estimates (February/March 2016)  
and 2016-17 Budget Estimates (May 2016)**

<b>Community Affairs</b>	<b>2015-16 Additional Estimates (February/March 2016)</b>	<b>2016-17 Budget Estimates (May 2016)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>4</b> (10–11 February 2016, 3 March and 16 March 2016)	<b>1</b> (6 May 2016)	<b>5</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
– Health	14:47	05:38	20:25
– Human Services	03:50	01:51	05:41
– Social Services	07:21	03:05	10:26
Hours of public meetings	<b>25:58</b>	<b>10:34</b>	<b>36:32</b>

<b>Economics</b>	<b>2015-16 Additional Estimates (February 2016)</b>	<b>2016-17 Budget Estimates (May 2016)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (10–11 February 2016)	<b>1</b> (6 May 2016)	<b>3</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
– Industry, Innovation and Science	08:00	01:50	09:50
– Treasury	13:50	07:20	21:10
Hours of public meetings	<b>21:50</b>	<b>09:10</b>	<b>31:00</b>

<b>Education and Employment</b>	<b>2015-16 Additional Estimates (February 2016)</b>	<b>2016-17 Budget Estimates (May 2016)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>3</b> (10–12 February 2016)	<b>1</b> (6 May 2016)	<b>4</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
– Education and Training	11:25	04:12	15:37
– Employment	15:51	06:53	22:44
Hours of public meetings	<b>27:16</b>	<b>11:05</b>	<b>38:21</b>

<b>Environment and Communications</b>	<b>2015-16 Additional Estimates (February/March 2016)</b>	<b>2016-17 Budget Estimates (May 2016)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>3</b> (8–9 February 2016 and 4 March 2016)	<b>1</b> (5 May 2016)	<b>4</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
– Communications and the Arts	11:10	05:31	16:41
– Environment	15:16	05:57	21:13
Hours of public meetings	<b>26:26</b>	<b>11:28</b>	<b>37:54</b>

<b>Finance and Public Administration</b>	<b>2015-16 Additional Estimates (February 2016)</b>	<b>2016-17 Budget Estimates (May 2016)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>4</b> (8, 9, 12 & 22 February 2016)	<b>1</b> (5 May 2016)	<b>5</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
– Finance	09:22	05:54	15:16
– Parliament	06:03	01:05	07:08
– Prime Minister and Cabinet	07:57	03:41	11:38
– Cross portfolio Indigenous matters	04:51	00:00	04:51
Hours of public meetings	<b>28:13</b>	<b>10:40</b>	<b>38:53</b>

<b>Statistics on 2015-16 Additional Estimates (February/March 2016) and 2016-17 Budget Estimates (May 2016)</b>
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<b>Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade</b>	<b>2015-16 Additional Estimates (February/March 2016)</b>	<b>2016-17 Budget Estimates (May 2016)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>5</b> (10–11 & 25 February 2016; 3 March and 17 March 2016)	<b>1</b> (6 May 2016)	<b>6</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
– Defence	16:17	04:09	20:26
– Foreign Affairs and Trade	11:52	04:22	16:14
– Veterans' Affairs	01:59	00:45	02:44
Hours of public meetings	<b>30:08</b>	<b>09:16</b>	<b>39:24</b>

<b>Legal and Constitutional Affairs</b>	<b>2015-16 Additional Estimates (February 2016)</b>	<b>2016-17 Budget Estimates (May 2016)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (8–9 February 2016)	<b>1</b> (5 May 2016)	<b>3</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
– Attorney-General's	10:55	07:20	18:15
– Immigration and Border Protection	09:49	02:39	12:28
Hours of public meetings	<b>20:44</b>	<b>09:59</b>	<b>30:43</b>

<b>Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport</b>	<b>2015-16 Additional Estimates (February 2016)</b>	<b>2016-17 Budget Estimates (May 2016)</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (8–9 February 2016)	<b>1</b> (5 May 2016)	<b>3</b>
Hours by portfolio:			
– Agriculture and Water Resources	10:58	05:26	16:24
– Infrastructure and Regional Development	11:13	04:01	15:14
Hours of public meetings	<b>22:11</b>	<b>09:27</b>	<b>31:38</b>

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

**2015–16 Additional Estimates**

**11 days** (8 – 12 February 2016; 22 & 25 February 2016; 3, 4, 16 and 17 March 2016)

**2016–17 Budget Estimates**

**2 days** (5 and 6 May 2016)

**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
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

### Number and Hours of Meeting

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

### Meetings By State

ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
References	0	2	0	0	2	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

### Witnesses

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

\* 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) <sup>1</sup>	04.08.15–04.08.15
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<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Brown on 4 August 2015

### **Inquiries**

*As at 01.01.2016*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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

### **New References**

*01.01.2016–09.05.2016*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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

<b>Current members</b>	<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

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

<b>Former members</b>	<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

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

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

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Brown on 21 August 2015

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Reynolds for the committee's inquiry into grandparents raising grandchildren

<sup>4</sup> 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*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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	3	31:55	11	0:36	0	0:00	15	35:01
References	16	0	0:00	23	4:41	1	2:45	40	72:24
Total	17	3	31:55	34	5:17	1	2:45	55	107:25

### Meetings By State

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

### Witnesses

Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	4	9	0	265	28	0	94	696	0
References	16	0	181	0	0	623	416	4113	3
Total	20	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) <sup>1</sup>	13.11.14–24.11.14
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	27.02.14–27.02.14
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	06.03.14–24.03.14
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	02.06.14–06.06.14
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	06.03.14–24.03.14

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

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Bishop on 27 February 2014

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

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt for the week beginning 2 June 2014

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

### **Inquiries**

*As at 01.01.2016*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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>
<b>Current members</b>	
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) <sup>1</sup>	25.06.15
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	30.11.15

## Subcommittee members<sup>3</sup>

	<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

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

<sup>2</sup> Replaces Senator Dastyari for the committee's inquiry into Australia's steel industry

<sup>3</sup> Inquiry into personal choice and community impacts for the purpose of hearings

## Former substitute members

## Term of appointment

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

## Former subcommittee members<sup>16</sup>

## 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 members<sup>17</sup>

## Term of appointment

Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP)	05.08.15–05.08.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>18</sup> <i>(Acting Chair 05.08.15–05.08.15)</i>	05.08.15–05.08.15
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) <sup>19</sup> <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 members<sup>20</sup>**

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 members<sup>21</sup>**

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 members<sup>22</sup>**

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

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

## Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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

<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Non-conforming building products	23.06.2015	Interim report: Safety—'not a matter of good luck' tabled 04.05.2016	Yes
Foreign bribery	22.04.2016—Sydney	Nil	Yes
Personal choice and community impacts	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



<b>Topic</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.01.2016–09.05.2016</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 09.05.2016</b>
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

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11:38</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26:50</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2:12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>40:40</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Witnesses

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

\* 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

<b>Current members</b>	<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

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

<b>Former members</b>	<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

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

<sup>1</sup> Replaces Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015  
<sup>2</sup> Replaces Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Australian Workers) Bill 2016  
<sup>3</sup> 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) <sup>5</sup>	12.02.15–13.03.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <sup>6</sup>	26.06.14–28.08.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <sup>7</sup>	03.12.15–04.04.16
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <sup>8</sup>	08.09.14–19.09.14
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <sup>9</sup>	15.06.15–11.08.15
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <sup>10</sup>	04.02.16–11.03.16
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>11</sup>	02.10.14–24.11.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>12</sup>	12.10.15–24.11.15
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <sup>13</sup>	19.10.15–23.10.15
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>14</sup>	01.10.14–28.10.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) <sup>15</sup>	25.03.14–05.06.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) <sup>16</sup>	16.06.14–08.07.14

- <sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014
- <sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Higher Education and Research Reform Bill 2014
- <sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2014
- <sup>7</sup> 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
- <sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator O'Sullivan from 8 to 19 September 2014
- <sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill [No.2]
- <sup>10</sup> 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
- <sup>11</sup> 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
- <sup>12</sup> 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
- <sup>13</sup> Replaced Senator Lines from 19 to 23 October 2015
- <sup>14</sup> Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014
- <sup>15</sup> Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014
- <sup>16</sup> Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014

## Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2016–09.05.2016	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 09.05.2016
Annual reports	(Refer Standing Order 25(20))	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 01.01.2016–09.05.2016	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 09.05.2016
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

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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

<b>Current members</b>	<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

<b>Former members</b>	<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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Simms for the committee's inquiry into long service standards

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Inquiries**

*As at 01.01.2016*

<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
24.03.2015	05.02.2016—Canberra	A national disgrace: The exploitation of temporary work visa holders report tabled 17.03.2016	No
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
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	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	4	19:06	13	0	1:59	21	58:59
References	9	36:43	15	1	5:17	25	43:20
Total	13	55:49	28	1	7:16	46	102:19

## Meetings By State

ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
References	3	3	1	2	0	0	2
Total	3	5	1	2	0	0	2

## Witnesses

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

<b>Current members</b>	<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

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

<b>Former members</b>	<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

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

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

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Abetz on 8 February 2016

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Abetz on 9 February 2016

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart on 10 March 2015

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

As at 01.01.2016

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)*  
*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) <sup>1</sup>	10.09.15
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	23.02.16
Senator Robert Simms (SA, AG) <sup>3</sup>	24.02.16
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP) <sup>4</sup>	29.02.16
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) <sup>5</sup>	03.03.16
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) <sup>6</sup>	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

<sup>1</sup> Replaces Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into large capacity fishing vessels  
<sup>2</sup> Replaces Senator Singh for the committee's inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight  
<sup>3</sup> Replaces Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight  
<sup>4</sup> Replaces Senator Reynolds for the committee's inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight  
<sup>5</sup> Replaces Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the commercial use of Tasmanian bumblebees  
<sup>6</sup> 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) <sup>7</sup>	17.03.14–21.03.14
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP) <sup>8</sup>	01.03.16–13.04.16
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) <sup>9</sup>	25.06.15–29.04.16
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) <sup>10</sup>	21.07.14–22.08.14
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) <sup>11</sup>	10.03.16–10.03.16
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) <sup>12</sup>	11.12.13–26.03.14
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) <sup>13</sup>	17.03.14–15.05.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>14</sup>	10.07.14–25.03.15
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <sup>15</sup>	03.03.16–13.04.16
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>16</sup>	13.05.15–21.08.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>17</sup>	10.08.15–20.04.16

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senators Pratt, Stephens and Thorp from 17 to 21 March 2014

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Bullock for the committee's inquiry into large capacity fishing vessels

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

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart from 21 July 2014 to 22 August 2014

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator Singh on 10 March 2016

<sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the Government's Direct Action Plan

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

<sup>14</sup> Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into the National Landcare Program

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

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

<sup>17</sup> Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into marine plastic pollution

## Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2016–09.05.2016	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 09.05.2016
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

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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

### **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
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>

### Number and Hours of Meeting

Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	5	38:53	11	0:43	0	0:00	17	45:16
References	5	0	0:00	6	0:35	0	0:00	11	15:26
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>38:53</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1:18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>60:42</b>

### Meetings By State

ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
References	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

### Witnesses

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

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

\*\* Interim report



# Finance and Public Administration (Legislation)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

<b>Current members</b>	<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

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

<b>Former members</b>	<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

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

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

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Smith on 23 October 2015

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Faulkner on 20 November 2014

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Bernardi from 13 to 17 October 2014

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

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Ludwig for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Government Boards (Gender Balanced Representation) Bill 2015

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator McAllister on 12 February 2016

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator McKenzie on 23 October 2015

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Bernardi for the committee's consideration of the 2013–14 Additional estimates on 28 February 2014

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the consideration of the 2013-14 Supplementary Budget estimates on 22 November 2013

<sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of Schedule 2 of the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013

<sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator Rhiannon on 28 February 2014

<sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015

<sup>13</sup> 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 01.01.2016–09.05.2016	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 09.05.2016
Annual reports	(Refer Standing Order 25(20))	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

## New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2016–09.05.2016	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 09.05.2016
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

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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) <sup>1</sup>	05.03.15
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) <sup>2</sup>	19.04.16
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) <sup>3</sup>	19.04.16
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>4</sup>	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) <sup>5</sup>	19.03.15–17.03.16

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Replaces Senator Rice from the committee's inquiry into gender inequality

Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG)<sup>6</sup>  
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG)<sup>7</sup>

26.06.14–07.07.14  
30.09.14–20.08.15

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into Indigenous Advancement Strategy tendering processes  
<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into domestic violence in Australia  
<sup>7</sup> 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23:42</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38:53</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1:51</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>64:26</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

### Witnesses

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

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

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Abetz for 10 and 11 February 2016

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

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator McEwen for 26 and 27 February 2015

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

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator McEwen from 12 to 25 February 2015

Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)<sup>8</sup>  
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG)<sup>9</sup>

06.08.14–06.08.14  
27.03.14–14.05.14

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

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Whish-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 01.01.2016–09.05.2016	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 09.05.2016
Annual reports	(Refer Standing Order 25(20))	Nil	No. 1 of 2016 tabled 02.03.2016	Ongoing

## New References

01.01.2016–09.05.2016

	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2016–09.05.2016	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 09.05.2016
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) <sup>1</sup>	05.12.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) <sup>2</sup>	01.12.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>3</sup>	03.12.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>4</sup>	03.12.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>5</sup>	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) <sup>6</sup>	17.03.14–21.03.14
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <sup>7</sup>	17.03.14–27.03.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) <sup>8</sup>	13.02.14–27.03.14

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Stephens from 17 to 21 March 2014

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>26:26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>32:19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4:55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>63:40</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

### Witnesses

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

\* 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

<b>Current members</b>	<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

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

<b>Former members</b>	<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

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

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Smith on 19 and 20 October 2015

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

- <sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Psychoactive Substances and Other Measures) Bill 2014
- <sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the exposure draft of the Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2014
- <sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014
- <sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Reynolds on 20 November 2014
- <sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Charging for a Migration Outcome) Bill 2015
- <sup>10</sup> Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration and Maritime Powers Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015
- <sup>11</sup> Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015
- <sup>12</sup> Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 201
- <sup>13</sup> Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia's Protection Obligations) Bill 2013
- <sup>14</sup> Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment Bill 2013
- <sup>15</sup> Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014
- <sup>16</sup> Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014
- <sup>17</sup> Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014
- <sup>18</sup> 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
- <sup>19</sup> 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
- <sup>20</sup> Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014
- <sup>21</sup> Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into the Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014
- <sup>22</sup> Replaced Senator Wright for the committee's inquiry into provisions of the Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2015
- <sup>23</sup> 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
- <sup>24</sup> 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) <sup>26</sup>	12.10.15–10.11.15
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <sup>27</sup>	15.10.15–18.02.16
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <sup>28</sup>	23.11.15–25.02.16
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <sup>29</sup>	25.02.16–17.03.16
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <sup>30</sup>	24.11.14–10.02.15
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <sup>31</sup>	24.11.14–09.02.15
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <sup>32</sup>	17.03.15–05.06.15
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <sup>33</sup>	17.03.15–05.06.15
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) <sup>34</sup>	26.03.15–11.06.15
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LP) <sup>35</sup>	20.11.14–20.11.14
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) <sup>36</sup>	27.03.15–27.03.15
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP) <sup>37</sup>	16.07.14–10.11.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) <sup>38</sup>	17.11.14–25.11.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>39</sup>	19.06.14–27.08.14
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <sup>40</sup>	25.06.15–11.08.15
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>41</sup>	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

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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) <sup>1</sup>	13.10.15
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	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) <sup>3</sup> <i>(Chair for duration of inquiry)</i>	12.12.13–24.03.15
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	18.09.15–18.09.15
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <sup>5</sup>	31.10.14–31.10.14
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) <sup>6</sup>	20.08.15–07.09.15

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

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Macdonald from 11am on 31 October 2014

<sup>6</sup> 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)<sup>7</sup>  
Senator Nova Peris (NT, ALP)<sup>8</sup>

07.09.15–16.09.15  
20.04.16–20.04.16

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

<sup>8</sup> 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

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35:58</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31:38</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2:34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>70:10</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

### Witnesses

	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>2</b>

\* 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

<b>Current members</b>	<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

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

<b>Former members</b>	<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

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

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Sterle from 19 to 23 October 2015

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup> 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)<sup>8</sup>

04.02.16–10.03.16

<sup>8</sup>

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 01.01.2016–09.05.2016	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 09.05.2016
Annual reports	(Refer Standing Order 25(20))	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 01.01.2016–09.05.2016	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 09.05.2016
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

<b>Current members</b>	<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

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

<b>Former members</b>	<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

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

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

<sup>2</sup> 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

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> 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) <sup>8</sup>	15.04.14–16.04.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>9</sup>	12.12.13–31.07.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>10</sup>	12.12.13–16.07.14
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>11</sup>	12.12.13–09.09.14

### **Former subcommittee members<sup>12</sup>**

*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 members<sup>13</sup>**

*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 members<sup>14</sup>**

*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 members<sup>15</sup>**

*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

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

<sup>8</sup> 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

<sup>9</sup> 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

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

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

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

<sup>13</sup> Inquiry into aspects of road safety in Australia on 18 February 2016

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

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

## Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016—09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <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**

*01.01.2016–09.05.2016*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
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)

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



**Joint Committees  
administered by the  
Senate Committee Office  
1 January 2016 – 9 May 2016**



**Australian Commission for  
Law Enforcement Integrity  
(Joint Statutory)**

# Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

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
Joint Statutory	3	0	1 + (1*)	2

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	1	0	0:00	5	0:18	5	15:40	11	16:27

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

Witnesses									
Broadcast Hearings				Hansard Pages					
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Joint Statutory	1	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	0

\* Report on statutory obligations of Committee

# Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint Statutory)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Part 14 of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*; appointed 2 December 2013

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Mr Russell Matheson MP (Macarthur, NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 12.12.13)</i>	05.12.13
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 17.07.14)</i>	01.07.14
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	02.12.13
The Hon Justine Elliot MP (Richmond, NSW, ALP)	16.07.14
Mr Steve Irons MP (Swan, WA, LP)	23.02.15
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS)	04.02.16
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	01.07.14
Mr Jason Wood MP (La Trobe, VIC, LP)	05.12.13
Mr Tony Zappia MP (Makin, SA, ALP)	05.12.13

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 12.12.13–30.06.14)</i>	04.12.13–30.06.14
Mr Chris Hayes MP (Fowler, NSW, ALP)	05.12.13–16.07.14
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	10.09.15–04.02.16
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS)	01.07.14–10.09.15
Senator the Hon Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	02.12.13–01.07.14
The Hon Christian Porter MP (Pearce, WA, LP)	05.12.13–23.02.15
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	04.12.13–01.07.14

<b>Former subcommittee members<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Mr Russell Matheson MP (Macarthur, NSW, LP)	11.03.16–11.03.16
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	11.03.16–11.03.16
Mr Tony Zappia MP (Makin, SA, ALP)	11.03.16–11.03.16

<sup>1</sup> Inquiry into integrity of Australia's border arrangements site visit on 11 March 2016

## **Inquiries**

*As at 01.01.2016*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Performance of statutory duties	Ongoing	04.02.2016—Canberra (Examination of the Integrity Commissioner Annual Report 2014–15)	Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2014-15 tabled 03.03.2016	Ongoing
Jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	06.03.2014 (agreed to by the Committee)	Nil	Report tabled in HoR 05.05.2016	No
Integrity of Australia's border arrangements	05.03.2015 (agreed to by the Committee)	Nil	Nil	Yes

## **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)*

**Corporations and Financial  
Services (Joint Statutory)**

## Corporations & Financial Services

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
Joint Statutory	3	0	1	2

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	3	12:55	0	0:00	13	10:27	0	0:00	16	23:22

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses									
		Hansard Pages							
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Joint Statutory	3	0	34	0	0	157	2	34	0

\* Report on statutory obligations of Committee



# Corporations and Financial Services (Joint Statutory)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to section 241 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*; appointed 2 December 2013

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 9.12.13)</i>	02.12.13
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 16.07.14)</i>	15.07.14
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator John Madigan (VIC, IND)	05.12.13
Ms Julie Owens MP (Parramatta, NSW, ALP)	04.12.13
The Hon Philip Ruddock MP (Berowra, NSW, LP)	04.06.15
Mr Bert van Manen MP (Forde, QLD, LP)	22.02.16
Mr Tim Watts MP (Gellibrand, VIC, ALP)	04.12.13
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.07.14

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	02.12.13–01.07.14
Mr David Coleman MP (Banks, NSW, LP)	04.12.13–04.06.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 9.12.13–01.07.14)</i>	04.12.13–01.07.14
The Hon Craig Laundry MP (NSW, LP)	07.09.15–18.02.16
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	04.12.13–01.07.14
The Hon Tony Smith MP (Casey, VIC, LP)	04.12.13–10.08.15
Mrs Ann Sudmalis MP (Gilmore, NSW, LP)	11.02.15–02.02.16
Mr Michael Sukkar MP (Deakin, VIC, LP)	04.12.13–11.02.15

## 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>
Oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	Ongoing	16.03.2016—Canberra	Nil	Ongoing
Examination of annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	Ongoing	Nil	Examination of 2014-15 annual reports tabled 04.05.2016	Ongoing
Impairment of customers loans	04.06.2015 ( <i>see HoR Votes and Proceedings, p.1362</i> ) <sup>1</sup>	16.02.2016—Sydney 04.04.2016—Sydney	04.05.2016	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)*

<sup>1</sup> Inquiry lapsed on prorogation of 1<sup>st</sup> Session of 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament and was re-adopted by the Committee on 19 April 2016 with the same terms of reference as the original inquiry referred on 4 June 2015 but with a reporting date to be determined by the committee.

**Law Enforcement  
(Joint Statutory)**

## Law Enforcement

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
Joint Statutory	4	0	0	4

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	3	6:53	0	0:00	5	2:13	0	8	9:06

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

Witnesses						Hansard Pages			
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Joint Statutory	3	0	42	0	0	75	162	1245	1

# Law Enforcement (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to the *Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Act 2010*; appointed 2 December 2013

## Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Mr Craig Kelly MP (Hughes, NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 4.03.15)</i>	02.03.15
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 10.12.13)</i>	12.11.13
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	02.12.13
Mr Chris Hayes MP (Fowler, NSW, ALP)	16.07.14
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator David Leyonhjelm (NSW, LDP)	25.11.14
Mr Russell Matheson MP (Macarthur, NSW, LP)	05.12.13
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS)	04.02.16
Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP (Calwell, VIC, ALP)	05.12.13
Mr Jason Wood MP (La Trobe, VIC, LP)	05.12.13

## Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
The Hon Justine Elliot MP (Richmond, NSW, ALP)	05.12.13–16.07.14
Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	12.11.13–30.06.14
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	10.09.15–04.02.16
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS)	01.07.14–10.09.15
Senator the Hon Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	02.12.13–01.07.14
Mr Bert van Manen MP (Forde, QLD, LP) <i>(Chair 10.12.13–03.03.15)</i>	05.12.13–02.03.15

## Former subcommittee members<sup>1</sup>

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Mr Craig Kelly MP (Hughes, NSW, LP)	04.03.16–04.03.16
Senator David Leyonhjelm (NSW, LDP)	04.03.16–04.03.16
Mr Chris Hayes MP (Fowler, NSW, ALP)	04.03.16–04.03.16

<sup>1</sup> Inquiry into illicit tobacco on 4 March 2016

## **Inquiries**

*As at 01.01.2016*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
Performance of statutory duties	Ongoing	03.02.2016—Canberra (Examination of the AFP Annual Report 2014–15) 24.02.2016—Canberra (Examination of the ACC Annual Report 2014–15)	Nil	Ongoing
Crystal methamphetamine (ice) in Australia	18.03.2015 (agreed to by the Committee)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Human trafficking	02.12.2015 (agreed to by the Committee)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Illicit tobacco	02.12.2015 (agreed to by the Committee)	04.03.2016—Canberra	Nil	Yes

**New References**

*01.01.2016–09.05.2016*

Nil

**Government Responses**

*01.01.2016–09.05.2016*

- Examination of the annual report of the Australian Federal Police 2013-14 (tabled 23.02.2016; report tabled 14.09.2015)

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





**National Disability Insurance Scheme  
(Joint Standing)**

## National Disability Insurance Scheme

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
Joint Standing	1	0	0 + (1*)	1

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Standing	2	0	0:00	4	3:15	0	0:00	6	15:53

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Standing	4	1	0	0	0	0	1

Witnesses				Hansard Pages			
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions
Joint Standing	2	0	65	0	0	118	51
							No Of Pages
							653
							Government Responses
							1

\* Report on accommodation

# National Disability Insurance Scheme (Joint Standing)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 21 November 2013, agreed to by the Senate on 2 December 2013

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
The Hon Bruce Billson MP (Dunkley, VIC, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.10.15)</i>	13.10.15
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 12.12.13)</i>	11.12.13
Dr David Gillespie MP (Lyne, NSW, NATS)	04.12.13
Ms Jill Hall MP (Shortland, NSW, ALP)	04.12.13
Senator Joanna Lindgren (QLD, LP)	15.06.15
The Hon Jenny Macklin MP (Jagajaga, VIC, ALP)	04.12.13
Mr Russell Matheson MP (Macarthur, NSW, LP)	22.10.15
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP)	15.03.16
The Hon Amanda Rishworth MP (Kingston, SA, ALP)	04.12.13
Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP)	02.12.13
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	03.12.13
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	01.07.14

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
The Hon Mal Brough MP (Fisher, QLD, LP) <i>(Chair 2.12.13–12.10.15)</i>	04.12.13–12.10.15
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	01.07.14–15.06.15
Mr Steve Irons MP (Swan, WA, LP)	19.03.14–12.10.15
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	02.12.13–03.03.14
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS)	03.03.14–01.07.14
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	02.12.13–01.07.14
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.07.14–15.03.16
The Hon Wyatt Roy MP (Longman, QLD, LP)	04.12.13–19.03.14
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	04.12.13–30.06.14
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	04.12.13–11.12.13

## Inquiries

*As at 01.01.2016*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 09.05.2015</i>
Review of the implementation, administration and expenditure of the National Disability Insurance Scheme; and review of any matter relating to the scheme referred to the committee by either House of the Parliament	Self-referred on 02.12.2013	07.03.2016—Newcastle 06.04.2016—Townsville	Accommodation for people with disabilities and the NDIS report tabled in HoR 05.05.2016	Yes

## New References

*01.01.2016–09.05.2016*

Nil

## Government Responses

*01.01.2016–09.05.2016*

- Second progress report on the implementation and administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (tabled 17.03.2016; report tabled 12 November 2015)

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

# **Select Committees**

**1 January 2016 – 9 May 2016**



**Establishment of a National  
Integrity Commission**

## Establishment of a National Integrity Commission

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
Select Committee	0	1	0 + (1*)	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	2	6:54	0	0:00	6	0:35	0	0:00	8	7:29

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

Witnesses										
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	2	0	0	23	0	0	76	35	816	0

\* Interim report



# Select Committee on the establishment of a National Integrity Commission

*24 February 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## **Method of appointment**

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 24 February 2016

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Zhenya Wang (WA, PUP) <i>(appointed Chair 24.02.16)</i>	24.02.16
Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair 01.03.16)</i>	25.02.16
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	29.02.16
Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP)	25.02.16
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	29.02.16
Senator John Madigan (VIC, IND)	24.02.16

### **Inquiries**

*As at 01.01.2016*

Nil

### **New References**

*01.01.2016–09.05.2016*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
The adequacy of the Australian Government's legislative, institutional and policy framework in addressing all facets of institutional, organisational, political and electoral, and individual corruption and misconduct	24.02.2016	21.04.2016—Canberra 28.04.2016—Sydney	Interim report tabled 03.05.2016	Yes

### **Government Responses**

*01.01.2016–09.05.2016*

Nil

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

**Health**

## Health

1 January 2016 - 5 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
Select Committee	1	0	1 + (2*)	0

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	7	26:55	0	0:00	4	0:44	1	1:17	12	28:56

Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Select Committee	5	1	0	1	0	5

Witnesses										
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	7	0	0	62	0	0	318	15	161	0

\* Interim reports

# Select Committee on Health

*1 January 2016 to 5 May 2016*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 25 June 2014

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 07.07.14)</i>	07.07.14
Senator Ricky Muir (VIC, AMEP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 17.08.15)</i>	25.06.15
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	26.06.14
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)	14.05.15
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	26.11.15
Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP)	26.06.14
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	26.06.14

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	26.06.14–14.05.15
Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG) <i>(Deputy Chair 09.07.14–25.06.15)</i>	07.07.14–25.06.15
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	26.06.14–26.11.15
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	26.06.14–30.06.14

<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	07.03.16–08.03.16
Senator the Hon Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	22.03.16–22.03.16
Senator the Hon Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	29.04.16–29.04.16
Senator the Hon Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	02.05.16–03.05.16
Senator the Hon Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	05.05.16–05.05.16
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <sup>6</sup>	11.12.15–11.12.15
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <sup>7</sup>	23.03.16–23.03.16
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <sup>8</sup>	29.04.16–29.04.16
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <sup>9</sup>	04.05.16–04.05.16

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator McAllister on 7 and 8 March 2016

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator McAllister on 22 March 2016

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Moore on 29 April 2016

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator McAllister on 2 and 3 May 2016

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator McAllister on 5 May 2016

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator McAllister on 11 December 2015

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator McAllister on 23 March 2016

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator McAllister on 29 April 2016

<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator McAllister on 4 May 2016

Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) <sup>10</sup>	11.03.15–11.03.15
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) <sup>11</sup>	17.11.15–17.11.15
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) <sup>12</sup>	27.04.16–27.04.16
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) <sup>13</sup>	06.05.16–06.05.16
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP) <sup>14</sup>	27.11.15–27.11.15
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP) <sup>15</sup>	07.03.16–08.03.16
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) <sup>16</sup>	03.11.14–03.11.14
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) <sup>17</sup>	12.03.15–12.03.15
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) <sup>18</sup>	10.09.14–12.09.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) <sup>19</sup>	15.09.14–16.09.14
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <sup>20</sup>	18.09.15–18.09.15
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>21</sup>	10.10.14–10.10.14
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>22</sup>	21.08.14–22.08.14
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>23</sup>	31.10.14–31.10.14
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>24</sup>	04.11.14–04.11.14
Senator Penny Wright (SA, AG) <sup>25</sup>	09.10.14–09.10.14

10 Replaced Senator McLucas on 11 March 2015  
11 Replaced Senator McLucas on 17 November 2015  
12 Replaced Senator McAllister on 27 April 2016  
13 Replaced Senator McAllister on 6 May 2016  
14 Replaced Senator Moore on 27 November 2015  
15 Replaced Senator Moore on 7 and 8 March 2016  
16 Replaced Senator Di Natale on 3 November 2014  
17 Replaced Senator McLucas on 12 March 2015  
18 Replaced Senator Di Natale from 10 to 12 September 2014  
19 Replaced Senator Di Natale from 15 to 16 September 2014  
20 Replaced Senator Muir on 18 September 2015  
21 Replaced Senator Di Natale on 10 October 2014  
22 Replaced Senator Di Natale for 21 and 22 August 2014  
23 Replaced Senator Di Natale on 31 October 2014  
24 Replaced Senator Di Natale on 4 November 2014  
25 Replaced Senator Di Natale on 9 October 2014

## Inquiries

As at 01.01.2016

Inquire into and report on health policy, administration and expenditure	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2016–09.05.2016	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 09.05.2016
	25.06.2014	02.02.2016—Canberra 03.02.2016—Canberra 07.03.2016—Brisbane 08.03.2016—Mackay, QLD 23.03.2016—Campbelltown, NSW 27.04.2016—Gladstone, QLD 29.04.2016—Devonport, TAS	Fifth interim report—Black Lung: 'It has bugged my life' presented OOS 28.04.2016; tabled 02.05.2016  Sixth interim report—Big health data: Australia's big potential tabled 04.05.2016  Final Report—Hospital funding cuts: the perfect storm—The demolition of Federal-State health relations 2014-2016 presented OOS 05.05.2016	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)





# **Murray-Darling Basin Plan**

## Murray-Darling Basin Plan

1 January 2016 - 17 March 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
Select Committee	1	0	1	0

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	1	5:30	0	0:00	3	1:11	0	0:00	4	6:41

Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Select Committee	4	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses										
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	1	0	0	25	0	0	59	8	83	0

# Select Committee on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan

*1 January 2016 to 17 March 2016*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 24 June 2015

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Leyonhjelm (NSW, LDP) <i>(elected Chair on 13.08.15)</i>	10.08.15
Senator Bob Day (SA, FFP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 13.08.15)</i>	10.08.15
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	12.10.15
Senator John Madigan (VIC, IND)	10.08.15
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)	11.08.15
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS)	23.02.16
Senator Robert Simms (SA, AG)	12.10.15

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	25.06.15–23.02.16
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	11.08.15–12.10.15
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP)	25.06.15–12.10.15

<b>Former substitute member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	08.12.15–09.12.15

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator McAllister on 8 and 9 December 2015

**Inquiries***As at 01.01.2016*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
The positive and negative impacts of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and associated Commonwealth programs on regional communities	24.06.2015	05.02.2016—Canberra	Refreshing the Plan report tabled 17.03.2016	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)*

# **National Broadband Network**

## National Broadband Network

1 January 2016 - 4 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
Select Committee	1	0	1	0

### Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	2	10:17	0	0:00	5	0:49	0	0:00	7	11:06

### Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Witnesses

### Hansard Pages

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	2	0	0	25	0	0	118	1	15	0

# Select Committee on the National Broadband Network

*1 January 2016 to 4 May 2016*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 14 November 2013

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 26.11.15)</i>	12.11.15
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 15.10.15)</i>	12.10.15
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.14
Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy (VIC, ALP) <i>(Chair 06.12.13–20.12.13)</i>	14.11.13
Senator Joanna Lindgren (QLD, LP)	04.02.16
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	14.11.13
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	12.10.15

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 10.07.14–03.03.15)</i>	01.07.14–03.03.15
Senator Zed Seselja (ACT, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 05.12.13–01.07.14)</i>	02.12.13–01.07.14
Senator the Hon Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP) <i>(Chair 20.12.13–24.03.15)</i> <i>(Chair 15.11.13–06.12.13)</i>	14.11.13–24.03.15
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(Chair 14.05.15–12.11.15)</i>	13.05.15–12.11.15
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) <i>(Chair 01.04.15–13.05.15)</i>	26.03.15–13.05.15
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP)	02.12.13–12.10.15
Senator the Hon Lin Thorp (TAS, ALP)	14.11.13–30.06.14
Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos (NSW, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 05.03.15–12.10.15)</i>	03.03.15–12.10.15
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	02.12.13–04.02.16

<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	12.03.15–12.03.15
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	13.12.13–19.12.13

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Bilyk on 12 March 2015

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Lundy from 13 to 19 December 2013

Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	11.03.14–12.03.14
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	05.05.14–05.05.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) <sup>5</sup>	11.03.14–12.03.14
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) <sup>6</sup>	28.03.14–28.03.14

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Thorp on 11 and 12 March 2014  
<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Thorp on 5 May 2014  
<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Ludlam on 11 and 12 March 2014  
<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Ludlam on 28 March 2014



## **Inquiries**

*As at 01.01.2016*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
The Government's strategic review of the NBN, the outcome of the strategic review and the findings of the Government survey of the availability of broadband in Australia	14.11.2013	04.03.2016—Canberra 15.03.2016—Canberra	Final report tabled 04.05.2016	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)*



# **School Funding Investment**

## School Funding Investment

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
Select Committee	0	1	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	2	0	0:00	3	0:16	0	0:00	5	6:38

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

Witnesses						
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General
Select Committee	0	0	18	0	0	73
					No of Submissions	No Of Pages
					47	751
						Government Responses
						0

# Select Committee on School Funding Investment

*4 February 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 4 February 2016

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.02.16)</i>	04.02.16
Senator Glenn Lazarus (QLD, GLT) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.02.16)</i>	04.02.16
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	04.02.16
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	04.02.16
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	04.02.16
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	04.02.16

**Inquiries***As at 01.01.2016*

Nil

**New References***01.01.2016–09.05.2016*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 09.05.2015</i>
The effect of reduced Commonwealth funding for state and territory provided schools	04.02.2016	05.04.2016—Brisbane 08.04.2016—Canberra	Nil	Yes

**Government Responses***01.01.2016–09.05.2016*

Nil

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

**Scrutiny of Government  
Budget Measures**

*(formerly Abbott Government's  
Budget Cuts)*

## Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures

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
Select Committee	1	0	0 + (3*)	1

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	6	0	0:00	8	1:39	0	0:00	14	26:32

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

Witnesses						Hansard Pages			
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	0	0	50	0	0	252	40	316	1

\* Interim reports



# Select Committee into the Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures

*(formerly Abbott Government's Budget Cuts)<sup>1</sup>*

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 25 June 2014

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <i>(elected Chair 25.06.15)</i>	15.06.15
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected as Deputy Chair 01.03.16)</i>	25.02.16
Senator Sean Edwards (SA, LP)	12.10.15
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP)	26.06.14
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP)	15.03.16
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	17.07.14
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	26.06.14

<b>Substitute member</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	18.04.16

<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	23.02.16–15.03.16
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	17.07.14–23.02.16
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 10.07.14–25.02.16)</i>	26.06.14–25.02.16
Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG) <i>(Chair 10.07.14–15.06.15)</i>	07.07.14–15.06.15
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LP)	17.07.14–12.10.15

<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	08.03.16–08.03.16
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	21.03.16–30.04.16
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) and Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	11.03.16–11.03.16

<sup>1</sup> *Journals of the Senate*, 11 August 2015, p. 2900

<sup>2</sup> Replaces Senator Urquhart from 18 April to 10 May 2016

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart on 8 March 2016

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Lines from 21 March to 30 April 2016

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senators Urquhart and Lines on 11 March 2016

Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <sup>6</sup>	18.03.16–18.03.16
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <sup>7</sup>	21.03.16–10.04.16
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) <sup>8</sup>	12.12.14–12.12.14
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) <sup>9</sup>	12.12.14–12.12.14

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Singh on 18 March 2016  
<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart from 21 March to 10 April 2016  
<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator Di Natale on 12 December 2014  
<sup>9</sup> Replaced Senator Canavan on 12 December 2014

## Inquiries

*As at 01.01.2016*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
The effect of cuts or changes in the Commonwealth budget	25.06.2014	01.03.2016—Canberra 08.03.2016—Hobart 11.03.2016—Melbourne 07.04.2016—Canberra 14.04.2016—Hobart 27.04.2016—Canberra	Second interim report presented OOS 29.04.2016; tabled 02.05.2016 Third interim report tabled 03.05.2016 Fourth interim report tabled 03.05.2016	Yes

## New References

*01.01.2016–09.05.2016*

Nil

## Government Responses

*01.01.2016–09.05.2016*

- First interim report (tabled 04.02.2016; report tabled 04.02.2015)

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



# **Unconventional Gas Mining**



# Select Committee on Unconventional Gas Mining

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 12 November 2015

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Glenn Lazarus (QLD, GLT) <i>(appointed Chair 12.11.15)</i>	12.11.15
Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 09.12.15)</i>	12.11.15
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	23.02.16
Senator Joanna Lindgren (QLD, LP)	12.11.15
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	03.12.15
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG)	23.11.15

<b>Former member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	12.11.15–23.02.16

## **Inquiries**

*As at 01.01.2016*

	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2016–09.05.2016</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 09.05.2016</i>
The adequacy of Australia's legislative, regulatory and policy framework for unconventional gas mining including coal seam gas (CSG) and shale gas mining	12.11.2015	17.02.2016—Dalby, QLD 29.03.2016—Narrabri, NSW 12.04.2016—Darwin, NT	Interim report tabled 04.05.2016	Yes

## **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)*



## **Other Committees**

**1 January 2016 – 9 May 2016**

# Regulations and Ordinances (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23

## Current members

Senator John Williams (Chair), Senator Gavin Marshall (Deputy Chair), and Senator Claire Moore, Senator Nova Peris, Senator Linda Reynolds and Senator Zed Seselja

## Former Members

Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Senator Sam Dastyari and Senator Sean Edwards

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## Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises disallowable instruments of delegated legislation to ensure:

- that it is in accordance with the statute;
- that it does not trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- that it does not unduly make the rights and liberties of citizens dependent upon administrative decisions which are not subject to review of their merits by a judicial or other independent tribunal; and
- that it does not contain matter more appropriate for parliamentary enactment.

<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Report of the work of the committee 2014-15 (tabled 03.05.2016)  Report of the work of the committee 2013-14 (tabled 03.05.2016)
<b>Delegated legislation monitors tabled</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	No. 1 of 2016 (tabled 03.02.2016) No. 2 of 2016 (tabled 24.02.2016) No. 3 of 2016 (tabled 02.03.2016) No. 4 of 2016 (tabled 16.03.2016) No. 5 of 2016 (tabled 03.05.2016)
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private:      5 Briefings:    0 <b>Total:</b> 5
<b>No. of instruments scrutinised</b>	764
<b>Notices of motion to disallow</b>	9

<b>Notices withdrawn</b>	9
<b>Notices pending</b>	Nil

# Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## **Appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24

## **Current members**

Senator Helen Polley (Chair), Senator John Williams (Deputy Chair), Senator Cory Bernardi, Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan, Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig and Senator Rachel Siewert

## **Former members**

Senator Katy Gallagher and Senator the Hon Kate Lundy

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## **Principles of the committee**

The committee scrutinises bills and Acts of Parliament and reports to the Senate whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:

- trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
- inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

<b>New references</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Alert digests tabled</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	No. 1 of 2016 (tabled 03.02.2016) No. 2 of 2016 (tabled 24.02.2016) No. 3 of 2016 (tabled 02.03.2016) No. 4 of 2016 (tabled 16.03.2016) No. 5 of 2016 (tabled 03.05.2016)
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	First Report of 2016 (tabled 03.02.2016) Second Report of 2016 (tabled 24.02.2016) Third Report of 2016 (tabled 02.03.2016) Fourth Report of 2016 (tabled 16.03.2016) Fifth Report of 2016 (tabled 03.05.2016)

<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	<b>Private:</b> 5 <b>Briefings:</b> 0 <b>Total:</b> 5
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# Appropriations, Staffing and Security (Standing)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19

## Current members

The President (Senator the Hon Stephen Parry) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator Gavin Marshall), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon George Brandis), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator the Hon Penny Wong), and Senator Chris Back, Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins, Senator David Fawcett, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Senator John Madigan and Senator Anne McEwen

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## Role of the committee

The Standing Committee on Appropriations, Staffing and Security determines the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills and reports to the Senate on its determinations prior to the Senate's consideration of those bills. The committee also examines matters affecting the staffing and administration of the Department of the Senate, including proposals to vary the staffing structure, and other matters referred to it by the Senate. It makes an annual report to the Senate on the operations of the Senate's appropriations and staffing and related matters (Standing Order 19(3)). The committee has the explicit capacity to scrutinise security funding and administration and to advise the President and the Senate as appropriate. Under a resolution of the Senate agreed to in 1987 the committee also examines proposed changes in the structure and responsibilities of the parliamentary departments.

<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	1
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private:      0 Briefings:    0 <b>Total:</b> 0

## Chairs' (Standing)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

### Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25(10)

### Current members

Senator Gavin Marshall (Deputy President and Chair), and Senator Chris Back, Senator Cory Bernardi, Senator Sam Dastyari, Senator Sean Edwards, Senator Alex Gallacher, Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan, Senator Chris Ketter, Senator Glenn Lazarus, Senator Sue Lines, Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald, Senator Jenny McAllister, Senator Bridget McKenzie, Senator Linda Reynolds, Senator Zed Seselja, Senator Rachel Siewert, Senator Glenn Sterle, Senator Anne Urquhart, Senator Zhenya Wang and Senator Peter Whish-Wilson

### Former members

Senator Sam Dastyari (*Economics References Committee*), Senator Katy Gallagher, Senator David Leyonhjelm, Senator John Madigan, Senator the Hon Jan McLucas, Senator Deborah O'Neill and Senator the Hon Anne Ruston

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<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 0 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 0

## House (Standing)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

### Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21

### Current members

The President (Senator the Hon Stephen Parry) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator Gavin Marshall), and Senator Carol Brown, Senator David Bushby, Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins, Senator Anne McEwen and Senator Dean Smith

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<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 1 Public: 0 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 1



# Privileges (Standing)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18

## Current members

Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins (Chair), Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Deputy Chair), Senator the Hon Eric Abetz, Senator Scott Ludlam, Senator Anne McEwen, Senator Bridget McKenzie, Senator Dean Smith and Senator Anne Urquhart

## Former members

Senator the Hon John Faulkner, Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson and Senator the Hon Anne Ruston

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<b>New references</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Possible disobedience, without reasonable excuse, of a lawful order of the Senate
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	162 <sup>nd</sup> Report— Possible false or misleading evidence given to the former Nauru select committee (tabled 04.05.2016)
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 3 Briefings: 0 <b>Total: 3</b>

# Procedure (Standing)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17

## Current members

The Deputy President (Senator Gavin Marshall) (Chair), the President (Senator the Hon Stephen Parry), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon George Brandis), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator the Hon Penny Wong), Senator David Bushby, Senator Anne McEwen, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Senator Claire Moore, Senator Rachel Siewert and Senator Dean Smith

## Former members

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<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Various matters referred by the President pursuant to standing order 17(3)
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 1 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 1

## Publications (Standing)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

### Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22

### Current members

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<b>Public hearings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	21 <sup>st</sup> Report (tabled 04.02.2016) 22 <sup>nd</sup> Report (tabled 03.03.2016) 23 <sup>rd</sup> Report (tabled 17.03.2016) 24 <sup>th</sup> Report (tabled 04.05.2016)
<b>Government response</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 4* Briefings: 1 <b>Total:</b> 5

\* Three meetings were held as a joint committee with a similar committee of the House of Representatives. The Senate Publications Committee met on one occasion.

## Selection of Bills (Standing)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

### Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24A

### Current members

The Government Whip (Senator David Bushby) (Chair), the Opposition Whip (Senator Anne McEwen), the Nationals Whip (Senator Barry O'Sullivan), the Australian Greens Whip (Senator Rachel Siewert), the Palmer United Party Whip (Senator Zhenya Wang), Senator Catryna Bilyk, Senator David Fawcett, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield and Senator Claire Moore

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<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Report Nos 1 to 4 of 2016
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 4 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 4

# Senators' Interests (Standing)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A

## Current members

Senator Catryna Bilyk (Chair), Senator Cory Bernardi, Senator David Bushby, Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator the Hon David Johnston, Senator Sue Lines, Senator Gavin Marshall and Senator Deborah O'Neill

## Former members

Senator the Hon John Faulkner and Senator the Hon Anne Ruston

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<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Register of Senators' Interests</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 1 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 1

## Electoral Matters (Joint)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

### Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 21 November 2013 and agreed to by the Senate on 2 December 2013; and amended by the Senate on 4 December 2013 and agreed by the House on 5 December 2013

### Current members

Mr Scott Buchholz MP (Chair), the Hon Alan Griffin MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Carol Brown, Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy, Mr Ian Goodenough MP, the Hon Gary Gray MP, Senator Barry O'Sullivan, Mr Tony Pasin MP, Senator Linda Reynolds and Senator Lee Rhiannon

### Former members

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<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Inquiry into Electoral Education Inquiry into Campaigning Inquiry into Political Donations
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016 (tabled 02.03.2016)
<b>Government responses</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 9 Public hearings: 2 <b>Total:</b> 11

# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 21 November 2013 and agreed to by the Senate on 2 December 2013

## Current members

The Hon Teresa Gambaro MP (Chair), Mr Nick Champion MP (Deputy Chair), the Hon Bob Baldwin MP, the Hon Michael Danby MP, Senator Sean Edwards, Senator David Fawcett, the Hon David Feeney MP, Mr Laurie Ferguson MP, Senator Alex Gallacher, the Hon Alan Griffin MP, Mrs Natasha Griggs MP, Mr Andrew Hastie MP, Dr Dennis Jensen MP, Mr Craig Kelly MP, Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig, Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald, the Hon Richard Marles MP, Senator Anne McEwen, Senator Bridget McKenzie, Mr Andrew Nikolic MP, Senator Deborah O'Neill, the Hon Melissa Parke MP, Senator Linda Reynolds, the Hon Philip Ruddock MP, the Hon Bruce Scott MP, Senator the Hon Lisa Singh, the Hon Dr Sharman Stone MP, Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP, Mr Nickolas Varvaris MP, Senator Peter Whish-Wilson, Mr Matt Williams MP and Senator Nick Xenophon

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	4
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	3
<b>Government responses</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	1
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 28 Public Hearings: 11 Briefings: 19 Inspections: 0 <b>Total:</b> 41*

*\*The sum of individual meetings does not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections), briefings and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee*

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# Migration (Joint)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 21 November 2013 and the Senate on 2 December 2013

## Current members

Mrs Louise Markus MP (Chair), Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP (Deputy Chair), the Hon Kevin Andrews MP, Senator Chris Back, Senator Sam Dastyari, Senator Sean Edwards, Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Mr Craig Kelly MP, the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP, Mr Tony Zappia MP

## Former member

The Hon Craig Laundry MP

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	1
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	1
<b>Government responses</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	0
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 5 Public: 3 Briefings: 0 Inspections: 0 <b>Total:</b> 5*

\* The sum of individual meetings does not equal the total, as private meetings (including inspections), briefings and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee



# National Capital and External Territories (Joint)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 21 November 2013 and agreed to by the Senate on 2 December 2013

## Current members

Mr Luke Simpkins MP (Chair), Senator Carol Brown (Deputy Chair), Deputy President (Senator Gavin Marshall), Deputy Speaker (the Hon Bruce Scott MP), Senator Chris Back, the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, Ms Gai Brodtmann MP, Senator Katy Gallagher, Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator Zed Seselja, Mr Ross Vasta MP and the Hon Warren Snowdon MP

## Former members

Senator Helen Kroger, Senator the Hon Kate Lundy, Senator the Hon Stephen Parry, Senator Nova Peris, and Mrs Natasha Griggs MP

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Governance in the Indian Ocean Territories - Final report: Economic Development and Governance (tabled 15.03.2016)
<b>Government responses</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 5 Briefings: 1 Public: 0 <b>Total:</b> 5*

\* The sum of individual meetings does not equal the total, as private meetings and briefings are sometimes grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee

# Northern Australia (Joint Select)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 21 November 2013 and agreed to by the Senate on 4 December 2013

## Current members

The Hon Warren Entsch MP (Chair), the Hon Alannah MacTiernan MP (Deputy Chair), Mr George Christensen MP, the Hon Gary Gray MP, Mrs Natasha Griggs MP, Senator Joanna Lindgren, Senator the Hon Jan McLucas, Senator Deborah O'Neill, Ms Melissa Price MP, Senator Rachel Siewert, Senator Dean Smith, and the Hon Warren Snowdon MP

## Former member

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<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Inquiry into Opportunities for Expanding Aquaculture in Northern Australia  Inquiry into the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Bill 2016
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Advisory Report on the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Bill 2016 (presented out of session 14.04.2016)  Scaling Up: Inquiry into Opportunities for Expanding Aquaculture in Northern Australia (tabled 22.02.2016)
<b>Government responses</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 5 Public: 1 <b>Total:</b> 6

# Parliamentary Library (Joint)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## **Appointment**

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 21 November 2013 and agreed to by the Senate on 2 December 2013

## **Current members**

Ms Gai Brodtmann MP (Joint Chair), Senator Zed Seselja (Joint Chair), Senator Chris Back, Mr Russell Broadbent MP, the Hon Michael Danby MP, Ms Jill Hall MP, Mr Steve Irons MP, Senator Joanna Lindgren, Senator Sue Lines, Senator Claire Moore and Mr Rick Wilson MP

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<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	<b>Private:</b> 1
	<b>Public:</b> 0
	<b>Total:</b> 1

# Trade and Investment Growth (Joint Select)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the Senate of 4 September 2014 and agreed to by the House of Representatives on 23 September 2014

## Current members

Mr Ken O'Dowd MP (Chair), Mr Pat Conroy MP (Deputy Chair), the Hon Bruce Billson MP, Ms Terri Butler MP, Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig, Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald, Mr Clive Palmer MP, Mr Tony Pasin MP, Senator Dean Smith and Senator Zhenya Wang

## Former members

Senator Joe Bullock, Dr Jim Chalmers MP, Senator Glenn Lazarus and the Hon Angus Taylor MP

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<b>Current inquiry</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Inquiry into Australia's Future in Research and Innovation
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Report on the Inquiry into Australia's Future in Research and Innovation (tabled 03.05.2016)
<b>Government responses</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Australian Government response to the Joint Select Committee on Trade and Investment Growth report: Inquiry into Business Utilisation of Australia's Free Trade Agreements –18 March 2016
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 2 Public: 6 <b>Total:</b> 8

# Treaties (Joint)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 21 November 2013 and the Senate on 2 December 2013

## Current members

The Hon Luke Hartsuyker MP (Chair), the Hon Kelvin Thomson MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Chris Back, Senator David Fawcett, Senator the Hon David Johnston, Senator Sue Lines, Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig, Mr Ken O'Dowd MP, the Hon Melissa Parke MP, Ms Melissa Price MP, Senator Glenn Sterle, Mr Tim Watts MP, Senator Peter Whish-Wilson, Mr Brett Whiteley MP, Mrs Lucy Wicks MP and Mr Matt Williams MP

## Former members

Mr Andrew Broad MP, Dr Dennis Jensen MP, Senator Scott Ludlam, Senator the Hon James McGrath, the Hon Wyatt Roy MP, the Hon Sharman Stone MP and the Hon Angus Taylor MP

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Treaties tabled on 1 December 2015 Treaties tabled on 3 December 2015 Treaties tabled on 2 February 2016 Treaties tabled on 9 February 2016 Treaty tabled on 2 March 2016 Treaties tabled on 15 March 2016 Treaties tabled on 4 May 2016
<b>Documents tabled</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Report 158 – Treaty tabled on 10 November 2015 (tabled 22.02.2016) Report 159 - Treaty tabled on 1 December 2015 (tabled 15.03.2016) Report 160 - A history of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties: 20 years (tabled 15.03.2016) Report 161 - Treaties tabled on 1 December 2015, 3 December 2015 and 2 February 2016 (tabled 04.05.2016) Report 162 - 20th Anniversary Seminar (tabled 04.05.2016)
<b>Government responses</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Report 154 - Treaty tabled on 17 June 2015

<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 4 Public: 4 Briefings: 0 <b>Total: 8</b>
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# Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings (Joint Statutory)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## **Appointment**

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*

## **Current members**

The Speaker (the Hon Tony Smith MP), the President (Senator the Hon Stephen Parry), the Hon Sharon Bird MP, Mr Mark Coulton MP, the Hon Alan Griffin MP, Ms Sarah Henderson MP, Senator Gavin Marshall and the Hon Dan Tehan MP

## **Former members**

The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, Senator the Hon John Hogg and Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens

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<b>Documents tabled</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 0 Public: 0 <b>Total:</b> 0

# Human Rights (Joint Statutory)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Appointment

Pursuant to *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*

## Current members

The Hon Philip Ruddock MP (Chair), Mr Laurie Ferguson MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Carol Brown, Dr David Gillespie MP, Ms Cathy McGowan MP, Senator Nick McKim, Senator Claire Moore, Senator James Paterson, Senator Dean Smith and Mr Michael Sukkar MP

## Former members

Senator Sue Boyce, Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Mr Andrew Laming MP, Senator the Hon Kate Lundy, Senator Barry O'Sullivan, Mr Tony Pasin MP, Ms Michelle Rowland MP, Ms Fiona Scott MP, Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens, Senator Penny Wright and the Hon Ken Wyatt MP

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	<p>Thirty-third report of the 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament: Human rights scrutiny report (tabled 02.02.2016)</p> <p>Thirty-fourth report of the 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament: Human rights scrutiny report (tabled 23.02.2016)</p> <p>Thirty-fifth report of the 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament: Human rights scrutiny report (tabled 25.02.2016)</p> <p>Thirty-sixth report of the 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament: Human rights scrutiny report (tabled 16.03.2016)</p> <p>Review of Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012 and related legislation (tabled 16.03.2016)</p> <p>Thirty-seventh report of the 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament: Human rights scrutiny report (tabled 02.05.2016)</p> <p>Thirty-eighth report of the 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament: Human rights scrutiny report (tabled 03.05.2016)</p> <p>Annual Report 2013-2014 (tabled 03.05.2016)</p>
<b>Government responses</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Nil
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	<p>Private: 6</p> <p>Public: 0</p> <p>Briefings: 0</p> <p><b>Total:</b> 6</p>



# Intelligence and Security (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

## Appointment

Pursuant to the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*

## Current members

Mr Andrew Nikolic MP (Chair), the Hon Anthony Byrne MP (Deputy Chair), Senator David Bushby, Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy, the Hon Mark Dreyfus MP, Senator David Fawcett, Senator Katy Gallagher, the Hon Philip Ruddock MP, the Hon Bruce Scott MP, Senator the Hon Penny Wong and Mr Jason Wood MP

## Former members

Senator Mark Bishop, the Hon Jason Clare MP, Senator Alan Eggleston, Senator the Hon John Faulkner, Senator the Hon Joseph Ludwig, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, the Hon Dan Tehan MP and Senator John Williams

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Review of Administration and Expenditure No.14 (2014-15)
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Advisory report on the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2015
<b>Government responses received</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Review of the re-listing of Al Shabaab, Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), Lashkar-e-Tayyiba and Palestinian Islamic Jihad as terrorist organisations (presented 03.05.2016)
<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private (meetings): 6 Public (hearings): 0 In camera (hearings): 0 Classified hearings: 4 Briefings: 3 <b>Total:</b> 13*

\* Private meetings that have been followed by a hearing or briefing are counted as a single meeting of the committee

# Public Accounts and Audit (Joint Statutory)

*1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016*

## Appointment

Pursuant to *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*

## Current members

The Hon Ian Macfarlane MP (Chair), Mr Pat Conroy MP (Deputy Chair), the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Senator Cory Bernardi, Ms Gai Brodtmann MP, Mr Andrew Giles MP, Dr David Gillespie MP, Senator Chris Ketter, Senator Jenny McAllister, Senator Bridget McKenzie and Senator Dean Smith

## Former members

Senator Katy Gallagher, the Hon Peter Hendy MP, the Hon Craig Laundy MP, Senator the Hon Kate Lundy, the Hon Jane Prentice MP, Dr Andrew Southcott MP, Mr Michael Sukkar MP, the Hon Angus Taylor MP, Mr Tim Watts MP and the Hon Ken Wyatt MP

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<p><b>Current inquiries</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i></p>	<p>Defence sustainment</p>
<p><b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i></p>	<p>Report 454: Early Years Quality Fund (22.02.2016)            Report 455: Parliamentary Delegation to New Zealand and Fiji by Members of the JCPAA (22.02.2016)            Statement on the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office (03.05.2016)            Report 456: Defence Major Equipment Procurement and Evaluation, and Great Barrier Reef Regulation (05.05.2016)            Report 457: Development of Commonwealth Performance Framework – Second Report (05.05.2016)            Report 458: Defence Major Projects Report (2014-15) (05.05.2016)</p>
<p><b>Government responses received</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i></p>	<p>Report 449 - AG Reports 1-23 2014-15            Rec 1 – ANAO – 11.02.2016            Rec 2 – ANAO – 11.02.2016            Rec 3 – Finance – 22.02.2016            Rec 4 – ANAO – 11.02.2016            Rec 5 – ANAO – 11.02.2016            Rec 6 – Defence – 09.02.2016            Rec 7 – Immigration – 10.02.2016            Rec 8 – ANAO – 11.02.2016</p>

<b>Meetings</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Private: 2
	Public: 4
	Briefings: 1
	<b>Total:</b> 7

# Public Works (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2016 to 9 May 2016

## Appointment

Pursuant to *Public Works Act 1969*

## Current members

Senator Dean Smith (Chair), Mr Graham Perrett MP (Deputy Chair), Ms Sharon Claydon MP, Senator Alex Gallacher, Mr Ian Goodenough MP, Ms Joanne Ryan MP, Ms Fiona Scott MP, Dr Andrew Southcott MP, and Senator John Williams

## Former members

The Hon Karen Andrews MP, Senator Sue Boyce, Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan, Senator Barry O'Sullivan, Senator the Hon Anne Ruston

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	Australian Chancery Project Paris, France - Base Building Refurbishment, International Energy Agency Tenancy Fit-out
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>1 January 2016–9 May 2016</i>	<p>Report 1/2016 Referrals made September, October and November 2015; Land 121 – Unit Sustainment Facilities Project; Fit-out of existing leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office located in Northbridge, WA; Australian Chancery Project Paris, France - Base Building Refurbishment, International Energy Agency Tenancy Fit-out (tabled 10.02.2016)</p> <p>Report 2/2016 Referral made September 2015; AIR 5431 Phases 2 and 3 Air Traffic Management and Control System Facilities and Australian Defence Force Air Traffic Control Complex Infrastructure (tabled 23.02.2016)</p> <p>Seventy-ninth Annual Report (2015) (tabled 15.03.2016)</p> <p>Report 3/2016 Referral made February 2016; Fit-out of the Australian Embassy in Doha, Qatar (tabled 17.03.2016)</p> <p>Report 4/2016 Referrals made February and March 2016; Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office located in Gosford, NSW; Puckapunyal Military Area High Voltage Power Supply Upgrade, Puckapunyal, Vic; AIR 5428 Phase 1 – Pilot Training System Facilities Project; Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Waste Management Facilities' Extension and Upgrade (tabled 03.05.2016)</p>

	<p>Report 5/2016 Referral made March 2016; Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Federal Police at 45 Commercial Road, Newstead, Queensland (tabled 03.05.2016)</p> <p>Report 6/2016 Referral made March 2016; C-17 Maintenance Facility, Aircraft Apron and Associated Infrastructure Project, RAAF Base Amberley, Queensland (tabled 03.05.2016)</p>
<p><b>Meetings</b> 1 January 2016–9 May 2016</p>	<p>Private: 17 Public: 7 Inspections: 0 <b>Total:</b> 17*</p>

*\* The sum of individual meetings does not equal the total, as private meetings (including private briefings, inspections and in-camera hearings) and public hearings held on the same day are often grouped and counted as a single meeting of the Committee*



**Committee-related  
activity in the chamber**

**1 January 2016 – 9 May 2016**





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

### **Matters Referred to Committees**

During the reporting period, 33 matters were referred to Senate Committees for inquiry and report (including 17 Individual/Packages of Bills referred through the Selection of Bills Committee, 13 matters referred to References committees, 2 Select Committees established and 1 matter adopted by a Legislation committee). The details are as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>Date Referred (Daily Total)</b>
<b>FPA (Ref)</b>	Commonwealth paper procurement procedures (for inquiry and report by 23 June 2016)	02.02.2016 (4)
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Commercial use of bumblebees in Tasmania (for inquiry and report by 22 June 2016)	
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Medical complaints process in Australia (for inquiry and report by 23 June 2016)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Carbon risk disclosure (for inquiry and report by 22 June 2016)	
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	A nationally-consistent approach to alcohol-fuelled violence (for inquiry and report by 30 June 2016)	03.02.2016 (1)
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Australian Crime Commission Amendment (National Policing Information) Bill 2015 [Provisions] and the Australian Crime Commission (National Policing Information Charges) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2016)	04.02.2016 (7)
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	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] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 15 March 2016)	
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2016)	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>Date Referred (Daily Total)</b>
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015 [Provisions], the Income Tax Rates Amendment (Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015 [Provisions], the Medicare Levy Amendment (Attribution Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015 [Provisions] and the Income Tax (Attribution Managed Investment Trusts—Offsets) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2016)	04.02.2016 <i>Continued</i>
<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>	Water Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2016)	
<b>SFI (Select)</b>	The effect of reduced Commonwealth funding for state and territory provided schools (for inquiry and report by 30 August 2016)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Causes and consequences of the collapse of listed retailers in Australia (for inquiry and report by 12 May 2016)	
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight (for inquiry and report by 12 May 2016)	22.02.2016 (1)
<b>NIC (Select)</b>	The adequacy of the Australian Government's legislative, institutional and policy framework in addressing all facets of institutional, organisational, political and electoral, and individual corruption and misconduct (for inquiry and report by 22 September 2016)	24.02.2016 (1)
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Corporations Amendment (Life Insurance Remuneration Arrangements) Bill 2016 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 15 March 2016)	25.02.2016 (4)
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 16 March 2016)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2016)	
<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>	Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 11 May 2016)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Anti-competitive conduct in the retail wine industry and ACCC's role (adopted by the committee for inquiry and report by 30 September 2016)	26.02.2016 (1)

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>Date Referred (Daily Total)</b>
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Australian Defence Force's resistance to interrogation training (for inquiry and report by 10 May 2016)	29.02.2016 (1)
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2016)	03.03.2016 (4)
<b>FPA (Leg)</b>	Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 17 June 2016)	
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity) Bill 2016 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 20 June 2016)	
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Interest Charge) Bill 2016 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 20 June 2016)	
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	Australia's rail industry (for inquiry and report by 25 August 2016)	16.03.2016 (1)
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Customs and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 20 June 2016)	17.03.2016 (6)
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Australian Workers) Bill 2016 (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2016)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2016)	
<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>	Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2016 [Provisions] (through the Selection of Bills Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2016)	
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Recent fires in remote Tasmanian wilderness affecting the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (for inquiry and report by 30 May 2016)	
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Partial suspension of sanctions against Iran (for inquiry and report by 11 May 2016)	

Committee	Inquiry	Date Referred (Daily Total)
<b>FPA (Ref)</b>	Outcomes of the 42nd meeting of the Council of Australian Governments held on 1 April 2016 (for inquiry and report by 4 May 2016)	19.04.2016 (2)
<b>FPA (Ref)</b>	Commonwealth legislative provisions relating to oversight of associated entities of political parties (for inquiry and report by 4 May 2016)	

## Reports tabled by Senate Committees

During the reporting period, committees supported by the Senate Committee Office tabled/presented 96 reports (including 29 Legislation committee reports, 52 References committee reports and 15 Joint/Select committee reports). The details are as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Date Tabled (Daily Total)</b>
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Structure and development of forestry managed investment schemes (MIS)—Interim report (presented OOS 16.12.2015)	02.02.2016 (5)
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Interest rates and informed choice in the Australian credit card market (presented OOS 16.12.2015)	
<b>EE (Ref)</b>	Access to real learning: the impact of policy, funding and culture on students with disability (presented OOS 15.01.2016)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Scrutiny of financial advice—Interim report (presented OOS 01.02.2016)	
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	*Increasing use of so-called Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia—Interim report	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Courts Administration Legislation Amendment Bill 2015	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Crimes Legislation Amendment (Proceeds of Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	03.02.2016 (2)
<b>FPA (Leg)</b>	Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2015) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	*Firefighting foam contamination: Part A – RAAF Base Williamtown	04.02.2016 (4)
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	* Foreign investment review framework—Interim report	
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Fair Work Amendment (Remaining 2014 Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (presented OOS 18.02.2016)	22.02.2016 (4)

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Date Tabled (Daily Total)</b>
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	Australian grape and wine industry (presented OOS 12.02.2016)	22.02.2016 <i>Continued</i>
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Access Regime and NBN Companies) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Family Law Amendment (Financial Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2015	24.02.2016 (2)
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Scrutiny of Financial Advice Part 1—Land banking: a ticking time bomb	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Migration Legislation Amendment (Cessation of Visa Labels) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	25.02.2016 (3)
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	Phenomenon colloquially referred to as 'revenge porn'	
<b>EE (Ref)</b>	Feasibility of, and options for, creating a national long service standard, and the portability of long service and other entitlements	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2015 [Provisions]	01.03.2016 (2)
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2015 [Provisions]	
<b>FPA (Leg)</b>	Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015	02.03.2016 (1)
<b>ACLEI (Joint)</b>	Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2014–15	03.03.2016 (1)
<b>CA (Leg)</b>	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (presented OOS 10.03.2016)	15.03.2016 (9)
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016 [Provisions] (presented OOS 10.03.2016)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015 and related bills [Provisions] (presented OOS 10.03.2016)	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Date Tabled (Daily Total)</b>
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Agribusiness managed investment schemes: Bitter harvest (presented OOS 11.03.2016)	15.03.2016 <i>Continued</i>
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	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] (presented OOS 11.03.2016)	
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Australian Crime Commission Amendment (National Policing Information) Bill 2015 [Provisions] and the Australian Crime Commission (National Policing Information Charges) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (presented OOS 10.03.2016)	
<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>	Water Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (presented OOS 10.03.2016)	
<b>ECO (Leg)</b>	Corporations Amendment (Life Insurance Remuneration Arrangements) Bill 2016 [Provisions]	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015	
<b>FPA (Leg)</b>	Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015	17.03.2016 (7)
<b>LCA (Leg)</b>	Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016 [Provisions]	
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Mental health of Australian Defence Force members and veterans	
<b>FPA (Ref)</b>	Commonwealth Indigenous Advancement Strategy tendering processes	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms	
<b>Murray-Darling (Select)</b>	Refreshing the Plan	
<b>EE (Ref)</b>	A National Disgrace: The Exploitation of Temporary Work Visa Holders	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Foreign investment review framework (presented OOS 08.04.2016)	18.04.2016 (7)

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Date Tabled (Daily Total)</b>
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Bauxite resources near Aurukun in Cape York—Interim report (presented OOS 24.03.2016)	18.04.2016 <i>Continued</i>
<b>EE (Leg)</b>	Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015 [Provisions] (presented OOS 04.04.2016)	
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	*Environmental, social and economic impacts of large-capacity fishing vessels commonly known as ‘Supertrawlers’ operating in Australia’s Marine Jurisdiction—Interim report (presented OOS 31.03.2016)	
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	* Threat of marine plastic pollution in Australia and Australian Waters—First interim report (presented OOS 31.03.2016)	
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	* Threat of marine plastic pollution in Australia and Australian Waters—Second interim report (presented OOS 12.04.2016)	
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Capability of Defence’s physical science and engineering workforce (presented OOS 01.04.2016)	
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	Use of smoke alarms to prevent smoke and fire related deaths (presented OOS 20.04.2016)	02.05.2016 (13)
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Toxic tide: the threat of marine plastic pollution in Australia (presented OOS 20.04.2016)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Corporate tax avoidance – Part II: Gaming the system (presented OOS 22.04.2016)	
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	*Operations of Defence Housing Australia—Interim report (presented OOS 22.04.2016)	
<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>	Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2016 [Provisions] (presented OOS 22.04.2016)	
<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>	Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016 [Provisions] (presented OOS 22.04.2016)	
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	* Decision-making process for the Perth Freight Link project—Interim report (presented OOS 22.04.2016)	
<b>Health (Select)</b>	*Fifth interim report— Black lung: ‘It has buggered my life’ (presented OOS 28.04.2016)	



<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Date Tabled (Daily Total)</b>
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Foreign investment review framework—Supplementary report (presented OOS 28.04.2016)	02.05.2016 <i>Continued</i>
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	‘A husband is not a retirement plan’ – Achieving economic security for women in retirement (presented OOS 29.04.2016)	
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Game on: more than playing around – The future of Australia’s video game development industry (presented OOS 29.04.2016)	
<b>FPA (Ref)</b>	*Commonwealth legislative provisions relating to oversight of associated entities of political parties—Interim report (presented OOS 29.04.2016)	
<b>Budget Measures (Select)</b>	*Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures—Second interim report (presented OOS 29.04.2016)	
<b>Budget Measures (Select)</b>	* Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures—Third interim report	03.05.2016 (7)
<b>Budget Measures (Select)</b>	* Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures—Fourth interim report	
<b>NIC (Select)</b>	*Establishment of a National Integrity Commission—Interim report	
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	* Future role and contribution of regional capitals to Australia—Interim report	
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	* Increasing use of so-called Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia—Second interim report	
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	* Aspects of road safety in Australia—Interim report	
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	Decision to commit funding to the Perth Freight Link project	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Non-conforming building products: Safety-‘not a matter of good luck’—Interim report	04.05.2016 (18)
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Personal choice and community impacts—Interim report	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Personal choice and community impacts—Interim report: Sale and use of marijuana and associated products (term of reference c)	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Date Tabled (Daily Total)</b>
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Personal choice and community impacts—Interim report: Bicycle helmet laws (term of reference d)	04.05.2016 <i>Continued</i>
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Personal choice and community impacts—Interim report: Western Sydney Wanderers Supporters (term of reference f)	
<b>Health (Select)</b>	*Sixth interim report—Big health data: Australia's big potential	
<b>Gas Mining (Select)</b>	*Interim report	
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	*Growing evidence of an emerging tick-borne disease that causes a Lyme-like illness for many Australian patients—Interim report	
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	Examination of the 2014-15 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	
<b>CFS (Joint)</b>	Impairment of Customer Loans	
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Delivery and effectiveness of Australia's bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea	
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Firefighting foam contamination: Part B – Army Aviation Centre Oakey and other Commonwealth, state and territory sites	
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Partial suspension of sanctions against Iran	
<b>FPA (Ref)</b>	Outcomes of the 42 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Council of Australian Governments held on 1 April 2016	
<b>FPA (Ref)</b>	Commonwealth legislative provisions relating to oversight of associated entities of political parties—Final report	
<b>NBN (Select)</b>	Final report	
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	*Effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector—Interim report	
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	*Payment of cash or other inducements by the Commonwealth of Australia in exchange for the turn back of asylum seeker boats—Interim report	
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	*Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015—Interim report (presented OOS 05.05.2016)	<i>Presented OOS (11)</i>

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Date Tabled (Daily Total)</b>
<b>EC (Leg)</b>	Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016 [Provisions] (presented OOS 05.05.2016)	<i>Presented OOS Continued (11)</i>
<b>Health (Select)</b>	Hospital funding cuts: the perfect storm—The demolition of Federal-State health relations 2014-2016—Final Report (presented OOS 05.05.2016)	
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	*Conditions and treatment of asylum seekers and refugees at the regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea—Interim report (presented OOS 05.05.2016)	
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	Establishment of a national registration system for Australian paramedics to improve and ensure patient and community safety (presented OOS 05.05.2016)	
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	*Need for a nationally-consistent approach to alcohol-fuelled violence—Interim report (presented OOS 05.05.2016)	
<b>NDIS (Joint)</b>	*Accommodation for people with disabilities and the NDIS (tabled in HoR 05.05.2016)	
<b>ACLEI (Joint)</b>	Inquiry into the jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (tabled in HoR 05.05.2016)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Personal choice and community impacts—Interim report: the classification of publications, films and computer games (term of reference e) (presented OOS 06.05.2016)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Personal choice and community impacts—Interim report: the sale and use of tobacco, tobacco products, nicotine products and e-cigarettes (term of reference a) (presented OOS 06.05.2016)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	*Personal choice and community impacts—Interim report: sale and service of alcohol (term of reference b) (presented OOS 06.05.2016)	

\* *Reports that did not discharge a reference*

***Estimates reports:***

There were 8 reports tabled during the reporting period.

***Reports on Annual Reports:***

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

## Government Responses to Committee Reports

During the reporting period, 22 Government responses to Senate Committee Reports were tabled/presented. The details are as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Government Response</b>	<b>Date Tabled (Daily Total)</b>
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Grandparents who take primary responsibility for raising their grandchildren (presented OOS 15.01.2016; report tabled 29.10.2014)	02.02.2016 (4)
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	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; report tabled 16.09.2015)	
<b>Nauru (Select)</b>	Taking responsibility: conditions and circumstances at Australia's regional processing centre in Nauru (presented OOS 15.01.2016; report tabled 31.08.2015)	
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Blind agreement: reforming Australia's treaty-making process (report tabled 25.06.2015)	
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	Work undertaken by the Australian Federal Police's Oil for Food Taskforce (report tabled 24.03.2015)	03.02.2016 (1)
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Australia's future activities and responsibilities in the Southern Ocean and Antarctic waters (report tabled 29.10.2014)	04.02.2016 (3)
<b>FPA (Leg)</b>	Report on annual reports referred to legislation committees (No. 1 of 2015) (report tabled 17.03.2015)	
<b>Budget Measures (Select)</b>	First interim report (report tabled 04.02.2015)	
<b>LE (Joint)</b>	Examination of the annual report of the Australian Federal Police 2013-14 (report tabled 14.09.2015)	23.02.2016 (1)
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Need for a national approach to retail leasing arrangements (report tabled 18.03.2015)	24.02.2016 (1)
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	The potential use by the Australian Defence Force of unmanned air, maritime and land platforms (report tabled 25.06.2015)	03.03.2016 (1)
<b>NDIS (Joint)</b>	Second progress report on the implementation and administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (report tabled 12.11.2015)	17.03.2016 (1)
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Management of the Great Barrier Reef (presented OOS 14.04.2016; report tabled 03.09.2014)	18.04.2016 (3)

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Government Response</b>	<b>Date Tabled (Daily Total)</b>
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (presented OOS 08.04.2016; report tabled 06.11.2015)	18.04.2016 <i>Continued</i>
<b>FADT (Ref)</b>	Inquiry into firefighting foam contamination: Part A - RAAF Base Williamtown (presented OOS 15.04.2016; report tabled 04.02.2016)	
<b>EC (Ref)</b>	Performance and management of electricity network companies (presented OOS 27.04.2016; report tabled 05.06.2015)	02.05.2016 (1)
<b>LCA (Ref)</b>	Impact of the 2014 and 2015 Commonwealth Budget decisions on the Arts (report tabled 02.12.2015)	04.05.2016 (1)
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Digital currency—game changer or bit player (report tabled 04.08.2015)	<i>Presented OOS</i> (5)
<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>	Voice for Animals (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2015 (presented OOS 05.05.2016; report tabled 15.10.2015)	
<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>	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)	
<b>CA (Ref)</b>	Palliative care in Australia (presented OOS 06.05.2016; report tabled 10.10.2012)	
<b>ECO (Ref)</b>	Interest rates and informed choice in the Australian credit card market (presented OOS 06.05.2016; report tabled 16.12.2015)	

## Additional Comments, Dissenting Reports, Minority Reports and Supplementary Reports\*

<i>Legislation</i>	<i>LP/NAT</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>Minor Parties</i>	<i>Multi-Party</i>
Additional Comments	2	5				
Dissenting Reports		12	17		1	
Minority Reports						
Supplementary Reports						
<i>References</i>	<i>LP/NAT</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>Minor Parties</i>	<i>Multi-Party</i>
Additional Comments	10	1	11	2	5	1
Dissenting Reports	16		2	1		
Minority Reports						
<i>Select/Joint</i>	<i>LP/NAT</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>Minor Parties</i>	<i>Multi-Party</i>
Additional Comments	2	2	1		1	
Dissenting Reports	2	2	1	2		
Minority Reports						

\*These statistics record the signatory to the reports

LP/NAT (Liberal Party, National Party), ALP (Australian Labor Party), AG (Australian Greens), IND (Independent), minor parties include Palmer United Party, Liberal Democratic Party, Family First Party, Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party and Glenn Lazarus Team.

### Extension of Time to present Reports

During the reporting period, there were 47 extensions of time: (5 of one week or less; 16 of over a week; 26 of over a month)—granted to a committee administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports.

### Leave to meet while the Senate is in session

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted leave to meet while the Senate was in session on 51 occasions.

### Appointment of Committees

The Select Committee on School Funding Investment was appointed on 4 February 2016.

The Select Committee on the establishment of a National Integrity Commission was appointed on 24 February 2016.

### Change of Committee Name

Nil