

**Other Committees**  
**1 January 2017–30 June 2017**



# Regulations and Ordinances (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

*1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23

## Current members

Senator John Williams (Chair), Senator Gavin Marshall (Deputy Chair), Senator Anthony Chisholm, Senator Jane Hume, Senator Linda Reynolds and Senator the Hon Lisa Singh

## Former members

Senator Claire Moore

## Secretary

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## Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises each disallowable instrument 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>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	0
<b>Delegated legislation monitors tabled</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	7
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	7
<b>No. of instruments scrutinised</b>	818
<b>Notices of motion to disallow</b>	6
<b>Notices withdrawn</b>	5
<b>Notices pending</b>	1

# Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

*1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24

## Current members

Senator Helen Polley (Chair), Senator John Williams (Deputy Chair), Senator Cory Bernardi, Senator Jonathon Duniham, Senator Janet Rice and Senator Murray Watt

## Former members

Senator Jane Hume

## Secretary

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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.

## Scrutiny digests tabled

*01.01.2017–30.06.2017*

No. 1 of 2017 (tabled 8 February 2017)

No. 2 of 2017 (tabled 15 February 2017)

No. 3 of 2017 (tabled 22 March 2017)

No. 4 of 2017 (tabled 29 March 2017)

No. 5 of 2017 (tabled 10 May 2017)

No. 6 of 2017 (tabled 14 June 2017)

No. 7 of 2017 (tabled 21 June 2017)

## Meetings

*01.01.2017–30.06.2017*

Private: 7

Briefings:

**Total:** 7

# Appropriations, Staffing and Security (Standing)

1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19

## Current members

The President (Senator the Hon Stephen Parry) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator Sue Lines) (Deputy Chair), 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 the Hon Jacinta Collins, Senator David Fawcett, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Senator Katy Gallagher, Senator Dean Smith

## Former member

Senator Chris Back

## Secretary

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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.

## Reports presented

01.01.2017–30.06.2017

59<sup>th</sup> Report: Estimates for the Department of the Senate  
2017-18

## Meetings

01.01.2017–30.06.2017

Private:	1
Briefings:	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>

# Chairs' (Standing)

*1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25(10)

## Current members

The Deputy President (Senator Sue Lines) (Chair), Senator Catryna Bilyk, Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins, Senator Sam Dastyari, Senator Richard Di Natale, Senator Jonathon Duniam, Senator Alex Gallacher, Senator Jane Hume, Senator Chris Ketter, Senator David Leyonhjelm, Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald, Senator Gavin Marshall, Senator Jenny McAllister, Senator Bridget McKenzie, Senator Barry O'Sullivan, Senator James Paterson, Senator Louise Pratt, Senator Linda Reynolds, Senator Malcolm Roberts, Senator Rachel Siewert, Senator Glenn Sterle, Senator Peter Whish-Wilson

## Former members

Senator Chris Back, Senator Cory Bernardi, Senator David Bushby, Senator David Fawcett, Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator Nick McKim, Senator Larissa Waters

## Secretary

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## Meetings

*01.01.2017–30.06.2017*

Private:	1
Briefings:	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>

# House (Standing)

*1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21

## Current members

The President (Senator the Hon Stephen Parry) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator Sue Lines), Senator Carol Brown, Senator David Bushby, Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins, Senator David Fawcett and Senator Anne Urquhart

## Secretary

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## Meetings

*01.01.2017–30.06.2017*

Private: 1

Briefings:

**Total:** 1\*

*\*1 meeting was also held as a joint committee with the House of Representatives House Committee.*

# Privileges (Standing)

*1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017*

## Method of 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 Gavin Marshall, Senator Bridget McKenzie, Senator the Hon Lisa Singh and Senator Dean Smith

## Former members

Senator Anne Urquhart

## Secretary

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## New references

*01.01.2017–30.06.2017*

- Possible improper influence of a witness before the Environment and Communications References Committee
- Persons referred to in the Senate: Mr Jamie Ware, Board Chair Redlands College

## Reports presented

*01.01.2017–30.06.2017*

- 164th Report – Search warrants and the Senate – tabled 28 March 2017
- 165th Report – Persons referred to in the Senate: Mr Jamie Ware, Board Chair Redlands College – tabled 22 June 2017

## Meetings

*01.01.2017–30.06.2017*

Private:	5
Briefings:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5</b>



# Procedure (Standing)

*1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17

## Current members

The Deputy President (Senator Sue Lines) (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 Catryna Bilyk, Senator David Bushby, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Senator Katy Gallagher, Senator Rachel Siewert and Senator Dean Smith

## Former member

Senator Anne Urquhart

## Secretary

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<b>New reference</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	1	
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Nil	
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Private: Briefings: <b>Total:</b>	Nil

# Publications (Standing)

*1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22

## Current members

Senator Linda Reynolds (Chair), Senator Gavin Marshall (Deputy Chair), Senator David Bushby, Senator Sam Dastyari, Senator Jonathon Duniam, Senator Jane Hume and Senator Kimberley Kitching

## Former members

Senator Chris Back, Senator the Hon Don Farrell

## Secretary

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<b>Public hearings</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	22.06.2017
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Private: 4 Public: 1 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 5

*\* All meetings were held as a joint committee with a similar committee of the House of Representatives.*

# Selection of Bills (Standing)

*1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24A

## Current members

The Government Whip (Senator David Bushby) (Chair), the Opposition Whip (Senator Anne Urquhart), the Nationals Whip (Senator John Williams), the Australian Greens Whip (Senator Rachel Siewert), Derryn Hinch's Justice Party Whip (Senator Derryn Hinch), Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip (Senator Brian Burston), Nick Xenophon Team Whip (Senator Skye Kakoschke-Moore), Senator Sam Dastyari, Senator David Fawcett, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield and Senator Katy Gallagher

## Former members

Senator Catryna Bilyk

## Secretary

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<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	7
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Private: 7 Briefings: 0 <b>Total:</b> 7

# Senators' Interests (Standing)

*1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A

## Current members

Senator Catryna Bilyk (Chair), Senator David Bushby (Deputy Chair), Senator Sue Lines, Senator Gavin Marshall, Senator Bridget McKenzie, Senator Deborah O'Neill, Senator Barry O'Sullivan, Senator Lee Rhiannon

## Former members

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz, Senator Cory Bernardi

## Secretary

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## Register of Senators' Interests

*01.01.2017–30.06.2017*

Nil

## Meetings

*01.01.2017–30.06.2017*

Private: 1

Briefings:

**Total:** 1

# Electoral Matters (Joint)

1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 1 September 2016 and agreed to by the Senate on 12 September 2016

## Current members

Senator Linda Reynolds (Chair), Mr Andrew Giles MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Carol Brown, Mr Scott Buchholz MP, Mr Milton Dick MP, Senator Chris Ketter, Mr Ben Morton MP, Senator Barry O'Sullivan, Senator Lee Rhiannon and Mrs Lucy Wicks MP

## Former members

Senator the Hon Lisa Singh

## Secretary

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Conduct of the 2016 Federal Election and matters related thereto	
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	<p>Second interim report on the inquiry into the conduct of the 2016 federal election: Foreign donations (<i>sent to Speaker under SO 247, 10 March 2017; presented 20 March 2017</i>)</p> <p>The 2016 Federal Election: Interim report on the authorisation of voter communication (<i>sent to Speaker under SO 247, 9 December 2016; presented 7 February 2017</i>)</p> <p>Third interim report on the inquiry into the conduct of the 2016 federal election: AEC modernisation (<i>presented 21 June 2017</i>)</p>	
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	N/A	
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Private:	25
	Public hearings:	14
	<b>Total:</b>	39

# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint)

1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 1 September 2016 and agreed to by the Senate on 12 September 2016

## Current members

Senator David Fawcett (Chair), Mr Nick Champion MP (Deputy Chair), Dr Anne Aly MP, the Hon Kevin Andrews MP, Senator Anthony Chisholm, Ms Sharon Claydon MP, Mr Chris Crewther MP, the Hon Damian Drum MP, the Hon David Feeney MP, Senator Alex Gallacher, Mr Andrew Hastie MP, Mr Craig Kelly MP, Senator Chris Ketter, Ms Madeleine King MP, Mr David Littleproud MP, Senator Scott Ludlam, Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald, Senator Bridget McKenzie, the Hon Dr John McVeigh MP, Senator Claire Moore, Senator Deborah O'Neill, Mr Graham Perrett MP, Ms Melissa Price MP, Mr Rowan Ramsey MP, Senator Linda Reynolds, Senator the Hon Lisa Singh, Senator Dean Smith, the Hon Warren Snowdon MP, Ms Ann Sudmalis MP, Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP, Mr Jason Wood MP, Mr Trent Zimmerman MP

## Former members

Senator Chris Back, Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy, Mr Michael Danby MP, Senator the Hon Don Farrell, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy, Senator Nick Xenophon

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## Current inquiries

01.01.2017–30.06.2017

### Defence Sub-Committee

- Inquiry into the benefits and risks of a Bipartisan Australian Defence Agreement, as a basis of planning for, and funding of, Australian Defence capability
- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2015-16

### Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee

- Inquiry into establishing a Modern Slavery Act in Australia

### Human Rights Sub-Committee

- Inquiry into the status of the human right to freedom of religion or belief
- Inquiry into Human Organ Trafficking and Organ Transplant Tourism

### Trade Sub-Committee

- Inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relationship with the United Kingdom

## Reports presented

01.01.2017–30.06.2017

Nil

## Government responses

01.01.2017–30.06.2017

Nil

<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Private:	91
	Public Hearings:	8
	Briefings:	41
	Inspections:	4
	<b>Total:</b>	91

<b>Secretaries of Sub-Committees</b>	
Mr James Rees (Defence Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4629
Dr Joshua Forkert (Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4318
Ms Sonya Fladun (Human Rights Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4306
Mr Andrew Dawson (Trade Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4586

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# Government Procurement (Joint Select)

1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the Senate of 1 December 2016, agreed to by the House of Representatives on 1 December 2016

## Current members

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz, Senator David Bushby, Senator the Hon Kim Carr, Senator Kimberley Kitching, Senator Nick Xenophon, Ms Rebekha Sharkie MP, Ms Meryl Swanson MP, Mr Tony Zappia MP, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, Mr Ian Goodenough MP

## Former members

Senator Cory Bernardi

## Secretary

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Nil										
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Buying into our future: Review of amendments to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules. Tabled 29 June 2017										
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Nil										
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	<table><tr><td>Private:</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>Public Hearings:</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Briefings:</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Inspections:</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td><b>Total:</b></td><td><b>6</b></td></tr></table>	Private:	6	Public Hearings:	3	Briefings:	1	Inspections:	0	<b>Total:</b>	<b>6</b>
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Inspections:	0										
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6</b>										

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# Migration (Joint)

*1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 1 September 2016 and agreed to by the Senate on 12 September 2016

## Current members

Mr Jason Wood MP (Chair), Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Sam Dastyari, Mr Damian Drum MP, Mr Steve Georganas MP, Senator Nick McKim, the Hon Shayne Neumann MP, Senator James Paterson, Senator Linda Reynolds, Mr Ross Vasta MP

## Former members

Senator Chris Back  
Mr Chris Crewther MP

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	1										
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	0										
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	2										
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# National Capital and External Territories (Joint)

1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 1 September 2016 and agreed to by the Senate on 12 September 2016

## Current members

Mr Ben Morton MP (Chair), Ms Gai Brodtmann MP (Deputy Chair), Mr Mark Coulton MP, Senator Jonathon Duniham, Senator Katy Gallagher, Mr Julian Leeser MP, Senator Sue Lines, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy, Senator James Paterson, Senator Lee Rhiannon, the Hon Warren Snowdon MP, the Hon Sussan Ley MP

## Former members

Mr Andrew Hastie MP, Mr Michael Sukkar MP

## Secretary

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<p><b>Current inquiries</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i></p>	<p>Australia's Antarctic Territory (<i>referred 22 June 2017</i>)</p> <p>Strategic importance of the Indian Ocean Territories (<i>referred 10 November 2016</i>)</p> <p>Review of the National Capital Authority: Biannual Public Briefings (<i>ongoing inquiry</i>)</p>								
<p><b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i></p>	<p>Nil</p>								
<p><b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i></p>	<p>Inquiry into Governance in the Indian Ocean Territories—Final Report: Economic Development and Governance—response tabled 20 March 2017</p>								
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>14</b>								

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# Northern Australia (Joint)

*1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 1 September 2016 and agreed to by the Senate on 12 September 2016

## Current members

The Hon Warren Entsch MP (Chair), the Hon Warren Snowdon MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Patrick Dodson, Ms Michelle Landry MP, Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy, Ms Cathy O'Toole MP, Ms Melissa Price MP, Senator Dean Smith, Senator Larissa Waters

## Former members

Mr Michael Freeland MP and Ms Madeleine King MP

## Secretary

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Inquiry into Opportunities and Methods for Stimulating the Tourism Industry in Northern Australia
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Nil
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Scaling Up: Inquiry into opportunities for expanding aquaculture in Northern Australia. Presented 13 June 2017
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Private: 7 Public: 3 <b>Total:</b> 10

# Parliamentary Library (Joint)

*1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 1 September 2016 and agreed to by the Senate on 12 September 2016

## Current members

Mr Rowan Ramsey MP (Co-Chair), Senator Sue Lines (Co-Chair), Mr Russell Broadbent MP, the Hon Anthony Byrne MP, Senator Jonathon Duniam, Dr Mike Freeland MP, Senator Claire Moore, Senator James Paterson, Ms Anne Stanley MP, Mr Bert van Manen MP, Senator John Williams, Mr Trent Zimmerman MP

## Former members

Senator Chris Back

## Secretary

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## Meetings

*01.01.2017–30.06.2017*

Private:	2
Public:	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2</b>

# Trade and Investment Growth (Joint)

*1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 1 September 2016 and agreed to by the Senate on 12 September 2016

## Current members

Mr Ken O'Dowd MP (Chair), Senator Murray Watt (Deputy Chair), Senator the Hon Eric Abetz, Mr John Alexander MP, Senator Anthony Chisholm, Mr Julian Hill MP, Senator Jane Hume, Mr Peter Khalil MP, Mr Rick Wilson MP

## Former members

Senator David Bushby, Senator Sue Lines

## Secretary

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Nil						
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Leveraging our advantages: The trade relationship between Australia and Indonesia Tabled 19 June 2017						
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Nil						
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Private:	2						
Public:	5						
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7</b>						

# Treaties (Joint)

1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives on 31 August 2016 and agreed to by the Senate on 12 September 2016	
<b>Current members</b>	
The Hon Stuart Robert MP (Chair), the Hon Michael Danby MP (Deputy Chair), Mr John Alexander MP, Senator David Bushby, Mr Chris Crewther MP, Senator Sam Dastyari, Senator David Fawcett, Senator Kimberley Kitching, Senator Scott Ludlam, Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald, Ms Nola Marino MP, Senator Jenny McAllister, Ms Susan Templeman MP, Mr Ross Vasta MP, Mr Andrew Wallace MP, Mr Josh Wilson MP	
<b>Former members</b>	
Senator Chris Back, Senator the Hon Don Farrell, Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Ms Madeline King MP, Mr Ken O'Dowd MP, Senator the Hon Lisa Singh, Senator Glenn Sterle	
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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Consular functions in Macau – China; Defence Supplies and Services – Japan; Montreal Protocol Ozone Layer – Amendment; Singapore Free Trade Agreement – Amendment
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Report 168: Certain Maritime Arrangements—Timor-Leste <i>(presented 30 March 2017)</i>  Report 169: Future Submarine Program—France; Classified Information Exchange—France <i>(sent to Speaker under SO 247, 13 April 2017; presented 9 May 2017)</i>  Report 170: Social Security Agreement—New Zealand; Nuclear Research Cooperation Agreement; Loan Agreement—International Monetary Fund; Harmonization of Wheeled Vehicles—Revision <i>(presented 9 May 2017)</i>  Report 171: International Trade in Endangered Species—Amendments; Women in Combat Duties—Reservation Withdrawal; Generation IV Nuclear Energy—Accession <i>(presented 19 June 2017)</i>
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Report 167: Extradition—China – 1 March 2017 Report 167: Nuclear Cooperation—Ukraine – 1 June 2017
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Private: 19 Public: 19 Briefings: 4 <b>Total:</b> 26

# Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017

## Method of 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 Kevin Andrews MP, the Hon Sharon Bird MP, Senator David Bushby, Mr George Christensen MP, Senator the Hon Don Farrell, Ms Susan Templeman MP and Mr Ross Vasta MP

## Former members

Nil

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## Meetings

01.01.2017–30.06.2017

Private:	0
Briefings:	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>

# Human Rights (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017

## Method of appointment

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

## Current members

Mr Ian Goodenough MP (Chair), Mr Graham Perrett MP (Deputy Chair), Mr Russell Broadbent MP, Senator Carol Brown, Ms Madeleine King MP, Mr Julian Leeser MP, Senator Nick McKim, Senator Claire Moore, Senator James Paterson and Senator Linda Reynolds

## Former members

Senator Richard Di Natale

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Nil								
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Human rights scrutiny reports— Report 1 of 2017 (tabled 16 February 2017) Report 2 of 2017 (tabled 21 March 2017) Report 3 of 2017 (tabled 28 March 2017) Report 4 of 2017 (tabled 9 May 2017) Report 5 of 2017 (tabled 14 June 2017) Report 6 of 2017 (tabled 20 June 2017)  Inquiry Report: Freedom of Speech in Australia (tabled 28 February 2017)								
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Nil								
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>24</b>								



# Intelligence and Security (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Intelligence Services Act 2001*

## Current members

Mr Andrew Hastie MP (Chair), the Hon Anthony Byrne MP (Deputy Chair), Senator David Bushby, the Hon Mark Dreyfus MP, Senator David Fawcett, , the Hon Dr Mike Kelly MP, Mr Julian Leeser MP, Senator Jenny McAllister, Senator Bridget McKenzie, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, Mr Jason Wood MP

## Former members

Senator Katy Gallagher, Mr Michael Sukkar MP

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<b>Current inquiries</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Review of Administration and Expenditure No.15 (2015-2016) Review of ASIO's questioning and detention powers												
<b>Reports presented</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Review of Administration and Expenditure No.14 (2014-2015)— Australian Intelligence Agencies ( <i>Presented 21 March 2017</i> ) Review of the listing and re-listing of four terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code: al-Qa'ida in the Indian Subcontinent, Islamic State in Libya, Islamic State Sinai Province and al- Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula ( <i>Presented 21 March 2017</i> ) Annual report of committee activities 2015-2016 ( <i>Presented</i> <i>13 June 2017</i> ) Review of the Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 ( <i>Presented out of session 30 June 2017</i> )												
<b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	Nil												
<b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Private:</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public:</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In camera hearings:</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Classified hearings:</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Briefings:</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total*:</b></td> <td><b>31</b></td> </tr> </table>	Private:	6	Public:	4	In camera hearings:	1	Classified hearings:	7	Briefings:	13	<b>Total*:</b>	<b>31</b>
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<b>Total*:</b>	<b>31</b>												

\*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 2017 to 30 June 2017

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*

## Current members

Senator Dean Smith (Chair), Mr Julian Hill MP (Deputy Chair), Ms Gai Brodtmann MP, Ms Nicolle Flint MP, Mr Andrew Gee MP, Mr Ross Hart MP, Mr Kevin Hogan MP, Mr Steve Irons MP, Senator Chris Ketter, Ms Madeleine King MP, Mr Andrew Laming MP, Senator Jenny McAllister, Senator Bridget McKenzie, the Hon Dr John McVeigh MP

## Former members

Senator Cory Bernardi, Mr Russell Broadbent MP, Senator Jonathon Duniam, Mr Ben Morton MP, Mr Bert van Manen MP, Mrs Lucy Wicks MP

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## Current inquiries

01.01.2017–30.06.2017

2015-16 Defence Major Projects Report

Commonwealth Financial Statements—Inquiry based on Auditor-General's report 33 (2016-17)

Commonwealth Grants Administration—Inquiry based on Auditor-General's reports 25 (2015-16), 4 (2016-17), 12 (2016-17) and 35 (2016-17)

Commonwealth Performance Framework—Inquiry based on Auditor-General's reports 6 (2016-17) and 31 (2015-16)

Commonwealth Performance Framework—Inquiry based on Auditor-General's reports 6 (2016-17) and 31 (2015-16)

Cybersecurity Compliance—Inquiry into Auditor-General's report 42 (2016-17)

Defence Sustainment Expenditure

## Reports presented

01.01.2017–30.06.2017

Report 460: Public Sector Governance: Inquiry based on Auditor-General's report 29 (2015-16) (presented 27 February 2017)

Report 461: Commonwealth Risk Management: Inquiry based on Auditor-General's report 18 (2015-16) (presented 11 May 2017)

Report 462: Commonwealth infrastructure spending: Inquiry based on Auditor-General's reports 14 (2015-16) and 38 (2016-17) (presented 22 June 2017)

<p><b>Documents presented</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i></p>	<p>2017-18 Draft estimates for the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office (<i>presented 9 May 2017</i>)</p> <p>Parliamentary Budget Office Review 2016-17: Report of the Independent Review Panel (<i>presented 30 March 2017</i>)</p>	
<p><b>Government responses</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i></p>	<p>Report 452: Natural disaster recovery; Centrelink telephone services; and Safer Streets program—Executive minute, responses to recommendations 4 to 8</p> <p>Report 454: Early Years Quality Fund: Review of Auditor-General report No. 23 (2014-15)—Executive minute, response to recommendation 4; response to recommendations 1, 2 and 5</p> <p>Report 455: Parliamentary Delegation to New Zealand and Fiji by Members of the JCPAA—Executive minutes, responses to recommendations 1 and 2</p> <p>Report 456: Defence Major Equipment Procurement and Evaluation, and Great Barrier Reef Regulation—Executive minutes, responses to recommendations 1 to 5</p> <p>Report 457: Development of the Commonwealth Performance Framework—Second Report—Executive minute, response to recommendations 1 and 2</p> <p>Report 458: Defence Major Projects Report (2014-15)—Executive minute, response to recommendations 1 to 4</p>	
<p><b>Meetings</b> <i>01.01.2017–30.06.2017</i></p>	<p>Private: Public: Briefings:</p>	<p>13 5 5</p>

# Public Works (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Public Works Act 1969*

## Current members

Mr Scott Buchholz MP (Chair), Mr Tony Zappia MP (Deputy Chair), Mr David Coleman MP, Senator Alex Gallacher, Mr Ian Goodenough MP, Ms Justine Keay MP, Ms Joanne Ryan MP, Senator Dean Smith, Senator John Williams

## Former members

Nil

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## Current inquiries

01.01.2017–30.06.2017

Australian War Memorial, Treloar E Large Technology Objects Store Project, Mitchell, Australian Capital Territory  
Explosive Ordnance Logistics Reform Program Project  
HMAS *Cerberus* Redevelopment, Western Port Bay, Victoria  
HMAS *Moreton* Unit Relocation Project, Bulimba, Queensland  
IP Australia Accommodation Project: Building Refresh, Discovery House, Woden, Australian Capital Territory  
JP2008 Phase 5B2 Wideband Satellite Capability–Satellite Ground Station East Facilities Project  
LAND 155–Enhanced Gap Crossing Capability Facilities Project

## Reports presented

01.01.2017–30.06.2017

Report 1/2017: Referrals made October and November 2016  
Report 2/2017: Referrals made November and December 2016  
Report 3/2017: Referrals made December 2016  
Report 4/2017: Referrals made December 2016 and February 2017  
Report 5/2017: Referrals made December 2016, February and March 2017  
Eightieth Annual Report, tabled 27 March 2017

## Meetings

01.01.2017–30.06.2017

Private:	27
Public:	17
Inspections:	16
<b>Total:</b>	<b>27</b>

\* 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

