

PART SIX

1 July 2017–31 December 2017

**Legislative and General Purpose
Standing Committees administered
by the Senate Committee Office
1 July 2017–31 December 2017**

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 July 2017 - 31 December 2017

	Matters current as at 1 July 2017	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2017
Legislation	7	5	10 + (1**)	2
References	4	2	3 + (2**)	3
Total	11	7	13	5

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	11	42:15	2	22:21	21	3:14	0	0:00	34	67:50
References	17	90:33	0	0:00	30	18:21	0	0:00	47	108:54
Total	28	132:48	2	22:21	51	21:35	0	0:00	81	176:44

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	24	3	4	0	0	3	0	0
References	26	4	3	0	2	10	0	2
Total	50	7	7	0	2	13	0	2

Witnesses

	Telesited Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	13	208	193	0	429	1
References	17	0	0	348	455	8
Total	30	208	193	348	884	9

* Includes referral of Annual reports x 1

** Interim reports

Community Affairs (Legislation)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 21.08.2017)</i>	17.08.2017
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Jonathon Duniham (TAS, LP) <i>(Chair 01.09.2016–21.08.2017)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	15.02.2017
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) ¹ <i>(Acting Chair 02.11.2017)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	01.09.2016
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP)	10.10.2016–15.02.2017
Senator the Hon Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	01.09.2016–10.10.2016
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.09.2016–17.08.2017
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP) ²	25.10.2017–25.10.2017
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP) ³	25.10.2017–25.10.2017
Senator Jane Hume (VIC, LP) ⁴ <i>(Acting Chair on 31.08.2017)</i>	31.08.2017–31.08.2017
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ⁵	12.10.2017–12.10.2017
Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP) ⁶	12.10.2017–12.10.2017
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) ⁷	25.10.2017–25.10.2017

¹ Replaced Senator Brockman on 2 November 2017

² Replaced Senator Duniham for the consideration of the 2017-18 supplementary Budget Estimates, from 8pm to 9pm on 25 October 2017

³ Replaced Senator Duniham for the consideration of the 2017-18 supplementary Budget Estimates, from 9pm to 10pm on 25 October 2017

⁴ Replaced Senator Brockman on 31 August 2017

⁵ Replaced Senator Watt on 12 October 2017

⁶ Replaced Senator Singh on 12 October 2017

⁷ Replaced Senator Duniham for the consideration of the 2017-18 supplementary Budget Estimates, from 10pm on 25 October 2017

Inquiries
As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2017 tabled 06.09.2017	Ongoing
Budget Estimates 2017–18	09.05.2017 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 39—9 May 2017, p1311)	25 and 26 October 2017—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No
Industrial Chemicals Bill 2017 [Provisions]; Industrial Chemicals (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017 [Provisions]; Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2017 [Provisions]; Industrial Chemicals Charges (General) Bill 2017 [Provisions]; Industrial Chemicals Charges (Customs) Bill 2017 [Provisions]; Industrial Chemicals Charges (Excise) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	01.06.2017 (<i>Pursuant to the order of the Senate of 10 May 2017</i>)	26.07.2017—Melbourne	08.08.2017	No
National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	15.06.2017 (SB)	04.09.2017—Canberra 05.09.2017—Canberra	Interim report presented OOS 13.10.2017; tabled 16.10.2017 Report presented OOS 08.11.2017; tabled 13.11.2017	No
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending Carbon Tax Compensation) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	15.06.2017 (SB)	26.07.2017—Melbourne	09.08.2017	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	22.06.2017 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 01.09.2017; tabled 04.09.2017	No
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	22.06.2017 (SB)	30.08.2017—Sydney 31.08.2017—Melbourne	07.09.2017	No
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	22.06.2017 (SB)	30.08.2017—Sydney 31.08.2017—Melbourne	06.09.2017	No
Vapourised Nicotine Products Bill 2017	22.06.2017 (SB)	Nil	14.09.2017	No

New References
01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	17.08.2017 (SB)	12.10.2017—Kalgoorlie, WA 02.11.2017—Canberra	06.12.2017	No
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Housing Affordability) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	19.10.2017 (SB)	14.11.2017—Canberra	06.12.2017	No
Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2017 [Provisions] and Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	30.11.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017 [Provisions] and Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2017 [Provisions]	30.11.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	Presented OOS 18.07.2017; tabled 08.08.2017	21.03.2017

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

Community Affairs (References)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 21.08.2017)</i>	17.08.2017
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP)	10.10.2016
Senator Jonathon Duniham (TAS, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 01.09.2016–21.08.2017)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	01.09.2016
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	01.09.2016
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹	16.08.2017
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	01.09.2016–10.10.2016
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.09.2016–17.08.2017
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP) ²	03.08.2017–03.08.2017
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) ³	02.11.2016–02.11.2016
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ⁴	15.09.2016–10.10.2016
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ⁵	10.10.2016–20.06.2017

¹ Replaces Senator Dastyari for the committee's inquiry into effectiveness of the Aged Care Quality assessment and accreditation framework

² Replaced Senator Pratt on 3 August 2017 for the committee's inquiry into number of women in Australia who have had transvaginal mesh implants and related matters

³ Replaced Senator Watt for the committee's inquiry into growing evidence of an emerging tick-borne disease that causes a Lyme-like illness for many Australian patients

⁴ Replaced Senator Farrell for the committee's inquiry into the future of Australia's aged care sector workforce

⁵ Replaced Senator Dastyari for the committee's inquiry into the future of Australia's aged care sector workforce

⁶ Replaced Senator Duniam for the committee's inquiry into the future of rugby union in Australia

Inquiries
As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Delivery of outcomes under the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 to build inclusive and accessible communities	29.11.2016	04.07.2017—Sydney 06.07.2017—Melbourne 24.08.2017—Perth 30.10.2017—Brisbane 01.11.2017—Canberra	29.11.2017	No
Number of women in Australia who have had transvaginal mesh implants and related matters	15.02.2017	03.08.2017—Melbourne 25.08.2017—Perth 18.09.2017—Sydney 19.09.2017—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Value and affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs	29.03.2017 (<i>for commencement 01.06.2017</i>)	05.07.2017—Canberra 31.10.2017—Sydney	Interim report presented OOS 15.12.2017 Second interim report presented OOS 18.12.2017 Report presented OOS 19.12.2017	No
Effectiveness of the Aged Care Quality Assessment and accreditation framework for protecting residents from abuse and poor practices, and ensuring proper clinical and medical care standards are maintained and practised	13.06.2017	21.11.2017—Adelaide	Nil	Yes

New References
01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Availability and accessibility of diagnostic imaging equipment around Australia	17.08.2017	09.11.2017—Perth 13.12.2017—Brisbane	Nil	Yes
Future of rugby union in Australia	06.09.2017	20.09.2017—Perth 11.10.2017—Perth 16.10.2017—Canberra	15.11.2017	No

Government Responses
01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Out of home care	12.09.2017	19.08.2015
Price regulation associated with the Prostheses List Framework	14.09.2017	11.05.2017
Design, scope, cost-benefit analysis, contracts awarded and implementation associated with the Better Management of the Social Welfare System initiative	Presented OOS 28.09.2017; tabled 16.10.2017	21.06.2017
Medical complaints process in Australia	18.10.2017	30.11.2016
Availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia	Presented OOS 07.11.2017; tabled 13.11.2017	17.09.2015
Growing evidence of an emerging tick-borne disease that causes a Lyme-like illness for many Australian patients	15.11.2017	30.11.2016
Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD)	05.12.2017	26.03.2014
Prevalence of different types of speech, language and communication disorders and speech pathology services in Australia	Presented OOS 13.12.2017	02.09.2014

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

Economics

Economics

1 July 2017 - 31 December 2017

	Matters current as at 1 July 2017	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2017
Legislation	2	9	9	2
References	10	0	4 + (3**)	6
Total	12	9	13	8

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	9	34:36	2	22:19	22	0:51	0	0:00	33	57:46
References	15	78:38	0	0:00	24	2:56	0	0:00	39	81:34
Total	24	113:14	2	22:19	46	3:47	0	0:00	72	139:20

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	26	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	23	9	5	0	2	0	0	0
Total	49	16	5	0	2	0	0	0

Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions#	Government Responses
Legislation	11	87	92	0	254	2
References	15	0	0	225	184	6
Total	26	87	92	225	438	8

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

** Interim reports

Submission totals do not include 15771 pieces of correspondence and/or form letters received by the References Committee and 1187 for the Legislation Committee for various inquiries

Economics (Legislation)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Jane Hume (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	01.09.2016
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	15.02.2017
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)	01.09.2016
Senator Peter Wish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	14.11.2017
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ¹	16.11.2017
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	01.09.2016–12.09.2016
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, IND)	05.12.2016–15.02.2017
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	12.09.2016–05.12.2016
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, NXT)	01.09.2016–31.10.2017

¹ Replaces Senator Wish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (National Housing and Homelessness Agreement) Bill 2017

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2017 tabled 06.09.2017	Ongoing
Budget Estimates 2017–18	09.05.2017 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 39—9 May 2017, p1311)	25–26 October 2017—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Enterprise Incentives No. 2) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	15.06.2017 (SB)	Nil	08.08.2017	No
Corporations Amendment (Modernisation of Members Registration) Bill 2017	22.06.2017 (SB)	02.08.2017—Sydney 05.09.2017—Canberra	11.09.2017	No

New References
01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2017–31.12.2017</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2017</i>
<p>Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [Provisions]; Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [Provisions]; Income Tax Rates Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [Provisions]; Superannuation (Excess Non-Concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [Provisions]; Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-Over Amounts Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [Provisions]; Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [Provisions]; Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [Provisions]; Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-Disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [Provisions]; Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-Disclosure Tax) (No. 2) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [Provisions]; Treasury Laws Amendment (Untainting Tax) (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [Provisions]; National building Funds Repeal (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [Provisions]</p>	17.08.2017 (SB)	29.09.2017—Sydney	16.10.2017	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No.1) Bill 2017 and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Strengthening Trustee Arrangements) Bill 2017	14.09.2017 (SB)	09.10.2017—Canberra 10.10.2017—Sydney	Presented OOS 23.10.2017; tabled 13.11.2017	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No.2) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	14.09.2017 (SB)	09.10.2017—Canberra 10.10.2017—Sydney	Presented OOS 23.10.2017; tabled 13.11.2017	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Putting Consumers First—Establishment of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority) Bill 2017	14.09.2017 (SB)	09.10.2017—Canberra 10.10.2017—Sydney	17.10.2017	No
Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping Measures) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	14.09.2017 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 06.10.2017; tabled 16.10.2017	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Banking Executive Accountability and Related Measures) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	19.10.2017 (SB)	14.11.2017—Canberra 17.11.2017—Canberra	Presented OOS 24.11.2017; tabled 27.11.2017	No
Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	16.11.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Treasury Laws Amendment (National Housing and Homelessness Agreement) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	16.11.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Working Holiday Maker Reform package: Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016 [Provisions] and related bills	Presented OOS 11.07.2017; tabled 08.08.2017	09.11.2016
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2016 [Provisions]	05.12.2017	16.02.2017

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

Economics (References)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Jane Hume (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP)	01.09.2016
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	15.02.2017
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)	01.09.2016
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	14.11.2017
Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ¹	07.02.2017
Senator Rex Patrick (SA, NXT) ²	07.12.2017
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ³	16.11.2017
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	01.09.2016–12.09.2016
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, IND)	05.12.2016–15.02.2017
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	12.09.2016–05.12.2016
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, NXT)	01.09.2016–31.10.2017
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁴	07.02.2017–01.12.2017

¹ Replaces Senator Dastyari for the committee's inquiry into the future of Australia's naval shipbuilding industry

² Replaces Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the future of Australia's naval shipbuilding industry

³ Replaces Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the governance and operation of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility

⁴ Replaced Senator Dastyari for the committee's inquiry into Australia's steel industry

Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ⁵	22.06.2017–31.10.2017
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ⁶	08.08.2017–31.10.2017
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) ⁷	03.04.2017–03.04.2017
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ⁸	15.06.2017–18.07.2017
Former subcommittee members⁹	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(Sub-Committee Chair)</i>	08.03.2017–08.03.2017
Senator Peter Wish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	08.03.2017–08.03.2017
Former subcommittee members¹⁰	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(Sub-Committee Chair)</i>	09.03.2017–09.03.2017
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, NXT)	09.03.2017–09.03.2017
Former subcommittee members¹¹	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) <i>((Sub-Committee Chair)</i>	28.06.2017–28.06.2017
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, NXT)	28.06.2017–28.06.2017

⁵ Replaced Senator Xenophon for the committee's inquiry into the operations of existing and proposed toll roads in Australia

⁶ Replaced Senator Xenophon for the committee's inquiry into the governance and operation of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility

⁷ Replaced Senator Hume for the committee's inquiry into the future of Australia's naval shipbuilding industry on 3 April 2017

⁸ Replaced Senator Xenophon for the committee's inquiry into the governance and operation of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility

⁹ Inquiry into carbon risk disclosure on 8 March 2017

¹⁰ Inquiry into non-conforming building products on 9 March 2017

¹¹ Inquiry into consumer protection in the banking, insurance and financial sector on 28 June 2017

Inquiries
As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Corporate tax avoidance	11.10.2016	03.07.2017—Canberra 04.07.2017—Sydney 22.08.2017—Sydney	Nil	Yes
Foreign bribery	11.10.2016	07.08.2017—Sydney 31.10.2017—Melbourne	Nil	Yes
Future of Australia's steel industry	11.10.2016	Nil	Australia's steel industry: forging ahead Presented OOS 01.12.2107, tabled 04.12.2017	No
Non-conforming building products	11.10.2016 <i>(terms of reference updated 07.11.2016)</i>	14.07.2017—Melbourne 19.07.2017—Sydney 31.07.2017—Adelaide 03.10.2017—Sydney 17.10.2017—Canberra	Interim report: aluminium composite cladding tabled 06.09.2017 Interim report on illegal importation of products containing asbestos Presented OOS 26.10.2017; tabled 13.11.2017 Interim report: protecting Australians from the threat of asbestos Presented OOS 22.11.2017; tabled 27.11.2017	Yes
Future of Australia's naval shipbuilding industry	11.10.2016 <i>(terms of reference updated 11.10.2016)</i>	08.09.2017—Canberra 13.10.2017—Adelaide	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Dairy industry	14.09.2016	Nil	Australia's dairy industry: rebuilding trust and a fair market for farmers tabled 17.08.2017	No
Australia's general insurance industry	22.11.2016	Nil	Australia's general insurance industry: sapping consumers of the will to compare tabled 10.08.2017	No
Consumer protection in the banking, insurance and financial sector	29.11.2016	Nil	Nil	Yes
Governance and operation of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)	14.06.2017	11.08.2017—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Operations of existing and proposed toll roads in Australia	15.06.2017	03.08.2017—Melbourne 17.08.2017—Canberra	Toll roads: issues of building, financing and charging tabled 14.09.2017	No

New References
01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Nil

Government Responses
01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Third party certification of food	Presented OOS 02.08.2017; tabled 08.08.2017	01.12.2015
Personal choice and community impacts–Interim report–Bicycle helmet laws (term of reference d)	08.08.2017	04.05.2016
Scrutiny of financial advice: Part 1–Land banking: a ticking time bomb	08.08.2017	24.02.2016
Future of Australia's automotive industry: Driving jobs and investment	04.09.2017	01.12.2015
Cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms	Presented OOS 08.11.2017; tabled 13.11.2017	17.03.2016
Australia's general insurance industry: sapping consumers of the will to compare	Presented OOS 20.12.2017	10.08.2017

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OOS (Out of session)*

Education and Employment

Education and Employment

1 July 2017 - 31 December 2017

	Matters current as at 1 July 2017	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2017
Legislation	2	5	5 + (1**)	2
References	2	1	2	1
Total	4	6	7	3

Number and Hours of Meeting

Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	5	4	30:36	34	3:54	1	0:41	44	65:53
References	1	0	0:00	8	1:00	0	0:00	9	7:41
Total	6	4	30:36	42	4:54	1	0:41	53	73:34

Meetings By State

ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
References	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	9	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses

Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	75	92	0	72	1
References	0	0	16	25	1
Total	75	92	16	97	2

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

** Interim report

Education and Employment (Legislation)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 17.08.2017)</i>	17.08.2017
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 15.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	01.09.2016
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	05.12.2017
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP)	01.09.2016
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.09.2016
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	22.11.2016–23.11.2016
Senator the Hon Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	23.11.2016–30.11.2016
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP)	30.11.2016–05.12.2017
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP)	08.11.2016–22.11.2016
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <i>(Chair 01.09.2016–17.08.2017)</i>	01.09.2016–17.08.2017
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	01.09.2016–08.11.2016
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) ¹	25.10.2017–25.10.2017
Senator the Hon Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) ²	26.10.2017–26.10.2017
Senator the Hon Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) ³	27.10.2017–27.10.2017

¹ Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's consideration of the 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 October 2017

² Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's consideration of the 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates from 7pm on 26 October 2017

³ Replaced Senator Marshall for the committee's consideration of the 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates on 27 October 2017

Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP) ⁴	24.07.2017–25.07.2017
Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP) ⁵	23.10.2017–26.10.2017
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP) ⁶	30.10.2017–30.10.2017
Senator Jane Hume (VIC, LP) ⁷	13.09.2016–23.09.2016
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ⁸	27.10.2017–27.10.2017
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ⁹	30.10.2017–30.10.2017
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹⁰	26.10.2017–26.10.2017
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ¹¹	14.09.2016–10.10.2016
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ¹²	10.10.2016–14.10.2016
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ¹³	09.02.2017–15.02.2017
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ¹⁴	23.03.2017–09.05.2017
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ¹⁵	31.03.2017–06.09.2017
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ¹⁶	17.08.2017–12.10.2017
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ¹⁷	19.10.2017–10.11.2017
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ¹⁸	10.11.2016–28.11.2016

⁴ Replaced Senator Ketter for the committee's inquiry into the Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (A More Sustainable, Responsive and Transparent Higher Education System) Bill 2017 [Provisions]

⁵ Replaced Senator Marshall for the committee's consideration of the 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates from 23 October to 26 October 2017

⁶ Replaced Senator Reynolds for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2017 on 30 October 2017

⁷ Replaced Senator Paterson from 13 September 2016 to 23 September 2016

⁸ Replaced Senator Williams for the committee's consideration of the 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates on 27 October 2017

⁹ Replaced Senator Williams for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2017, from 11am to 3.30pm on 30 October 2017

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Collins for the committee's consideration of the 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates to 7pm on 26 October 2017

¹¹ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Respect for Emergency Services Volunteers) Bill 2016

¹² Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and related bill

¹³ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Amendment Bill 2017

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2017

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2017

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Youth Jobs Path: Prepare, Trial, Hire) Bill 2016

Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) ¹⁹	26.10.2017–26.10.2017
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ²⁰	15.09.2016–30.11.2016

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Williams for the committee's consideration of the 2017-18 supplementary Budget estimates, from 5pm to 11pm on 26 October 2017

²⁰ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2017 tabled 06.09.2017	Ongoing
Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017	30.03.2017 (SB)	25.08.2017—Melbourne	06.09.2017	No
Budget Estimates 2017–18	09.05.2017 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 39—9 May 2017, p1311)	25–27 October 2017—Canberra (Supplementary) 01.12.2017—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No
Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (A More Sustainable, Responsive and Transparent Higher Education System) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	11.05.2017 (SB)	24.07.2017—Melbourne 25.07.2017—Wodonga VIC	09.08.2017	No

New References

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	17.08.2017 (SB)	28.09.2017—Melbourne	Interim report presented OOS 06.10.2017; tabled 16.10.2017 Report presented OOS 12.10.2017; tabled 16.10.2017	No
Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	19.10.2017 (SB)	30.10.2017—Melbourne	Presented OOS 10.11.2017; tabled 13.11.2017	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017	16.11.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2017 [Provisions] and Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017 [Provisions]	16.11.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Protecting Local Jobs (Regulating Enterprise Migration Agreements) Bill 2012 [Provisions]	17.10.2017	12.03.2013

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Education and Employment (References)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 17.08.2017)</i>	17.08.2017
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	22.11.2016
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	01.09.2016
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	05.12.2017
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP)	01.09.2016
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	01.09.2016–05.12.2017
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP)	08.11.2016–22.11.2016
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <i>(Deputy Chair 01.09.2016–17.08.2017)</i>	01.09.2016–17.08.2017
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	01.09.2016–08.11.2016
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Ketter (QLD, ALP) ¹	19.10.2017–31.12.2017
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ²	07.11.2016–06.09.2017
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG) ³	22.06.2017–04.10.2017

¹ Replaced Senator Bilyk until 31 December 2017

² Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into corporate avoidance of the *Fair Work Act 2009*

³ Replaced Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into penalty rates

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Corporate avoidance of the <i>Fair Work Act</i> 2009	13.10.2016	Nil	06.09.2017	No
Penalty rates	19.06.2017	24.08.2017—Melbourne	Presented OOS 04.10.2017; tabled 16.10.2017	No

New References

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Vocational education and training in South Australia	06.12.2017	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Shortage of engineering and related employment skills	08.08.2017	12.07.2012

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

Environment and Communications

Environment and Communications

1 July 2017 - 31 December 2017

	Matters current as at 1 July 2017	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2017
Legislation	4	7	6 + (1**)	5
References	6	3	3	6
Total	10	10	9	11

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	2	6:02	4	26:36	20	1:54	0	0:00	26	34:32
References	18	55:05	0	0:00	17	5:55	3	14:45	38	75:45
Total	20	61:07	4	26:36	37	7:49	3	14:45	64	110:17

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	23	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
References	21	2	1	2	0	1	4	7
Total	44	4	2	2	0	1	4	7

Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	6	83	25	0	78	0
References	18	0	0	145	420	4
Total	24	83	25	145	498	4

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

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Environment and Communications (Legislation)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Jonathon Duniham (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 21.08.2017)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 07.09.2017)</i>	04.09.2017
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP)	01.09.2016
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <i>(Chair 16.02.2017–21.08.2017)</i>	15.02.2017
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	01.09.2016
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	27.03.2017
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP) <i>(Chair 13.09.2016–05.12.2016)</i>	12.09.2016–05.12.2016
Senator Jane Hume (VIC, LP) ¹ <i>(Chair 28.11.2016–28.11.2016)</i>	01.09.2016–27.03.2017
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(Chair 01.09.2016–12.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016–12.09.2016
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(Chair 05.12.2016–15.02.2017)</i>	05.12.2016–15.02.2017
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <i>(Deputy Chair 08.09.2016–07.02.2017)</i>	01.09.2016–07.02.2017
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <i>(Deputy Chair 07.02.2017–04.09.2017)</i>	07.02.2017–04.09.2017
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP) ²	22.05.2017–22.05.2017
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP) ³	24.10.2017–24.10.2017
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁴	24.10.2017–24.10.2017
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ⁵	24.10.2017–24.10.2017

¹ Inquiry into the Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill 2016 [Provisions]

² Replaced Senator Williams for the consideration of the 2017-18 Budget Estimates on 22 May 2017 from 9am to 3pm

³ Replaced Senator Williams for the consideration of the 2017-18 Supplementary Budget Estimates on 24 October 2017

⁴ Replaced Senator Urquhart on Tuesday, 24 October 2017 between 8am and 9am

⁵ Replaced Senator Rice on Tuesday, 24 October 2017

Senator Jane Hume (VIC, LP) ⁶	07.03.2017–07.03.2017
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ⁷	18.10.2016–18.10.2016
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ⁸	24.05.2017–25.05.2017
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ⁹	25.11.2016–25.11.2016
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ¹⁰ <i>(Inquiry Chair)</i>	06.03.2017–06.03.2017
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ¹¹ <i>(Inquiry Chair)</i>	09.03.2017–09.03.2017
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹²	18.11.2016–18.11.2016
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹³	20.11.2017–24.11.2017
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) ¹⁴	18.11.2016–18.11.2016
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) ¹⁵	16.06.2017–16.06.2017
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹⁶ <i>(Acting Deputy Chair on 18.10.2016)</i>	18.10.2016–18.10.2016

⁶ Replaced Senator Reynolds for the committee's inquiry into the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015

⁷ Replaced Senator Waters on 18 October 2016

⁸ Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the consideration of the 2017-18 Budget Estimates on 24 and 25 May 2017

⁹ Replaced Senator Hume for the consideration of the 2016-17 Supplementary Budget Estimates on 25 November 2016

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Reynolds for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015 on 6 March 2017

¹¹ Replaced Senator Reynolds for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015 on 9 March 2017

¹² Replaced Senator Urquhart on 18 November 2016

¹³ Replaced Senator Chisholm from Monday, 20 November to Friday, 24 November 2017

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Hume for the consideration of the 2016-17 Supplementary Budget estimates on 18 November 2016

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Reynolds for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017 on 16 June 2017

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Ludlam on 18 October 2016

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2017 tabled 06.09.2017	Ongoing
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017	16.02.2017 (SB)	Nil	09.08.2017	No
Budget Estimates 2017–18	09.05.2017 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 39—9 May 2017, p1311)	23–24 October 2017—Canberra (Supplementary) 23.11.2017—Canberra (Supplementary) 05.12.2017—Canberra (Supplementary)	Interim report presented OOS 20.07.2017; tabled 08.08.2017 Report tabled 18.10.2017	No
Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017	22.06.2017 (SB)	Nil	14.09.2017	No
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2017 [Provisions] and Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2017 [Provisions]	22.06.2017 (SB)	10.08.2017—Canberra	06.09.2017	No

New References

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Abolition of Limited Merits Review) Bill 2017	07.09.2017 (SB)	03.10.2017—Melbourne	16.10.2017	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017-31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017	16.11.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017	16.11.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Communications Legislation Amendment (Online Content Services and Other Measures) Bill 2017	07.12.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Communications Legislation Amendment (Regional and Small Publishers Innovation Fund) Bill 2017	07.12.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017	07.12.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2017-31.12.2017

Nil

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Environment and Communications (References)

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Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 07.09.2017)</i>	04.09.2017
Senator Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 07.09.2017)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP)	01.09.2016
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP)	01.09.2016
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 16.02.2017–07.09.2017)</i>	15.02.2017
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	01.09.2016
Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (AG, SA) ¹ <i>(Inquiry Chair from 16.11.2017)</i>	19.10.2017
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) ²	16.02.2017
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ³ <i>(Inquiry Chair from 14.09.2017)</i>	07.09.2017
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ⁴ <i>(Inquiry Chair from 14.09.2017)</i>	14.09.2017
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP) <i>(Chair 15.09.2016–05.12.2016)</i>	12.09.2016–05.12.2016
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 08.09.2016–12.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016–12.09.2016
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 05.12.2016–15.02.2017)</i>	05.12.2016–15.02.2017
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <i>(Chair 08.09.2016–07.02.2017)</i>	01.09.2016–07.02.2017
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <i>(Chair 07.02.2017–04.09.2017)</i>	07.02.2017–04.09.2017

¹ Replaces Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into Australian content on broadcast, radio and streaming services

² Replaces Senator Reynolds for the committee's inquiry into Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula

³ Replaces Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into waste and recycling industry in Australia

⁴ Replaces Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula

Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) ⁵	16.11.2016–16.11.2016
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) ⁶	08.02.2017–11.05.2017
Senator David Fawcett (LP, SA) ⁷ <i>(Deputy Chair on 16.11.2016)</i>	16.11.2016–16.11.2016
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ⁸	08.11.2016–11.05.2017
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (AG, SA) ⁹ <i>(Inquiry Chair from 13.10.2016)</i>	10.10.2016–07.02.2017
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (AG, SA) ¹⁰ <i>(Inquiry Chair from 08.02.2017)</i>	07.02.2017–11.05.2017
Senator Jane Hume (VIC, LP) ¹¹	22.02.2017–22.02.2017
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ¹²	26.07.2017–26.07.2017
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ¹³	28.07.2017–28.07.2017
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) ¹⁴	29.08.2017–30.08.2017
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) ¹⁵	29.08.2017–30.08.2017
Senator Nick McKim (AG, TAS) ¹⁶ <i>(Inquiry Chair from 13.10.2016)</i>	10.10.2016–08.12.2016
Senator Nick McKim (AG, TAS) ¹⁷ <i>(Chair on 01.11.2016)</i>	01.11.2016–01.11.2016
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) and Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) ¹⁸	16.02.2017–06.03.2017
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ¹⁹ <i>(Inquiry Chair from 22.06.2017)</i>	15.06.2017–04.09.2017
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ²⁰ <i>(Inquiry Chair from 10.08.2017)</i>	09.08.2017–04.09.2017

⁵ Replaced Senator Duniam for the committee's inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight on 16 November 2016

⁶ Replaced Senator Duniam for the committee's inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight

⁷ Replaced Senator Bushby for the committee's inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight on 16 November 2016

⁸ Replaced Senator Dastyari for the committee's inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight

⁹ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Wish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight

¹¹ Replaced Senator Duniam for the committee's inquiry into the retirement of coal fired power stations on 22 February 2017

¹² Replaced Senator Urquhart for the committee's inquiry into shark mitigation and deterrent measures on 26 July 2017

¹³ Replaced Senator Urquhart for the committee's inquiry into shark mitigation and deterrent measures on 28 July 2017

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Duniam for the committee's inquiry into shark mitigation and deterrent measures on 29 and 30 August 2017

¹⁵ Replaced Senator Reynolds for the committee's inquiry into impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity on 29 and 30 August 2017

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into recent bushfires in remote Tasmanian wilderness

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Waters for the committee's inquiry into large-capacity fishing vessels on 1 November 2016

¹⁸ Replaced Senators Chisholm and Urquhart for the committee's inquiry into the continuation of the construction of the Perth Freight Link in the face of significant environmental breaches

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Wish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the rehabilitation of mining and resources projects

²⁰ Replaced Senator Wish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the impacts of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure

Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) ²¹	09.02.2017–15.02.2017
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ²² <i>(Inquiry Chair from 14.09.2017)</i>	07.09.2017–06.12.2017
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ²³ <i>(Inquiry Chair from 14.09.2017)</i>	07.09.2017–12.12.2017
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS) ²⁴	02.05.2017–02.05.2017

²¹ Replaced Senator Paterson for the committee's inquiry into Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula

²² Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity

²³ Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into shark mitigation and deterrent measures

²⁴ Replaced Senator Duniam for the committee's inquiry into shark mitigation and deterrent measures on 2 May 2017

Inquiries
As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Current and future impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity	14.09.2016	29.08.2017—Cairns 30.08.2017—Townsville 20.10.2017—Canberra	In hot water: the impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity tabled 06.12.2017	No
Protection of Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula	30.11.2016	17.11.2017—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Shark mitigation and deterrent measures	30.11.2016	28.07.2017—Perth 31.07.2017—Brisbane 29.08.2017—Cairns 30.08.2017—Townsville 20.10.2017—Canberra 14.11.2017—Canberra	Presented OOS 12.12.2017	No
Rehabilitation of mining and resources projects as it relates to Commonwealth responsibilities	08.02.2017	12.07.2017—Brisbane 12.10.2017—Burnie, TAS 30.10.2017—Darwin 31.10.2017—Borroloola, NT	Nil	Yes
Current and future impacts of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure	09.05.2017	23.11.2017—Sydney	Nil	Yes
Participation in online poker	13.06.2017	01.08.2017—Sydney 17.08.2017—Canberra	18.10.2017	No

New References
01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Waste and recycling industry in Australia	17.08.2017	20.11.2017—Melbourne	Nil	Yes
Adequacy of the regulatory framework governing water use by the extractive industry	18.10.2017	Nil	Nil	Yes
Economic and cultural value of Australian content on broadcast, radio and streaming services	18.10.2017	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Continuation of construction of the Perth Freight Link in the face of significant environmental breaches	Presented OOS 10.07.2017; tabled 08.08.2017	06.03.2017
Oil or gas production in the Great Australian Bight	Presented OOS 23.08.2017; tabled 04.09.2017	11.05.2017
Response to, and lessons learnt from, the January and February 2016 bushfires in remote Tasmanian wilderness	14.09.2017	08.12.2016
Factory freezer trawlers in the Commonwealth Small Pelagic Fishery	06.12.2017	23.11.2016

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Finance and Public Administration

Finance and Public Administration

1 July 2017 - 31 December 2017

	Matters current as at 1 July 2017	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2017
Legislation	1	1	2	0
References	1	4	3	2
Total	2	5	5	2

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	0:00	5	30:06	9	0:38	0	0:00	14	30:44
References	10	34:06	0	0:00	19	3:32	3	5:25	32	43:03
Total	10	34:06	5	30:06	28	4:10	3	5:25	46	73:47

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	17	4	0	0	0	3	4	4
Total	31	4	0	0	0	3	4	4

Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	5	95	0	0	0	0
References	10	0	0	129	122	1
Total	15	95	0	129	122	1

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

Finance and Public Administration (Legislation)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 16.02.2017)</i>	15.02.2017
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP)	08.11.2016
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	01.09.2016
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	13.09.2016
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	01.09.2016
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP) <i>(Chair 01.09.2016–12.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016–12.09.2016
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, IND) <i>(Chair 05.12.2016–15.02.2017)</i>	05.12.2016–15.02.2017
Senator the Hon Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	01.09.2016–08.11.2016
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(Chair 13.09.2016–05.12.2016)</i>	12.09.2016–05.12.2016
Senator Peter Wish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	01.09.2016–13.09.2016
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Patrick Dodson (WA, ALP) ¹	03.03.2017–03.03.2017
Senator Patrick Dodson (WA, ALP) ²	26.05.2017–26.05.2017
Senator Jonathon Duniham (TAS, LP) ³	15.11.2017–15.11.2017
Senator Jane Hume (VIC, LP) ⁴	15.11.2017–15.11.2017
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS) ⁵	26.05.2017–26.05.2017

¹ Replaced Senator Kitching on 3 March 2017

² Replaced Senator Kitching on 26 May 2017

³ Replaced Senator McKenzie on 15 November 2017

⁴ Replaced Senator Smith on 15 November 2017

⁵ Replaced Senator McKenzie on 26 May 2017

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2017 tabled 06.09.2017	Ongoing
Budget Estimates 2017–18	09.05.2017 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 39—9 May 2017, p1311)	23–24 and 27 October 2017—Canberra (Supplementary) 15.11.2017—Canberra (Supplementary) 07.12.2017—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No
Government Procurement (Judicial Review) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	15.06.2017 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 04.08.2017; tabled 08.08.2017	No

New References

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Nil

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

Finance and Public Administration (References)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

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 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 16.02.2017)</i>	15.02.2017
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP)	08.11.2016
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS)	01.09.2016
Senator Lee Rhiannon (NSW, AG)	13.09.2016
Senator the Hon Lisa Singh (TAS, ALP)	01.09.2016
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ¹	16.08.2017
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 01.09.2016–12.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016–12.09.2016
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, IND) <i>(Deputy Chair 05.12.2016–15.02.2017)</i>	05.12.2016–15.02.2017
Senator the Hon Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	01.09.2016–08.11.2016
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 13.09.2016–05.12.2016)</i>	12.09.2016–05.12.2016
Senator Peter Wish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	01.09.2016–13.09.2016
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Richard Di Natale (VIC, AG) ²	10.08.2017–16.10.2017
Senator Patrick Dodson (WA, ALP) and Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP) ³	22.06.2017–14.12.2017

¹ Replaces Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the arrangements for the postal survey concerning same-sex marriage

² Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the circumstances in which Australians' personal Medicare information has been compromised

³ Replaced Senators Kitching and Singh for the committee's inquiry into the Community Development Program

Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁴	17.08.2017–17.08.2017
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ⁵	20.03.2017–09.06.2017
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) ⁶	14.09.2017–15.12.2017
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁷	13.10.2016–28.11.2016
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ⁸	23.03.2017–14.12.2017
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) ⁹	28.08.2017–29.08.2017
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP) ¹⁰	15.09.2016–02.12.2016

⁴ Replaced Senator Kitching for the committee's inquiry into the arrangements for the postal survey concerning same-sex marriage on 17 August 2017

⁵ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Location of Corporate Commonwealth Entities) Order 2016

⁶ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the delivery of National Outcome 4 of the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children

⁷ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into Commonwealth funding of Indigenous Tasmanians

⁸ Replaced Senator Rhiannon for the committee's inquiry into the Community Development Program

⁹ Replaced Senator Paterson for the committee's inquiry into the Community Development Program on 28 and 29 August 2017

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Singh from 15 September 2016 to 2 December 2016

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Appropriateness and effectiveness of the objectives, design, implementation and evaluation of the Community Development Program (CDP)	22.03.2017	23.08.2017—Kalgoorlie, WA 28.08.2017—Alice Springs 08.09.2017—Canberra 04.10.2017—Palm Island, QLD 04.10.2017—Townsville	Presented OOS 14.12.2017	No

New References

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Circumstances in which Australians' personal Medicare information has been compromised and made available for sale illegally on the 'dark web'	09.08.2017	15.09.2017—Canberra	16.10.2017	No
Arrangements for the postal survey	14.08.2017	17.08.2017—Canberra 07.09.2017—Canberra 15.09.2017—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Digital delivery of government services	16.08.2017	Nil	Nil	Yes
Delivery of National Outcome 4 of the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children 2010-2022	11.09.2017	08.11.2017—Sydney	Presented OOS 15.12.2017	No

Government Responses

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Operation, effectiveness and consequences of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Location of Corporate Commonwealth Entities) Order 2016	05.12.2017	09.06.2017

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

**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 July 2017 - 31 December 2017

	Matters current as at 1 July 2017	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2017
Legislation	0	1	1	0
References	4	1	1 + (3**)	4
Total	4	2	2	4

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	0:00	3	26:57	6	1:30	0	0:00	9	28:27
References	7	31:31	0	0:00	11	1:40	1	1:45	19	34:56
Total	7	31:31	3	26:57	17	3:10	1	1:45	28	63:23

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	11	0	3	0	0	0	2	3
Total	20	0	3	0	0	0	2	3

Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	3	98	0	0	0	1
References	7	0	0	92	52	4
Total	10	98	0	92	52	5

* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Legislation)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	01.09.2016
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP)	01.09.2016
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <i>(Chair 22.06.2017–20.12.2017)</i>	22.06.2017
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	01.09.2016
Senator Rex Patrick (SA, NXT)	15.11.2017
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) <i>(Chair 01.09.2016–22.06.2017)</i>	01.09.2016–22.06.2017
Senator Jacqui Lambie (TAS, JLN)	09.08.2017–14.11.2017
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	01.09.2016–14.07.2017
Former substitute member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) ¹ <i>(Deputy Chair on 15.12.2017)</i>	15.12.2017–15.12.2017

¹ Replaced Senator Gallacher for the consideration of the 2017-18 Supplementary Budget Estimates on Friday, 15 December 2017

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2017 tabled 06.09.2017	Ongoing
Budget Estimates 2017–18	09.05.2017 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 39—9 May 2017, p1311)	25–26 October 2017—Canberra (Supplementary) 15.12.2017—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No

New References

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Omnibus) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	Presented OOS 21.09.2017; tabled 16.10.2017	13.06.2017

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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (References)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP)	01.09.2016
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP)	08.11.2016
Senator Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) <i>(Deputy Chair 14.07.2017–20.12.2017)</i>	22.06.2017
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	01.09.2016
Senator Rex Patrick (SA, NXT)	15.11.2017
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹	07.12.2017
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) <i>(Deputy Chair 01.09.2016–22.06.2017)</i> <i>(Deputy Chair 12.07.2017–14.07.2017)</i>	01.09.2016–23.06.2017
Senator Sam Dastyari (NSW, ALP)	01.09.2016–08.11.2016
Senator Jacqui Lambie (TAS, JLN)	09.08.2017–14.11.2017
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG)	01.09.2016–14.07.2017
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²	13.10.2016–07.02.2017
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ³	10.11.2016–14.07.2017

¹ Replaces Senator Patrick for the committee's inquiry into the implications of climate change for Australia's national security

² Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement

³ Replaced Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into suicide by veterans and ex-service personnel

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Suicide by veterans and ex-service personnel	01.09.2016	Nil	The constant battle: Suicide by veterans tabled 15.08.2017	No
Impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities	08.02.2017	12.07.2017—Rockhampton 14.07.2017—Townsville 22.08.2017—Darwin 23.08.2017—Katherine 20.11.2017—Bendigo 21.11.2017—Wodonga	First interim report tabled 14.08.2017 Second interim report tabled 11.09.2017 Third interim report tabled 19.10.2017	Yes
Australia's trade and investment relationships with the countries of Africa	13.06.2017	Nil	Nil	Yes
Implications of climate change for Australia's national security	14.06.2017	08.12.2017—Canberra	Nil	Yes

New References

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)	04.12.2017	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement	Presented OOS 06.07.2017; tabled 08.08.2017	07.02.2017
Operation of the Australian Defence Force's resistance to interrogation training	Presented OOS 11.07.2017; tabled 08.08.2017	27.03.2017
Department of Defence's management of credit and other transaction cards	05.09.2017	11.05.2017
The constant battle: Suicide by veterans	Presented OOS 24.10.2017; tabled 13.11.2017	15.08.2017

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

1 July 2017 – 31 December 2017

	Matters current as at 1 July 2017	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2017
Legislation	2	16	11	7
References	0	3	2	1
Total	2	19	13	8

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	7	29:18	3	25:52	20	3:33	0	0:00	30	58:43
References	1	1:12	0	0:00	7	2:06	0	0:00	8	3:18
Total	8	30:30	3	25:52	27	5:39	0	0:00	38	62:01

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	26	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
References	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34	1	1	0	0	0	0	2

Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions#	Government Responses
Legislation	10	72	107	0	957	1
References	1	0	0	4	5	2
Total	11	72	107	4	962	3

* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

submission totals do not include 13195 form letters received by the Legislation Committee for various inquiries

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Legislation)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 23.10.2017)</i> <i>(Chair 01.09.2016–12.10.2017)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP) <i>(Chair 12.10.2017–22.10.2017)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Jane Hume (VIC, LP)	27.03.2017
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	01.09.2016
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	01.09.2016
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.09.2016–15.02.2017
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	15.02.2017–27.03.2017
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Patrick Dodson (WA, ALP) ¹	16.02.2017–20.03.2017
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, LP) ²	12.10.2017–23.10.2017
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) ³	16.02.2017–20.03.2017
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS) ⁴	27.03.2017–29.03.2017

¹ Replaced Senator Watt for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017

² Replaced Senator Macdonald from 12 October to 23 October 2017

³ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017

⁴ Replaced Senator Macdonald from 27 March to 6pm on 29 March 2017

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2017 tabled 06.09.2017	Ongoing
Budget Estimates 2017–18	09.05.2017 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 39—9 May 2017, p1311)	18.08.2017—Canberra 23–24 October 2017— Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers, Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	11.05.2017 (SB)	Nil	08.08.2017	No
Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	22.06.2017 (SB)	23.08.2017—Sydney 24.08.2017—Canberra 25.08.2017—Melbourne 31.08.2017—Brisbane	05.09.2017	No

New References

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Australian Border Force Amendment (Protected Information) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	10.08.2017 (SB)	08.09.2017—Canberra	12.09.2017	No
Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2017 [Provisions] and Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	10.08.2017 (SB)	Nil	16.10.2017	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Migration Amendment (Validation of Decisions) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	10.08.2017 (SB)	Nil	04.09.2017	No
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2017 [Provisions]	17.08.2017 (SB)	20.09.2017—Canberra	16.10.2017	No
Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	17.08.2017 (SB)	Nil	17.10.2017	No
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	14.09.2017 (SB)	Nil	16.10.2017	No
Criminal Code Amendment (Impersonating a Commonwealth Body) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	14.09.2017 (SB)	Nil	13.11.2017	No
Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	14.09.2017 (SB)	27.10.2017—Canberra	16.11.2017	No
Proceeds of Crime Amendment (Proceeds and Other Matters) Bill 2017 [Provisions]	16.11.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Bankruptcy Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017	30.11.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Judiciary Amendment (Commonwealth Model Litigant Obligations) Bill 2017	07.12.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Bankruptcy Amendment (Debt Agreement Reform) Bill 2017 [Provisions] <i>NB: 2017 bill not introduced into Parliament, so committee examining exposure draft of 2018 bill</i>	07.12.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2017	07.12.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017	07.12.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Family Law Amendment (Parenting Management Hearings) Bill 2017	07.12.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014 [Provisions] (response to recommendations 2 & 3 in <i>Australian Greens Dissenting Report</i>)	Presented OOS 07.08.2017; tabled 08.08.2017	24.11.2014

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
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Legal and Constitutional Affairs (References)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 14.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 14.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator David Fawcett (SA, LP)	15.02.2017
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP)	22.06.2017
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	01.09.2016
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	01.09.2016
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Patrick Dodson (WA, ALP)	01.09.2016–22.06.2017
Senator Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	01.09.2016–15.02.2017
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) ¹	16.02.2017–21.06.2017
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS) ²	27.03.2017–29.03.2017

¹ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the Nature and scope of any agreement reached in relation to the distribution of proceeds of the liquidation of and litigation concerning the Bell Group of companies

² Replaced Senator Macdonald from 27 March to 6pm on 29 March 2017

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2017

Nil

New References

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2017–31.12.2017</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2017</i>
Law of contempt	15.08.2017	Nil	28.11.2017	No
Adequacy of existing offences in the Commonwealth Criminal Code and of state and territory criminal laws to capture cyberbullying	07.09.2017	Nil	Nil	Yes
Whether the conduct of the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) conformed to the principles of the Ministerial Code of Conduct in relation to his knowledge of former Senator Parry's dual-citizenship status	14.11.2017	27.11.2017—Canberra	04.12.2017	No

Government Responses

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Value of a justice reinvestment approach to criminal justice in Australia	17.10.2017	20.06.2013
Establishment of a national registration system for Australian paramedics to improve and ensure patient and community safety	18.10.2017	05.05.2016

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

**Rural & Regional Affairs
and Transport**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

1 July 2017 - 31 December 2017

	Matters current as at 1 July 2017	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2017
Legislation	3	2	3	2
References	6	3	5 + (1**)	4
Total	9	5	8	6

Number and Hours of Meeting

Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	3	27:09	15	1:48	0	0:00	19	30:08
References	13	0	0:00	23	8:57	0	0:00	36	31:23
Total	14	3	27:09	38	10:45	0	0:00	55	61:31

Meetings By State

ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	4	0	0	5	0	0	0
Total	4	0	0	5	0	0	0

Witnesses

Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	158	0	3	5	0
References	0	0	67	89	6
Total	158	0	70	94	6

* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1

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Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	01.09.2016
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	17.08.2017
Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP)	01.09.2016
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)	01.09.2016
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	01.09.2016–22.06.2017
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	22.06.2017–17.08.2017
Former substitute member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) ¹ <i>(Chair on 22.05.2017)</i>	22.05.2017–22.05.2017

¹ Replaced Senator O'Sullivan on 22 May 2017

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 2 of 2017 tabled 06.09.2017	Ongoing
Airports Amendment Bill 2016 [Provisions]	09.02.2017 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Budget Estimates 2017–18	09.05.2017 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 39—9 May 2017, p1311)	23–24 & 27 October 2017—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No
Performance of Airservices Australia	15.06.2017 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))	09.08.2017—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Regional Investment Corporation Bill 2017 [Provisions]	22.06.2017 (SB)	Nil	14.08.2017	No

New References

01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Amendment Bill 2017 [Provisions]	19.10.2017 (SB)	Nil	04.12.2017	No

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Nil

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OOS (Out of session)

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (References)

1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Barry O'Sullivan (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 01.09.2016)</i>	01.09.2016
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	17.08.2017
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP)	01.09.2016
Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP)	01.09.2016
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)	01.09.2016
Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) ¹	17.08.2017
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) ²	17.08.2017
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) ³	06.09.2017
Senator Jordan Steele-John (WA, AG) ⁴	07.12.2017
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Chris Back (WA, LP)	01.09.2016–22.06.2017
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	22.06.2017–17.08.2017
Former substitute member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) ⁵	07.02.2017–18.10.2017

¹ Replaces Senator McCarthy for the committee's inquiry into the integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin

² Replaces Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin

³ Replaces Senator Chisholm for the committee's inquiry into the integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin

⁴ Replaces Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the regulation of mobility scooters

⁵ Replaced Senator McCarthy for the committee's inquiry into the state of Australia's rail industry

Inquiries
As at 01.07.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector	15.09.2016	08.08.2017—Canberra 08.08.2017—Canberra 10.08.2017—Canberra 16.08.2017—Canberra	12.09.2017	No
Australia's rail industry	15.09.2016	30.08.2017—Canberra	18.10.2017	No
Aspects of road safety in Australia	15.09.2016	08.08.2017—Canberra 29.08.2017—Canberra	Presented OOS 26.10.2017; tabled 13.11.2017	No
Increasing use of so-called Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia	15.09.2016	Nil	Presented OOS 19.07.2017; tabled 08.08.2017	No
Regulatory requirements that impact on the safe use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems, Unmanned Aerial Systems and associated systems	13.10.2016	29.08.2017—Canberra 17.10.2017—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Biosecurity risks associated with the importation of seafood and seafood products (including uncooked prawns and uncooked prawn meat)	21.03.2017 <i>in accordance with recommendation in committee report dated 21.03.2017</i>	28.08.2017—Canberra 11.09.2017—Canberra	Presented OOS 31.10.2017; tabled 13.11.2017	No

New References
01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2017–31.12.2017	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2017
Integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin	16.08.2017	01.11.2017—Broken Hill 02.11.2017—Adelaide	Interim report tabled 05.12.2017	Yes
Operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities	16.11.2017	Nil	Nil	Yes
Regulation of mobility scooters	06.12.2017	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.07.2017–31.12.2017

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Australian grape and wine industry	Presented OOS 13.07.2017; tabled 08.08.2017	12.02.2016
Airport and aviation security	Presented OOS 24.07.2017; tabled 08.08.2017	30.03.2017
Decision to commit funding to the Perth Freight Link project	Presented OOS 03.08.2017; tabled 08.08.2017	03.05.2016
Beef imports into Australia—First report	Presented OOS 24.08.2017; tabled 04.09.2017	12.07.2013
Possible impacts and consequences for public health, trade and agriculture of the Government's decision to relax import restrictions on beef—First report and Final report	Presented OOS 24.08.2017; tabled 04.09.2017	First report: 18.03.2010 Final report: 23.06.2010
Current and future arrangements for the marketing of Australian sugar	Presented OOS 15.09.2017; tabled 16.10.2017	24.06.2015

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