

WORK OF COMMITTEES

Financial year statistics: 1 July 2006 - 30 June 2007

Half-year statistics: 1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

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FORMAT OF THIS REPORT

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

- the half year (1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007); and
- the financial year (1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007)

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

This Report is available on the Internet

(<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/woc/wocjanjun07/index.htm>). Additional hard copies may be obtained from the Office of the Senior Clerk of Committees, Senate Committee Office - tel: (02) 6277 3555.

ABBREVIATIONS

Committees

ACC	Australian Crime Commission
ACLEI	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
CA	Community Affairs
CFS	Corporations and Financial Services
ECO	Economics
EWRE	Employment, Workplace Relations and Education
ECITA	Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
FADT	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
FPA	Finance and Public Administration
LC	Legal and Constitutional Affairs
NT	Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Political Affiliations

AD	Australian Democrats
AG	Australian Greens
ALP	Australian Labor Party
APA	Australian Progressive Alliance
CLP	Country Liberal Party
FFP	Family First Party
Ind	Independent
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
NATS	The Nationals

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Other publications available from the Committee Office:

- Committee Reports*
- Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970 – 2007)
(<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/register/report/index.htm>)
- Supplements are published at the end of each year
- The First 20 Years (History of Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees 1970 – 1990)
- Business of Committees (Program of committee public hearings held in Canberra and/or interstate) (<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/red.htm>)
- Public Hearings/Meetings list (list of all forthcoming public hearings and is published every Friday)
(<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/hearings/index.htm>)
- Bills to Committees Update (providing details on the progress of legislation through Senate committees) (<http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/bills/update.htm>)

- Information pamphlets-

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| No. 1 | Notes to assist in the preparation of submissions to Senate Committee inquiries
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_one.htm) |
| No. 2 | Information for witnesses appearing before Senate Committees
(general information and notes to assist with the preparation
of oral evidence before Senate committees)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_two.htm) |
| No. 3 | Protection of witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (Senate Privilege
Resolution No. 1 on procedures to be observed by Senate committees for the
protection of witnesses)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/bro_thr.htm) |
| No. 4 | Government Guidelines for official witnesses before Parliamentary Committees
and related matters (Extract)
(http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/wit_sub/gov_ext.htm) |

** a selection of reports presented prior to June 1997 and all reports tabled after that date are available on the Internet*

DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Administered</i>	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Appropriations and Staffing	Standing	S	6277 3015	6277 5784
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Australian Crime Commission	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4888	6277 4204
Community Affairs^	LGPS	S	6277 3515	6277 5829
Corporations and Financial Services	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3583	6277 5719
Economics^	LGPS	S	6277 3540	6277 5719
Electoral Matters	Joint	H	6277 4564	6277 4710
Employment, Workplace Relations and Education^	LGPS	S	6277 3521	6277 5706
Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts ^	LGPS	S	6277 3526	6277 5818
Finance and Public Administration^	LGPS	S	6277 3439	6277 5809
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint	H	6277 4629	6277 2221
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade^	LGPS	S	6277 3535	6277 5818
House	Standing	S	6277 3398	6277 3199
Intelligence and Security (formerly known as ASIO, ASIS and DSD)	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4348	6277 2067
Legal and Constitutional Affairs^	LGPS	S	6277 3594	6277 5794
Migration	Joint	H	6277 4565	6277 8506
National Capital and External Territories	Joint	H	6277 4348	6277 2067
Parliamentary Library	Joint	DPS	6277 7102	6277 2403
Privileges	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
Procedure	Standing	S	6277 3364	6277 3199
Public Accounts and Audit	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4615	6277 2220
Public Works	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4636	6277 4426
Publications	Standing	S	6277 3037	6277 3448
Regulations and Ordinances	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3066	6277 5838
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport^	Standing			
	LGPS	S	6277 3511	6277 5811
Scrutiny of Bills	Legislative Scrutiny	S	6277 3051	6277 5838
	Standing			
Selection of Bills	Standing	S	6277 3020	6277 3098
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
Treaties	Joint	H	6277 4002	6277 2219

Code

H	Department of the House of Representatives
DPS	Department of the Parliamentary Services
LGPS	Legislative and General Purpose Standing
S	Department of the Senate
^	Standing Committees (from 11.9.06)

Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office

Introduction

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

- Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees; and
- Specific Joint Statutory Committees

Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees

On 11 September 2006 Senate committees were restructured. The new committees will continue the work of the previous legislation and references committees for the same portfolio responsibilities. The committees have an expanded membership of eight. Particulars of each committee can be found at the relevant web page.

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

Community Affairs

Health and Ageing
Families, Community Services and
Indigenous Affairs

Economics

Treasury
Industry, Tourism and Resources

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Education, Science and Training
Employment and Workplace Relations

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Environment and Water Resources
Communications, Information
Technology and the Arts

Finance and Public Administration

Parliament
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Finance and Administration
Human Services

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Foreign Affairs and Trade
Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Attorney-General
Immigration and Citizenship

Rural and Regional Affairs and
Transport

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Transport and Regional Services

Joint Statutory Committees

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

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
- Australian Crime Commission; and
- Corporations and Financial Services

**Legislative and General Purpose
Standing Committees
administered by the
Senate Committee Office**

PART ONE

1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

	Matters current as at 1 January 2007	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Standing Committee	2	12	11	3

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Standing Committee	10	39:55	6	70:50	19	12:30	0
						0	35
						0:00	123:15

6

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Standing Committee	35	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses					
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)
Standing Committee	16	781	95	23	821
					348
					187
					299
					1815
					1

Community Affairs (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 11.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 11.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	9.5.07
Senator Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	12.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06

Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	11.9.06-12.9.06
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	12.9.06-9.5.07

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)*	12.10.06-24.10.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)**	12.9.06-8.2.07
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)***	29.3.07-9.5.07
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)#	29.3.07-9.5.07

**replaced Senator Adams for inquiry into legislative responses to the Lockhart review on 24 October 2006*

***replaced Senator Allison for committee's inquiry into Funding and operation of the Commonwealth-State/Territory Disability Agreement*

****replaced Senator Allison for committee's inquiry into Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007*

#replaced Senator Allison for committee's inquiry into Provisions of the Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	29.3.07-9.5.07

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2007

- An examination of the funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA) (referred 11 May 2006)
- Private Health Insurance Bill 2006; Private Health Insurance (Collapsed Organisation Levy) Amendment Bill 2006; Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy Amendment Bill 2006; Private Health Insurance (Council Administration Levy) Amendment Bill 2006; Private Health Insurance (Reinsurance Trust Fund Levy) Amendment Bill 2006; and Private Health Insurance (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2007

- Operation and effectiveness of Patient Assisted Travel Schemes (referred 28 March 2007)
- Mental Health Services in Australia (referred 28 March 2007)
- Cost of Living Pressures on Older Australians (referred 14 June 2007)

New references

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 8 February 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Operation and effectiveness of Patient Assisted Travel Schemes (referred 28 March 2007)
- Mental Health Services in Australia (referred 28 March 2007)
- Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 29 March 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007 (referred 29 March 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007 (referred 29 March 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 29 March 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 13 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Cost of Living Pressures on Older Australians (referred 14 June 2007)

Public hearings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Private Health Insurance Bill 2006; Private Health Insurance (Collapsed Organisation Levy) Amendment Bill 2006; Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy Amendment Bill 2006; Private Health Insurance (Council Administration Levy) Amendment Bill 2006; Private Health Insurance (Reinsurance Trust Fund Levy) Amendment Bill 2006; and Private Health Insurance (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 2 February 2007, Canberra
- 2006-07 Additional Estimates – 12 & 13 February 2007, Canberra
- Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 1 March 2007, Canberra
- A matter relating to the PET Review of 2000 – 30 March 2007, Canberra; 14 & 22 June 2007, Canberra
- Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007 – 23 April 2007, Canberra
- Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007 – 23 April 2007, Canberra
- 2007-08 Budget Estimates – 28, 29, 30 & 31 May 2007, Canberra
- Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 1 May 2007, Canberra
- Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 1 May 2007, Canberra
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 15 June 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement (tabled 8 February 2007)
- Private Health Insurance Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health Insurance (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health Insurance (Prostheses Application and Listing Fees) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health Insurance (Collapsed Organization Levy) Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health Insurance (Council Administration Levy) Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Private Health Insurance (Reinsurance Trust Fund Levy) Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (tabled 28 February 2007)
- Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007 (presented out of session on 9 March 2007, tabled on 20 March 2007)

- Additional estimates 2006-07 (tabled 21 March 2007)
- Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2007) (tabled 22 March 2007)
- Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007 (presented out of session on 1 May 2007, tabled on 9 May 2007)
- Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007 (presented out of session on 1 May 2007, tabled on 9 May 2007)
- Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (tabled 9 May 2007)
- Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 17 May 2007, tabled on 12 June 2007)
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (tabled 18 June 2007)
- Budget estimates 2007-08 (tabled 19 June 2007)

Government responses

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Breaking the silence: A national voice for gynaecological cancers (tabled 27 February 2007; report tabled 19 October 2006)

Estimates

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

Economics

Economics

1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

	Matters current as at 1 January 2007	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Standing Committee	1	15	11#+(1*)	6

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Standing Committee	7	20:36	7	60:38	17	6:49	0
							31
							88:03

Meetings By State					
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
Standing Committee	28	0	3	0	0

Witnesses					
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)
Standing Committee	11	407	74	0	732

Hansard Pages			
General	Other (Bills)	Estimates	General
Standing Committee	11	407	74

Tevised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	11	407	74	0	732	226	0	92	852
									1

*Interim report that did not discharge a reference; #Two reports tabled for one Bills package

Economics (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (Vic, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 9.2.07)</i>	8.2.07
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	28.2.07
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	14.6.07
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.9.06

Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator The Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	9.5.07
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	29.3.07
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.9.06
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	11.9.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP) <i>(Chair)</i>	11.9.06-8.2.07
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06-28.2.07

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)*	12.10.06-13.10.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)**	11.9.06-7.12.06
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)***	8.2.07-15.2.07
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)****	8.2.07-16.2.07
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)#	29.3.07-9.5.07

**replaced Senator Bernardi for inquiry into price of petrol in Australia on 13 October 2006*

***replaced Senator Webber for inquiry into price of petrol in Australia*

****replaced Senator Bernardi for the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates on 15 February 2007*

*****replaced Senator Chapman for the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates on 14, 15 & 16 February 2007*

#replaced Senator Murray for committee's inquiry into the Provisions of the Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07

Inquiry

As at 1 January 2007

- Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) Bill 2006; Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Bill 2006; Superannuation (Excess Concessional Contributions Tax) Bill 2006; Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Bill 2006; Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Bill 2006; and Superannuation (Self Managed Superannuation Funds) Supervisory Levy Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2007

- Private equity investment (referred 29 March 2007)
- Trade Practices Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007 (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007 and the Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007, Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 1) 2007 and the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 7) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 8 February 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 1 March 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 29 March 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 29 March 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 29 March 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Private equity investment (referred 29 March 2007)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 3) Bill 2007 and the Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 10 May 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Trade Practices Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007 (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007 and the Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007, Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 1) 2007 and the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) Bill 2006; Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Bill 2006; Superannuation (Excess Concessional Contributions Tax) Bill 2006; Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Bill 2006; Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Bill 2006; and Superannuation (Self Managed Superannuation Funds) Supervisory Levy Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 30 January 2007, Canberra
- 2006-07 Additional Estimates – 14, 15 & 16 February 2007, Canberra
- Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 7) Bill 2006 – 26 February 2007, Canberra

- Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 13 March 2007, Canberra
- Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 23 April 2007, Canberra
- Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 23 April 2007, Canberra
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 23 April 2007, Canberra
- 2007-08 Budget Estimates – 28, 29, 30 & 31 May 2007, Canberra
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 3) Bill 2007 and the Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 1 June 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Superannuation (Excess Concessional Contributions Tax) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Superannuation (Self Managed Superannuation Funds) Supervisory Levy Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (tabled 7 February 2007)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 7) Bill 2006 (tabled 27 February 2007)
- Qantas Sale (Keep Jetsar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007 (tabled 20 March 2007)
- Additional estimates 2006-07 (tabled 22 March 2007)
- Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2007) (tabled 22 March 2007)
- Interim report – Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No.2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30 April 2007, tabled on 9 May 2007)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No.2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 3 May 2007; tabled on 9 May 2007)
- Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 3 May 2007; tabled on 9 May 2007)

- Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (tabled on 9 May 2007)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 6 June 2007; tabled on 12 June 2007)
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No.3) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 6 June 2007; tabled on 12 June 2007)
- Budget estimates 2007-08 (tabled 19 June 2007)

Government responses

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Petrol pricing in Australia (tabled 21 June 2007; report tabled 7 December 2006)

Estimates

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Employment, Workplace Relations & Education

1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

	Matters current as at 1 January 2007	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Standing Committee	4	11	9	6

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	18	69:34	6	59:24	12	1:49	6	26:30	42	157:17

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	23	3	7	0	2	2	0	5

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
Televised Hearings		Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	10	311	44	117	769	190	768	215	2436	1

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (Vic, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	12.9.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	12.9.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	11.9.06

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	28.2.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)**	1.3.07

**replaces Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the schools and training portfolios*

***replaces Senator George Campbell for inquiry into the current level of academic standards of school education*

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	12.9.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	14.6.07
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	1.3.07
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	9.5.07
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06

Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	23.3.07
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Glen Sterle (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	28.2.07
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06-12.9.06
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	11.9.06-12.9.06
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	11.9.06-9.5.07
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	9.5.07-20.6.07

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)*	8.2.07-16.2.07
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)**	20.6.07-25.6.07
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)***	20.6.07-26.6.07

**replaced Senator Lightfoot for the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates from noon on 15 & 16 February 2007*

***replaced Senator Lightfoot on 25 June 2007*

****replaced Senator Fisher on 26 June 2007*

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	11.9.06-12.9.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.9.06-12.9.06
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.9.06-1.3.07
Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	12.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2007

- Workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector (referred 6 September 2006)
- Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No.2) 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2007

- Workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector (referred 6 September 2006)
- The current level of academic standards of school education (referred 8 February 2007)
- Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- The current level of academic standards of school education (referred 8 February 2007)
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 March 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007 (referred 10 May 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007 (referred 10 May 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 30 January 2007, Melbourne; 8 February 2007, Canberra
- Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 30 & 31 January 2007, Melbourne; 8 February 2007, Canberra
- 2006-07 Additional Estimates – 14 & 15 February 2007, Canberra
- Workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector – 12 & 13 March 2007, Sydney; 12 April 2007, Brisbane; 16 April 2007, Melbourne; 2 May 2007, Perth; 3 May 2007, Adelaide; 4 June 2007, Canberra
- The current level of academic standards of school education – 17 May 2007, Sydney; 5 & 6 June 2007, Brisbane; 25 & 26 June, Melbourne
- 2007-08 Budget Estimates – 28, 29, 30 & 31 May 2007, Canberra
- Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007 – 8 June 2007, Canberra

- Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007 – 8 June 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 20 February 2007; tabled on 26 February 2007)
- Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 20 February 2007; tabled on 26 February 2007)
- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No.2) 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 20 February 2007; tabled on 26 February 2007)
- Additional estimates 2006-07 (tabled 21 March 2007)
- Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2007) (tabled 22 March 2007)
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1 May 2007, tabled on 9 May 2007)
- Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007 (tabled 14 June 2007)
- Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (tabled 14 June 2007)
- Budget estimates 2007-08 (tabled 19 June 2007)

Government responses

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Pacific Region Seasonal Contract Labour (tabled 21 June 2007; report tabled 18 October 2006)

Estimates

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

**Environment, Communications,
Information Technology
and the Arts**

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

Matters current as at 1 January 2007	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Standing Committee	2	8 +(1*)	2

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	8	34:45	7	65:46	31	14:44	0	46	115:15

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Standing Committee	42	1	0	0	1	2

Witnesses						
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General
Standing Committee	11	433	0	84	883	0

*Interim report that did not discharge a reference

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	9.5.07
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	12.2.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	11.9.06

Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	9.5.07
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	23.3.07
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Natasha Stott-Despoja (SA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	11.9.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	11.9.06-12.2.07
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (Vic, LP)	11.9.06-9.5.07

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)*	18.10.06-27.11.06
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)**	8.2.07-22.2.07
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)***	8.2.07-23.2.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)#	11.9.06-20.6.07
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)##	9.5.07-6.6.07

*replaced Senator Lundy for inquiry into the provisions of the Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2006

**replaced Senator Wortley for committee's inquiry into Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector for the period 19.2.07 to 22.2.07

***replaced Senator Kemp for committee's inquiry into Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector for the period 19.2.07 to 23.2.07

#replaced Senator Lundy for committee's inquiry into Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector

##replaced Senator Wortley on 6 June 2007

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	8.2.07-22.2.07
Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2007

- Australia's national parks (referred 7 December 2005)
- Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector (referred 15 August 2006)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2007

- Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services For Rural and Regional Australia Into The Future Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 [Provisions] and the Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 29 March 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Communications Legislation Amendment (Content Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 10 May 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 10 May 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services For Rural and Regional Australia Into The Future Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector – 9 February 2007, Canberra; 19 February 2007, Kununurra (NT); 20 February 2007, Darwin; 21 February 2007, Alice Springs; 23 February 2007, Sydney; 10 & 11 April 2007, Canberra
- 2006-07 Additional Estimates – 12, 13 & 16 February 2007, Canberra
- 2007-08 Budget Estimates – 21, 22, 23 & 24 May 2007, Canberra
- Communications Legislation Amendment (Content Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 1 June 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Additional estimates 2006-07 (tabled 21 March 2007)
- Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2007) (tabled 22 March 2007)
- Conserving Australia – Australia's national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas (presented out of session on 12 April 2007; tabled on 9 May 2007)
- Interim Report – Broadcasting Legislation (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 and the Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30 April 2007; tabled on 9 May 2007)
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 and the Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 7 May 2007; tabled on 9 May 2007)
- Communications Legislation Amendment (Content Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (tabled 12 June 2007)
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 15 June 2007; tabled on 18 June 2007)
- Budget estimates 2007-08 (tabled 19 June 2007)
- Indigenous Art – Securing the future: Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector (tabled 20 June 2007)

Government responses

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Australia's Urban Water Management (tabled 10 May 2007; report tabled 5 December 2002)

Estimates

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

Finance and Public Administration

Finance and Public Administration

1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

	Matters current as at 1 January 2007	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Standing Committee	3	5	7	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	3	30:22	7	68:07	9	2:37	0	0:00	19	101:06

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	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	17	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages				Government Responses	
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
		No of Submissions	No Of Pages							
Standing Committee	7	443	58	0	873	282	0	58	299	0

Finance and Public Administration (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 22.3.07)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)*	21.6.07

**replaces Senator Carol Brown for inquiry into the Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007*

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	21.6.07
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06

Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	9.5.07
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	8.2.07
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	8.2.07

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
(Chair)	
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	23.3.07-9.5.07
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	9.5.07-20.6.07

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)*	19.10.06-30.10.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)**	17.10.06-22.12.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)***	8.2.07-20.3.07

**replaced Senator Bernardi for consideration of the 2006-07 budget estimates on 30 October 2006, until 10.00pm*

***replaced Senator Mason from 23 October to 22 December 2006*

****replaced Senator Murray for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007*

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2007

- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)
- The transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure (referred 20 June 2006)
- Electoral and Referendum Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2007

- Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 8 February 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- 2006-07 Additional Estimates – 12, 13 & 16 February 2007, Canberra
- Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 2 March 2007, Sydney; 5 March 2007, Melbourne; 6 March 2007, Canberra
- 2007-08 Budget Estimates – 21, 22, 23 & 24 May 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Electoral and Referendum Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 20 February 2007; tabled on 26 February 2007)
- Departmental and agency contracts: Second report on the operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (2003-06) (tabled 27 February 2007)
- Transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure (tabled 1 March 2007)
- Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 15 March 2007; tabled on 20 March 2007)
- Additional estimates 2006-07 (tabled 21 March 2007)

- Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2007) (tabled 22 March 2007)
- Budget estimates 2007-08 (tabled 19 June 2007)

Government responses

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

Estimates

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

	Matters current as at 1 January 2007	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Standing Committee	5	4	6 +(1^)	3

Number and Hours of Meeting							
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Total Meetings
Standing Committee	6	31:39	6	69:40	14	4:08	26
						0	105:27

Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Standing Committee	24	1	1	0	0	0	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages			
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages
Standing Committee	9	199	0	67	753	0	402	82	1126
									1

^Second report that did not discharge a reference

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 21.3.07)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	28.2.07
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	23.3.07
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.10.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mitch Fifield (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	11.9.06

Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	23.3.07
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06

Former members

Senator David Johnston (WA, LP) <i>(Chair)</i>	<i>Term of appointment</i> 11.9.06-23.3.07
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Former participating members

Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	<i>Term of appointment</i> 11.9.06-28.2.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2007

- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (resolved 22 June 2006 through the Committee)
- Australia's public diplomacy (referred 7 November 2006)
- Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations (referred 8 November 2006)
- Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2007

- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system (resolved 22 June 2006 through the Committee)
- Australia's public diplomacy (referred 7 November 2006)
- Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations (referred 8 November 2006)

New references

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 10 May 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- 2006-07 Additional Estimates – 14 & 15 February 2007, Canberra
- Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system – 26 February 2007, Canberra
- Australia's public diplomacy – 14 March 2007, Canberra; 15 March 2007, Melbourne; 11 April 2007, Canberra (round table); 12 April 2007, Sydney (round table); 15 May 2007, Canberra
- 2007-08 Budget Estimates – 28, 29, 30 & 31 May 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (tabled 8 February 2007)
- Additional estimates 2006-07 (tabled 21 March 2007)
- Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2007) (tabled 22 March 2007)
- Reforms to Australia's military justice system: Second progress report (tabled 29 March 2007)
- Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 31 May 2007; tabled on 12 June 2007)
- Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (tabled 12 June 2007)
- Budget estimates 2007-08 (tabled 19 June 2007)

Government responses

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Mr Chen Yonglin's request for political asylum (tabled 14 June 2007; report tabled 12 September 2005)

Estimates

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

	Matters current as at 1 January 2007	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Standing Committee	5	11	11	5

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Standing Committee	8	13:32	6	64:53	16	3:06	0	0:00	30	81:31

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing Committee	27	2	0	0	1	0	0

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Standing Committee	11	359	78	0	733	367	0	111	999	2

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 26.3.07)</i>	23.3.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 11.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) <i>(Chair to 26.3.07)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06

Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	9.5.07
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (Vic, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	11.9.06
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	12.10.06

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-8.2.07
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	11.9.06-8.2.07
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	8.2.07-23.3.07

Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)*	11.9.06-7.12.06
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)**	6.12.06-23.2.07

**replaced Senator Ludwig for committee's inquiry into Indigenous workers whose paid labour was controlled by Government*

***replaced Senator Scullion for committee's inquiry into the Provisions of the Native Title Amendment Bill 2006*

Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2007

- Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006 (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2007

- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 13 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- International Trade Integrity Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Migration Amendment (Sponsorship Obligations) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- AusCheck Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 8 February 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 8 February 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 29 March 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 13 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- International Trade Integrity Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

- Migration Amendment (Sponsorship Obligations) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 – 22 January 2007, Canberra
- Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 22 January 2007, Canberra
- Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006 – 23 January 2007, Canberra
- Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 30 January 2007, Sydney
- Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 – 31 January 2007, Sydney
- 2006-07 Additional Estimates – 12 & 13 February 2007, Canberra
- AusCheck Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 1 March 2007, Canberra
- Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 29 March 2007, Canberra
- Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 2 May 2007, Adelaide
- 2007-08 Budget Estimates – 21, 22, 23 & 24 May 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 (tabled 7 February 2007)
- Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006 (tabled 8 February 2007)
- Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (tabled 8 February 2007)
- Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 20 February 2007; tabled on 26 February 2007)
- Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 23 February 2007; tabled on 26 February 2007)
- AusCheck Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 14 March 2007; tabled on 20 March 2007)
- Additional estimates 2006-07 (tabled 21 March 2007)
- Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2007) (tabled 22 March 2007)
- Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 20 April 2007; tabled on 9 May 2007)

- Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (tabled 9 May 2007)
- Budget estimates 2007-08 (tabled 19 June 2007)

Government responses

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006 (tabled 10 May 2006; report tabled 27 March 2006)
- Administration and Operation of the *Migration Act 1958* (tabled 14 June 2007; report tabled 2 March 2006)

Estimates

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

**Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

Matters current as at 1 January 2007	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Standing Committee	4	8	10
			2

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Standing Committee	11	47:42	7	67:59	25	5:52	0
							43
							121:33

Meetings By State					
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	QLD
Standing Committee	40	0	0	0	0
					3

Witnesses					
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)
Standing Committee	15	311	63	92	792
					232
					545
					362
					1974
					1

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 12.9.06)</i>	11.9.06
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	9.5.07
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	11.9.06

Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)*	1.3.07
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)**	1.3.07
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)***	1.3.07
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)****	1.3.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)#	9.5.07

**replaces Senator McGauran for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland*

***replaces Senator Nash for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland*

****replaces Senator Sterle for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland*

*****replaces Senator McEwen for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland*

#replaces Senator Adams for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland

Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	11.9.06
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06
Senator Sue Boyce (Qld, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Carol Brown (Tas, ALP)	27.3.07
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	20.6.07

Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Steve Fielding (Vic, FFP)	11.9.06
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	20.6.07
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (Vic, LP)	8.2.07
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	9.5.07
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	1.3.07
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, LP)	1.3.07
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Christine Milne (Tas, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	1.3.07
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	11.9.06
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	23.3.07
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	11.9.06
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	1.3.07
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.9.06
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	11.9.06

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.9.06-2.4.07
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Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)*	8.2.07-15.2.07
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)**	8.2.07-16.2.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)***	1.3.07-2.4.07

**replaced Senator Heffernan for the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates on 15 February 2007*

***replaced Senator Nash for the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates on 16 February 2007*

****replaced Senator Ferris for inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland*

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-1.3.07
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-1.3.07
Senator Barnaby Joyce (Qld, NATS)	11.9.06-1.3.07
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	11.9.06-1.3.07
Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.9.06-23.3.07

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2007

- Australia's future oil supply (referred 29 November 2005)
- Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Airspace Bill 2006 and the Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Airports Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (referred 7 December 2006 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2007

- Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland (referred 26 February 2007)
- Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

New references

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland (referred 26 February 2007)
- Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2007 [Provisions] and the Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 10 May 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Biosecurity Australia and the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service in relation to the final import risk analysis report for apples from New Zealand (adopted on 5 June 2007)
- Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] and the Fisheries Levy Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (referred 13 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 (referred 21 June 2007 – through the Selection of Bills Committee)

Public hearings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Airports Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] – 30 January 2007, Canberra
- Airspace Bill 2006; and Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] - 31 January 2007, Canberra; 1 February 2007, Canberra
- 2006-07 Additional Estimates – 12, 13 & 16 February 2007, Canberra
- Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Biosecurity Australia and the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service in relation to the final import risk analysis report for apples from New Zealand – 22 March 2007, Canberra; 9 May 2007, Canberra
- Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland – 17 April, 2007, Gympie; 18 April 2007, Brisbane; 11 May 2007, Canberra; 4 June 2007, Canberra
- 2007-08 Budget Estimates – 21, 22, 23 & 24 May 2007, Canberra
- Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2007 [Provisions] and the Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 5 June 2007, Canberra
- Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] and the Fisheries Levy Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] – 15 June 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Final report – Australia's future oil supply and alternative transport fuels (tabled 7 February 2007)
- Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (tabled 28 February 2007)
- Airspace Bill 2006; and Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (tabled 28 February 2007)
- Airports Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (tabled 28 February 2007)
- Additional estimates 2006-07 (tabled 21 March 2007)
- Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2007) (tabled 22 March 2007)
- Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (tabled 12 June 2007)
- Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Fisheries Levy Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (tabled 18 June 2007)

- Budget estimates 2007-08 (tabled 19 June 2007)
- Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Biosecurity Australia and the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service in relation to the final import risk analysis report for apples from New Zealand (tabled 20 June 2007)

Government responses

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Rural water resource usage (tabled 6 February 2007; report tabled 12 August 2004)

Estimates

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Four.

**Joint Statutory
Committees administered by the
Senate Committee Office**

**Australian Commission for
Law Enforcement Integrity**

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

26 February 2007 - 30 June 2007

Matters current as at 26 February 2007	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Joint Statutory	0	1	0
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Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint Statutory)

26 February 2007 to 30 June 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Part 14 of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006* was established on 26 February 2007 when the House of Representatives agreed to a resolution from the Senate, passed on 8 February 2007.

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP) <i>(appointed Chair on 10 May 2007)</i>	23.3.07
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP) <i>(appointed Deputy Chair on 10 May 2007)</i>	29.3.07
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	23.3.07
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	29.3.07
The Hon Bruce Baird (Cook, NSW, LP)	9.5.07
Ms Jill Hall (Shortland, NSW, ALP)	28.3.07
Mrs Kay Hull (Riverina, NSW, NATS)	9.5.07
Mrs Margaret May (McPherson, Qld, LP)	9.5.07
Mr Kim Wilkie (Swan, WA, LP)	28.3.07

Inquiry

As at 26 February 2007

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2007

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)

New references

26 February 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

Public hearings

26 February 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

Reports tabled

26 February 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

Government responses

26 February 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

Australian Crime Commission

Australian Crime Commission

1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

Matters current as at 1 January 2007	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Joint Statutory	3	0	2

Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	5	15:17	0	0:00	7	4:27	4	5:04	16	24:48

Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	9	2	2	0	0	2	0	1

Witnesses

	Tevised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Joint Statutory	1	0	0	34	0	0	281	23	254	0

*Report that did not discharge a reference

Australian Crime Commission (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to the Australian Crime Commission Act 2002; appointed 18 November 2004

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (Qld, LP) <i>(elected Chair-1.3.06)</i>	27.2.06
The Hon Duncan Kerr, MP (Denison, Tas, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair-9.12.04)</i>	2.12.04
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	9.11.06
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	27.3.07
Senator Stephen Parry (Tas, LP)	9.5.07
Senator Helen Polley (Tas, ALP) <small>(effective 1.7.05 – prospective appointment of a senator-elect)</small>	23.6.05
Mrs Joanna Gash, MP (Gilmore, NSW, LP)	2.12.04
Mr Christopher Hayes (Werriwa, NSW, ALP)	12.9.05
Mr Kym Richardson, MP (Kingston, SA, LP)	2.12.04
Mr Jason Wood, MP (La Trobe, Vic, LP)	2.12.04

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic) (NATS)	29.11.04-6.12.04
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	1.12.04-23.6.05
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	1.12.04-30.6.05
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	29.11.04-30.6.05
Mr Anthony Byrne, MP (Holt, Vic, ALP)	2.12.04-12.9.05
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP) <i>(Chair-9.12.04-27.1.06)</i>	6.12.04-27.1.06
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	23.6.05-27.3.07
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	29.11.04-2.4.07

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2007

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Amphetamines and Other Synthetic Drugs (adopted 12 February 2007)
- Inquiry into the future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society (adopted 4 December 2006)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2007

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Inquiry into the future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society (adopted 4 December 2006)

New references

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

Public hearings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Examination of Annual Report for 2005-06 of the Australian Crime Commission – 30 March 2007, Canberra
- Inquiry into the future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society – 30 April 2007, Perth; 1 May 2007, Melbourne; 7 June 2006, Brisbane; 8 June 2007, Sydney

Reports tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Manufacture, importation and use of amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD) in Australia (tabled 28 February 2007)
- Examination of the Australian Crime Commission Annual Report 2005-06 (tabled 13 June 2007)

Government responses

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

Corporations and Financial Services

Corporations & Financial Services

1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

Matters current as at 1 January 2007	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Joint Statutory	5	1	3

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Total Meetings
Joint Statutory	6	23:44	0	0:00	7	2:57	0
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Meetings By State					
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA
9	1	3	0	0	0
Joint Statutory					

Witnesses					
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)
2	0	30	40	0	138
Joint Statutory					

*Report that did not discharge a reference

Corporations and Financial Services (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Method of appointment

Pursuant to section 241 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*; appointed 18 November 2004

Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP) (<i>elected Chair-2.12.04</i>)	1.12.04
Ms Anna Burke, MP (Chisholm, Vic, ALP) (<i>elected Deputy Chair-8.12.04</i>)	2.12.04
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	28.2.07
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	1.12.04
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	25.10.06
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.12.04
Mr Mark Baker, MP (Braddon, Tas, LP)	16.8.05
Mr Kerry Bartlett, MP (Macquarie, NSW, LP)	6.12.04
Mr Chris Bowen, MP (Prospect, NSW, ALP)	2.12.04
Mr Stewart McArthur, MP (Corangamite, Vic, LP)	6.12.04

Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.12.04-30.6.05
The Hon Ms Jackie Kelly, MP (Lindsay, NSW, LP)	6.12.04-16.8.05
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	1.7.05-24.10.06
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	24.10.06-25.10.06
Senator the Hon George Brandis (Qld, LP)	1.12.04-30.1.07

Inquiries

As at 1 January 2007

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Superannuation industry (adopted 30 June 2006)
- Shareholder engagement (adopted 30 June 2006)
- Exposure Draft of the Corporations Amendment (Takeovers) Bill 2006 (adopted 11 October 2006)
- Exposure Draft of the Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007 (adopted 29 November 2006)

Current inquiries

As at 30 June 2007

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Superannuation industry (adopted 30 June 2006)
- Shareholder engagement (adopted 30 June 2006)

New references

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007; Corporations (Fees) Amendment 2007 and Corporations (Review Fees) Amendment 2007 (adopted 9 May 2007; upon its introduction in the House of Representatives [24 May 2007])

Public hearings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Exposure Draft of the Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007 – 5 March 2007, Melbourne
- Superannuation industry – 5 & 6 March 2007, Melbourne; 7 March 2007, Sydney
- Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission – 12 June 2007, Canberra
- Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007; Corporations (Fees) Amendment 2007 and Corporations (Review Fees) Amendment 2007 – 13 June 2007, Canberra

Reports tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Corporations Amendment (Takeovers) Bill 2006 [Exposure Draft] (presented out of session on 23 February 2007; tabled on 26 February 2006)
- Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (tabled 1 March 2007)
- Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007 [Exposure Draft] and Corporations and Australian Securities and Investments Commission Amendment Regulations 2007 [Exposure Draft] (tabled 29 March 2007)
- Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007; Corporations (Fees) Amendment 2007 and Corporations (Review Fees) Amendment 2007 (tabled 19 June 2007)

Government responses

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

**Committee-related
activity in the chamber**

Details of Reports tabled in the Senate and other related matters

43 Individual/Packages of Bills referred through Selection of Bills Committee:

8 February 2007

AusCheck Bill 2006 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 14 March 2007

Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 15 March 2007

Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 14 March 2007

Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 7) Bill 2006 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 27 February 2007

1 March 2007

Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 20 April 2007

Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 20 March 2007

21 March 2007

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2007

29 March 2007

Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 17 May 2007

Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007 to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2007

Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007 to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2007

Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2007

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 [Provisions] and the Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2007 to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 30 April 2007

Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 4 May 2007

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2007

Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2007

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 30 April 2007

10 May 2007

Communications Legislation Amendment (Content Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 12 June 2007

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee for inquiry and report by 12 June 2007

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 3) Bill 2007 and the Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 6 June 2007

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 12 June 2007

Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2007 [Provisions] and the Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 12 June 2007

Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007 to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 14 June 2007

Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007 to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 14 June 2007

13 June 2007

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2007

Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 31 July 2007

Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] and the Fisheries Levy Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2007

21 June 2007

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 1 August 2007

International Trade Integrity Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 1 August 2007

Trade Practices Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 1 August 2007

Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 1 August 2007

Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007 and the Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 31 July 2007

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 31 July 2007

Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Migration Amendment (Sponsorship Obligations) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 27 July 2007

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007, Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 1) 2007 and the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 31 July 2007

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services For Rural And Regional Australia Into The Future) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 7 August 2007

1 Package of Bills referred/adopted

9 May 2007

Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007; Corporations (Fees) Amendment 2007 and Corporations (Review Fees) Amendment 2007 (adopted 9 May 2007; upon its introduction in the House of Representatives [24 May 2007]) to the Joint Statutory Committee on Corporations and Financial Services; report by 19 June 2007)

7 References referred/adopted

The current level of academic standards of school education to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee (referred 8 February 2007; report by 15 August 2007)

Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland to the Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport Committee (referred 26 February 2007; no reporting date)

Operation and effectiveness of Patient Assisted Travel Schemes to the Community Affairs Committee (referred 28 March 2007; reporting date 20 September 2007)

Mental Health Services in Australia to the Community Affairs Committee (referred 28 March 2007; reporting date 30 June 2007)

Private equity investment to Economics Committee (referred 29 March 2007; reporting date 20 June 2007)

Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Biosecurity Australia and the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service in relation to the final import risk analysis report for apples from New Zealand to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee (adopted on 5 June 2007)

Cost of Living Pressures on Older Australians (referred 14 June 2007; reporting date 13 September 2007)

Reports tabled

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 42 Bills reports (plus 2 reports that did not discharge a reference) and 7 references reports ((plus 1 Second Report that did not discharge a reference). The details are as follows:

Committee	Report	Tabled
ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Superannuation (Excess Concessional Contributions Tax) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Superannuation (Self Managed Superannuation Funds) Supervisory Levy Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions]	7.2.07
LC	Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006	7.2.07
RRAT	Final report – Australia's future oil supply and alternative transport fuels	7.2.07
CA	Funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement	8.2.07
FADT	Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2006	8.2.07
LC	Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006	8.2.07
LC	Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions]	8.2.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
EWRE	Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 20.2.07)	26.2.07
EWRE	Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 20.2.07)	26.2.07
EWRE	Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 20.2.07)	26.2.07
FPA	Electoral and Referendum Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 20.2.07)	26.2.07
LC	Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 20.2.07)	26.2.07
LC	Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 23.2.07)	26.2.07
ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 7) Bill 2006	27.2.07
FPA	Departmental and agency contracts: Second report on the operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (2003-06)	27.2.07
CA	Private Health Insurance Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health Insurance (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health Insurance (Prostheses Application and Listing Fees) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health Insurance (Collapsed Organization Levy) Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health	

Committee	Report	Tabled
	Insurance (Council Administration Levy) Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Private Health Insurance (Reinsurance Trust Fund Levy) Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions]	28.2.07
RRAT	Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions]	28.2.07
RRAT	Airspace Bill 2006; and Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions]	28.2.07
RRAT	Airports Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions]	28.2.07
FPA	Transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure	1.3.07
CA	Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007 [Provision] (presented out of session on 9.3.07)	20.3.07
LC	AusCheck Bill 2006 [Provision] (presented out of session on 14.3.07)	20.3.07
FPA	Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007 [Provision] (presented out of session on 15.3.07)	20.3.07
ECO	Qantas Sale (Keep Jetsar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007	20.3.07
FADT	^Reforms to Australia's military justice system: Second progress report	29.3.07
ECITA	Conserving Australia – Australia's national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas (presented out of session on 12 April 2007)	9.5.07
LC	Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 20 April 2007)	9.5.07
ECO	*Interim Report – Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No.2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30 April 2007)	9.5.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
ECITA	*Interim Report – Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 And the Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30 April 2007)	9.5.07
CA	Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007 (presented out of session on 1 May 2007)	9.5.07
CA	Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007 (presented out of session on 1 May 2007)	9.5.07
EWRE	Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No.1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1 May 2007)	9.5.07
ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No.2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 3 May 2007)	9.5.07
ECO	Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 3 May 2007)	9.5.07
ECITA	Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 and the Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 7 May 2007)	9.5.07
ECO	Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions]	9.5.07
CA	Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	9.5.07
LC	Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	9.5.07
CA	Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 17 May 2007)	12.6.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
FADT	Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 31 May 2007)	12.6.07
ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 6 June 2007)	12.6.07
ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No.3) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 6 June 2007)	12.6.07
ECITA	Communications Legislation Amendment (Content Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	12.6.07
FADT	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions]	12.6.07
RRAT	Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	12.6.07
EWRE	Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007	14.6.07
EWRE	Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	14.6.07
ECITA	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session 15 June 2007)	18.6.07
RRAT	Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Fisheries Levy Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions]	18.6.07
CA	National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	18.6.07
ECITA	Indigenous Art – Securing the future: Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector	20.6.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
RRAT	Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Biosecurity Australia and AQIS in relation to the final import risk analysis report for apples from New Zealand	20.6.07

**Interim Report that did not discharge a reference; ^Second report that did not discharge a reference*

Estimates reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 16 reports.

Annual Report reports:

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

Joint Statutory/Select Committees:

During the reporting period, 4 reports (plus 2 reports that did not discharge a reference) was tabled by a Joint Statutory Committee.

Committee	Report	Tabled
CFS	Corporations Amendment (Takeovers) Bill 2006 [Exposure Draft] (presented out of session on 23 February 2007)	26.2.07
ACC	Manufacture, importation and use of amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD) in Australia	28.2.07
CFS	*Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	1.3.07
CFS	Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007 [Exposure Draft] and Corporations and Australian Securities And Investments Commission Amendment Regulations 2007 [Exposure Draft]	29.3.07
ACC	*Examination of the Australian Crime Commission Annual Report 2005-06	13.6.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
CFS	Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007; Corporations (Fees) Amendment 2007 and Corporations (Review Fees) Amendment 2007	19.6.07

**Report that did not discharge a reference*

Government Responses to Committee Reports

The following table shows 9 Government responses to a Senate Committee Report:

Government response	Date	Committee
Rural water resource usage	6.2.07	RRAT
Breaking the silence: A national voice for gynaecological cancers	27.2.07	CA
Operation of Native Title Representative Bodies	1.3.07	NT
Australia's Urban Water Management	10.5.07	ECITA
Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006	10.5.07	LC
Mr Chen Yonglin's request for Political asylum	14.6.07	FADT
Administration and Operation of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	14.6.07	LC
Petrol pricing in Australia	21.6.07	ECO
Pacific Region Seasonal Contract Labour	21.6.07	EWRE

A complete list of Government responses is produced in the Business of the Senate published half yearly by the Senate Table Office.

Additional Comments; Dissenting Reports; Minority Reports; Report; Additional Remarks; Comment; Additional Comments & Recommendations

(Note: These statistics record the signatory to the reports)

Legislation:	LP/NATS	ALP	AD	AG	FFP
Additional Comments	1	22	7	3	1
Dissenting Reports		7	7	7	2
Minority Reports		26	1	4	
Report		8			
Additional Remarks		2	3		
Comment	1				
Additional Comments & Recommendations				1	

Extension of Time to present Reports

During the reporting period, 16 extensions of time – 6 under a week; 2 over a week; and 8 over a month - were granted to Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports.

Leave to Meet while the Senate is in session

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted leave to meet while the Senate was in session on 12 occasions.

Membership of Committees

During the reporting period, there were 127 membership changes of Committees.

Establishment of new committee

During the reporting period, there was a new Joint Statutory Committee on Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity established on 26 February 2007 when the House of Representatives agreed to a resolution from the Senate, passed on 8 February 2007.

Other Committees

Regulations and Ordinances (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23.

Current members

Senator Watson (Chair), Senators Bartlett, Brown, Fierravanti-Wells, Patterson and Wortley.

Former members

Senators Mason and Santoro.

Secretary

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Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises 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.

Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- 113th Report – Consultation under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*: Interim Report (tabled 21 June 2007)

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private:	7
Briefings:	0
Total:	7

No. of instruments scrutinised	1,121
Notices of Motion to Disallow	6
Notices withdrawn	3
Notices pending	3

Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members

Senator Ray (Chair), Senator Adams (Deputy Chair), Senators Barnett, McEwen, Murray and Parry

Senators Johnston and Mason (1 January 2007 to 23 March 2007)

Senators Adams and Parry (from 23 March 2007)

Secretary

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Ms Cheryl Wilson	6277 3050	6277 5838

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.

Between 1 January 2007 and 30 June 2007, the committee considered 144 bills, and commented on 68 bills in seven Alert Digests. The committee also produced seven Reports containing correspondence from Ministers addressing its concerns.

Alert Digests tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- No. 1 of 2007 (7 February 2007)
- No. 2 of 2007 (28 February 2007)
- No. 3 of 2007 (21 March 2007)
- No. 4 of 2007 (28 March 2007)
- No. 5 of 2007 (9 May 2007)
- No. 6 of 2007 (13 June 2007)
- No. 7 of 2007 (20 June 2007)

Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- First Report of 2007 (7 February 2007)
- Second Report of 2007 (28 February 2007)
- Third Report of 2007 (21 March 2007)
- Fourth Report of 2007 (28 March 2007)
- Fifth Report of 2007 (9 May 2007)
- Sixth Report of 2007 (13 June 2007)
- Seventh Report of 2007 (20 June 2007)

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private: 7

Appropriations and Staffing (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 19.

Members

The President (Senator the Hon. Paul Calvert) (Chairman), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator the Hon. Nick Minchin), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chris Evans), Senators Bartlett, Boswell, Faulkner, Heffernan, Parry (from 9 May 2007) and Ray

Former member

Senator Ferris

Secretary

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Mr Neil Bessell	6277 3015	6277 5784

Role of the committee

The Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing 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

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- 1

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private: 0

House (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21.

Current members

The President (Senator the Hon P Calvert) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator J Hogg), Senators Carr, Crossin, Parry, Lightfoot and Stephens

Secretary

	Phone	Fax
Ms Andrea Griffiths	(02) 6277 3398	(02) 6277 3199

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private: 2*

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Total: 2

* Sitting jointly with a similar committee of the House of Representatives

Privileges (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18.

Current members

Senator Faulkner (Chair), Senator Ronaldson (Deputy Chair), Senators Humphries, Johnston, Payne, Ray and Sherry

Secretary

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Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Nil

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private: 4

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: 4

Procedure (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 17.

Current members

The Deputy President (Senator J Hogg) (Chair), the President (Senator the Hon P Calvert), the Leader of the Government in the Senate (the Hon N Minchin), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator C Evans), Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, Ellison, Faulkner, Ferguson, and Ray

Secretary

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Mr Harry Evans	6277 3350	6277 3199

Current inquiry

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private:

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: Nil

Publications (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22.

Current members

Senator McGauran (Chair) [appointed 20.6.07], Senators Hurley [appointed 28.2.07], Marshall [appointed 18.11.04], Nash [appointed 16.8.05], Sterle [appointed 23.6.05] and Wortley [appointed 23.6.05].

Former members

Senators Barnett [appointed 14.9.06; discharged 20.6.07], Ian Campbell [appointed 23.3.07; resigned 31.5.07], Johnston [appointed 18.11.04; discharged 23.3.07] and Polley [appointed 23.6.05; discharged 28.2.07].

Secretary

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Ms Naomie Kaub	6277 3037	6277 3448

Public hearings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Roundtable discussion on printing standards for documents presented to Parliament—18 June 2007, Canberra

Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- 19th report (tabled 1 March 2007)
- 20th report (tabled 29 March 2007)
- 21st report (tabled 10 May 2007)
- 22nd report (tabled 21 June 2007)

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private:	4*
	1
Public:	1*
In camera:	0
Inspections:	0
Briefings:	0
Other:	0
Total:	6

**Meeting as a joint committee with a similar committee of the House of Representatives*

Selection of Bills (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Standing Order 24A.

Current members

The Government Whip (Senator Parry) (Chair), the Opposition Whip (Senator Campbell), the Nationals Whip (Senator Nash), the Australian Democrats Whip (Senator Bartlett), the Australian Greens Whip (Senator Siewert), Family First Whip (Senator Fielding) and Senators Abetz, Ludwig, McGauran and Webber.

Secretary

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Richard Pye	6277 3020	6277 3098/6277 3099

Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Reports Nos 1 to 11 of 2007

Meetings – All meetings held at Parliament House, Canberra

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private: 11

Total: 11

Senators' Interests (Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A.

Current members

Senator Webber (Chair), Senator Lightfoot (Deputy Chair), Senators Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk, McEwen and Nash

Secretary

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Register of Senators' Interests

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Register of Senators' Interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 5 December 2006 and 18 June 2007 (*tabled 20 June 2007*)

Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Report 1/2007 Annual Report 2006 (*tabled 1 March 2007*)
- Statement to the Senate by the Chair on behalf of the Committee, and revised explanatory notes (*tabled 21 March 2007*)

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private:	2
Public:	
In camera:	
Inspection:	
Briefings:	
Other:	
Total:	2

Electoral Matters (Joint)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 18 November 2004 and agreed to by the Senate on 18 November 2004.

Current members

Mrs Sophie Mirabella (Chairman), Senator Sterle (Deputy Chairman), Senator Judith Adams, Senator Kim Carr, Senator John Hogg, Senator Concetta Fieravanti-Wells, Senator Andrew Murray, Mr Steven Ciobo MP, Mr Michael Danby MP, Mr Alan Griffin MP, Mrs Sophie Mirabella MP. Mr John Forrest MP

Changes:

- Senator Hogg replaced Senator Forshaw on 9/11/05
- Mr Griffin replaced Mr Melham on 6/9/05
- Mr Lindsay replaced Mr Smith on 7/2/06
- Senator Sterle replaced Senator Hogg on 6/12/06
- Senator Sterle replaced Mr Danby as Deputy Chairman on 7/12/06
- Senator Fieravanti-Wells appointed 26/2/07
- Senator Brandis discharged 26/2/07
- Senator Mason discharged 26/2/07
- Senator Adams appointed 26/2/07
- Mrs Mirabella replaced Mr Lindsay as Chairman 26/2/07
- Mr Forrest appointed 14/2/07
- Mr Lindsay discharged 14/2/07

Secretary

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Mr Stephen Boyd	6277 4564	6277 4710

Current inquiry

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Inquiry into certain aspect of the administration of the Australian Electoral Commission

Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Civics and Electoral education

Government responses tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- NIL

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 18 November 2004, and agreed to by the Senate on 18 November 2004.

Current Members

Senator A B Ferguson (*Chair*), Hon G J Edwards, MP (*Deputy Chair*), Senator A Bartlett, Senator P M Crossin, Senator A Eggleston, Senator S Hutchins, Senator L J Kirk, Senator The Hon J A L (Sandy) Macdonald, Senator C M Moore, Senator M A Payne, Senator N Stott Despoja, Senator R B Trood, Senator R S Webber, Hon B G Baird, MP, Mr P A Barresi, MP, Mr M Danby, MP, Mrs T Draper, MP, Mrs J Gash, MP, Mr S W Gibbons, MP, Mr B W Haase, MP, Mr M J Hatton, MP, Hon D F Jull, MP, Hon J E Moylan, MP, Hon G D Prosser, MP, Hon B C Scott, MP, Mr R C G Sercombe, MP, Hon W E Snowdon, MP, Dr A J Southcott, MP, Mr C P Thompson, MP, Ms M Vamvakinou, MP, Mr B H Wakelin, MP, Mr K W Wilkie, MP

Secretary

Dr Margot Kerley (02) 6277 4629

Current inquiries

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2005-2006
- Inquiry into Australia's trade with Mexico and the Region
- Inquiry into Australia's aid program in the Pacific
- Inquiry into Australia's relationship with India as an emerging world power
- Inquiry into Australia's regional strategic defence requirements
- Inquiry into Australian Defence Force Regional Air Superiority

Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Inquiry into Australia's relationship with Malaysia
Tabled - Monday 26 March 2007

Government Responses

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- A Review of the Australia-New Zealand Closer Economic Relations (CER) Trade Agreement
Tabled - Thursday 7 December 2006
Date of Government Response: 24 May 2007
- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2004-2005
Tabled - Monday 16 October 2006
Date of Government Response: 21 June 2007
- Inquiry into Australia's free trade agreements with Singapore, Thailand and the United States: progress to date and lessons for the future
Tabled - Monday 7 November 2005
Date of Government Response: 29 March 2007
- Australia's Defence Relations with the United States
Tabled - Monday 22 May 2006
Date of Government Response: 1 March 2007
- Expanding Australia's Trade and Investment Relations with North Africa
Tabled - Monday 22 May 2006
Date of Government Response: 31 May 2007
- Inquiry into Australia's Relationship with the Republic of Korea
Tabled - Monday 14 August 2006 (sent to the Speaker Thursday 22 June 2006)
Date of Government Response: 29 March 2007

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private: 43
Public: 6
Inspections/Briefings: 6
Total: 55

Secretaries of Sub-Committees

Dr John Carter (Foreign Affair Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4306
Mr Robert Little (Trade Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4628
Dr Margot Kerley (Defence Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4629
Ms Sara Edson (Human Rights Sub-Committee)	(02) 6277 4547

Migration (Joint)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives and the Senate of 18 November 2004.

Current members

Mr Don Randall, MP (Chair), Senator Helen Polley (Deputy Chair), Senators Andrew Bartlett, Alan Eggleston, Stephen Parry and Mr Laurie Ferguson MP, Mrs Julia Irwin MP, Mr Michael Keenan MP, Dr Carmen Lawrence MP, and Dr Andrew Southcott MP.

Secretary

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Current inquiry

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Temporary Business Visas

Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

Government responses tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Review of Audit Report No. 1 2005-2006: Management of Detention Centre Contracts Part B (tabled in Senate 14 June 2007)

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private:	10
Public:	7
In camera:	2
Briefings:	0
*Delegation	0
Total meetings:	19

National Capital and External Territories (Joint)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to resolution of the House of Representatives of 18 November 2004 and the Senate of 18 November 2004.

Current members

Senator Ross Lightfoot (Chairman), Ms Annette Ellis MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Kate Lundy, the Deputy President (Senator John Hogg), the Deputy Speaker (Hon Ian Causley), Senator Trish Crossin, Senator Barnaby Joyce, Senator Natasha Stott Despoja, , Mr Paul Neville MP, Ms Sophie Mirabella MP, Mr Patrick Secker MP, Hon Warren Snowdon MP.

Changes:

- Senator Lundy replaced Senator O'Brien on 10/8/05
- Senator Joyce replaced Senator Scullion on 17/8/05
- Senator Carr replaced Senator Lundy from 8/12/05
- Senator Lundy replaced Senator Carr from 12/3/06
- Senator Carr replaced Senator Crossin on 28/3/06
- Senator Crossin replaced Senator Carr 28/2/07
- Ms Ellis replaced Senator Lundy as Deputy Chair 9/5/07

Secretary

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Mr Stephen Boyd	6277 4564	6277 8478

Current inquiry

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Review of the Griffin Legacy Amendment

Government responses tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Inquiry into the adequacy of funding for Australian Antarctic program
Response tabled: 1 March 2007
- Inquiry into current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories
Response tabled 14 June 2007

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private	10
Public	1
Inspections	1
Briefings	6
Total	18

Parliamentary Library (Joint Standing)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 7 December 2005, and agreed to by the House of Representatives on 7 December 2005.

Current members

Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD) appointed on 9 December 2005

Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) appointed on 30 March 2006

Senator McGauran appointed on 23 March 2007

Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS) appointed on 2 March 2006

Senator Russell Trood (Qld, LP) appointed on 2 March 2006

Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP) appointed on 30 March 2006

The Hon Mr Dick Adams MP (Lyons, Tas, ALP) appointed on 27 March 2006

The Hon Mr John Anderson MP (Gwydir, NSW, NATS) appointed on 28 February 2006

Mr Russell Broadbent MP (McMillan, Vic, LP) appointed on 28 February 2006

Mr Petro Georgiou MP (Kooyong, Vic, LP) appointed on 28 February 2006

Mr Michael Hatton MP (Blaxland, NSW, ALP) appointed on 27 February 2006

Mr Brendan O'Connor MP (Gorton, Vic, ALP) appointed on 27 February 2006

Mr Barry Wakelin MP (Grey, SA, LP) appointed on 28 February 2006

Secretary

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Ms Roxanne Missingham	6277 7102	6277 2403

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private:

Public:

In camera:

Inspections:

Briefings:

Other:

Total: Nil

Treaties (Joint)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives and the Senate on 18 November 2004.

Members

Dr A Southcott MP (Chair), Mr K Wilkie MP (Deputy Chair), Senator Bartlett, Senator Brown, Senator Mason (*to 23 Mar 07*), Senator Macdonald (*from 23 Mar 07*), Senator Sterle, Senator Trood (*to 20 June 07*), Senator Birmingham (*from 20 June 07*), Senator Wortley, Senator McGauran, Hon D Adams MP, Mr M Johnson MP, Mr M Keenan MP, Mrs M May MP, Mrs S Mirabella MP (*to 14 Feb 07*), Mr A Laming MP (*from 14 Feb 07*), Mr B Ripoll MP, Hon B Scott MP.

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr James Rees	6277 4642	6277 2219

Current inquiries

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- *Treaty tabled on 27 March 2007*
- *Treaties tabled on 9 May 2007*
- *Treaties tabled on 13 June 2007*

Documents tabled

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Report 83: Treaties tabled on 20 June (2), 17 October, 28 November (2) 2006 and CO2 Sequestration in Sub-Seabed Formations (*Tabled 26 March 2007*)
- Report 84: Treaty tabled on 6 December 2006 (*Tabled 20 June 2007*)
- Report85: Treaties tabled on 6, 7 and 27 February 2007 (*Tabled 21 June 2007*)

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

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Intelligence and Security (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to *Intelligence Services Act 2001*; amended by the *Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Act 2005* on 2 December 2005

Members

The Hon David Jull MP (Presiding Member)

Mr Anthony Byrne MP (Deputy Chair)

Senator Alan Ferguson, Senator Julian McGauran (till 28 March 2006), Senator the Hon Robert Ray, Senator the Hon John Faulkner (appointed 9 December 2005), Senator Fiona Nash (appointed 9 May 2006);

Mr Stewart McArthur MP; The Hon Duncan Kerr SC MP; and Mr Stephen Ciobo MP (appointed 8 December 2005)

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Mr Stephen Boyd	6277 4348	6277 2067

Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

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Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private (meetings)	7
Public (hearings)	2
In camera (hearings)	5
Inspections	1
Briefings	1
Total	16

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*.

Current members

The Speaker (The Hon D Hawker MP), the President (Senator The Hon P Calvert), Senators the Hon J Faulkner and S Parry and, Mr A Cadman MP, Mr K Bartlett MP, The Hon G Hardgrave MP, Mr J Murphy MP and Ms M Vamvakinou MP

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Claressa Surtees	6277 4888	6277 4204

Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

Public Accounts and Audit (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*.

Committee name

Joint Statutory Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Membership

Members

Mr Phil Barresi (from/*elected Chair*, 6.2.07)

Ms Sharon Grierson MP (Deputy-Chair)

Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP

Mr Russell Broadbent MP

Dr Craig Emerson MP

Dr Dennis Jensen MP (*from 29 May 2006*)

Hon Jackie Kelly MP

Ms Catherine King MP

Mr Andrew Laming MP

Mr Lindsay Tanner MP

Senators

Senator Mark Bishop

(*from 11 May 2006*)

Senator John Hogg

Senator Gary Humphries

Senator Andrew Murray

Senator Grant Chapman

(*from 23.3.07*)

Senator John Watson

Former members

Mr Tony Smith MP (to 6.2.07)(Chair) (to 6.2.07)

Hon Alex Somlyay (*to 12.8.05*)

Senator Nigel Scullion (*to 7.9.05*)

Ms Jackie Burke (*to 12.9.05*)

Mr Bob Baldwin MP (*Chairman to 7.2.06*)

Senator Claire Moore (*to 11.5.06*)

Mr Ken Ticehurst MP (*to 29.5.06*)

Senator Fiona Nash (*to 23.3.07*)

Current inquiries

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Certain Taxation Matter
- Reforms to financial reporting and equipment acquisition at Defence & DMO
- Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 1 to 20 (06/07)
- Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 7 to 34 (05/06)
- Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 35 to 52 (05/06)
- Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 43 (04/05) to 52 (05/06)

Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Nil

Document presented

- **Draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 2007-2008**
Statement by Senator John Watson (presented 11May07)

Government responses received

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Report No. 407 – Review of Auditor-General's Reports tabled between 18 January and 18 April 2005 (March07)
- Report 372 – Corporate Governance and accountability arrangements for Commonwealth government business enterprises (23May07)

Meetings/hours

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Full committee: 10hrs 30mins

Sectional committees: 10hrs

Total hours: 20hrs 30mins

Public Works (Joint Statutory)

1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007

Appointment

Pursuant to *Public Works Act 1969*.

Current members

Hon J. Moylan MP (Chair), Mr B. O'Connor MP, (Deputy Chair), Senator A. Ferguson (to 11/8/05) , Senator M. Forshaw (from 1/12/04 to 23/6/05 and from 9/11/05 to 1/3/07), Senator D. Wortley (from 23/6/05 to 9/11/05), Senator Stephen Parry (from 11/8/05) Mr H. Jenkins MP, Mr B. Ripoll MP, Mr J. Forrest MP, Mr B. Wakelin MP, and Senator The Hon Judith Troeth, Senator Annette Hurley (from 1/3/07)

Secretary

	Phone (02)	Fax (02)
Ms Margaret Swieringa (to 1/6/07)	6277 4348	6277 4426
Mr Stephen Boyd (from 1/6/07)		

Current inquiries

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Refurbishment of staff apartments, “Australian Embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan
- Airborne Early Warning and Control Facilities, RAAF Base Tindal, NT
- Robertson Barracks Redevelopment, Darwin, NT
- RAAF Base Pearce Redevelopment Stage 1, Pearce, WA
- Land Engineering Agency Test Services Relocation, Monegeetta, VIC
- HMAS Creswell Redevelopment, Jervis Bay Territory
- C-17 Heavy Air Lift Infrastructure Project
- RAAF Base Amberley Redevelopment Stage 3, QLD
- Rationalisation of ADF Facilities at RMAF Butterworth, Malaysia
- Proposed CSIRO Co-Location with Queensland Government on the Eco-Science and Health and Food Sciences precincts in Brisbane
- Fit-out of New Leased Premises for the Department of Health and Ageing in the Sirius Building, Woden Town Centre, ACT
- Fit-out of new Leased Premises for the Australian Customs Service, Brisbane
- Villawood Immigration Detention Centre Redevelopment, Sydney, NSW

Reports presented

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

- Seventieth Annual Report (tabled 21/3/07)
- Redevelopment of the Propellant Manufacturing Facility at Mulwala, NSW (tabled 28/3/07)
- Defence Force School of Signals Redevelopment, Simpson Barracks, Watsonia, VIC (tabled 23/5/07)
- National Towers Program Stage 1 for Airservices Australia at Adelaide, Canberra, Melbourne and Rockhampton Airports (tabled 23/5/07)
- Lavarack Barrack Redevelopment Stage 4, Townsville, QLD (tabled 23/5/07)
- Provision of Facilities for Project Single LEAP – Phase 2 (tabled 20/6/07)

Meetings

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

Private	7
Public	9
Inspections	6
Total	22

PART TWO

Consolidated Statistical Overview (Half Year)

1 January 2007 - 30 June 2007

Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office

1 January 2007 – 30 June 2007

	Matters current as at 1 January 2007	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Standing	26	74 (A)	73# + (1^ 2*) (B)	28
Joint	8	2 (C)	4 + (2*)	6
Total	34	76	77	34

Number and Hours of Meeting							
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other	Total Meetings
Standing	71	52	527:17	143	51:35	6	272
Joint	11	0	0:00	16	8:45	4	31
Total	82	52	527:17	159	60:20	10	303
							946:17

Meetings by State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Standing	8	12	0	3	3	2	8
Joint	3	5	0	0	2	0	1
Total	11	17	0	3	5	2	9

Televised Hearings	Witnesses		Hansard pages		No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	
Standing	90	3244	412	383	6356	1645	2380
Joint	3	0	30	74	0	138	566
Total	93	3244	442	457	6356	1783	2946
							10362
							1326
							9792
							8
							1
							9

(A) 16 Estimates; 8 Annual Reports; 43 Individual/Packages of Bills; 7 references

(B) 16 Estimates Reports; 8 Annual Report reports; 49 Reports

(C) 1 Package of Bills; 1 reference

*Reports that did not discharge a reference; ^Second progress report that did not discharge a reference; #Economics Standing Committee tabled 2 Reports to discharge 1 Bills package

PART THREE

Consolidated Statistical Overview (Financial Year)

1 July 2006 - 30 June 2007

Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office

1 July 2006 – 30 June 2007

	Matters current as at 1 July 2006	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2007
Legislation	10	12	15 +(2*)	
References	11	1	1 +(2*)	
Standing (11.9.06)		108	99# +(5*,1^)	28
Joint	5	5	4 +(4*)	6
Total	26	126	119	34

Number and Hours of Meeting						
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/ Other
Legislation	9	0	0:00	20	12:34	0
References	22	0	0:00	17	3:52	2
Standing (11.9.06)	119	70	714:22	230	113:28	9
Joint	17	0	0:00	28	15:18	7
Total	167	70	714:22	295	145:12	18
					43:36	
						550
						1632:16

Meetings by State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
References	4	2	0	1	4	0	2
Standing (11.9.06)	18	17	1	4	6	2	10
Joint	4	8	0	0	2	0	1
Total	27	28	1	6	12	3	14

Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	4	0	133	0	0	634	0	163	0
References	12	0	0	356	0	0	1579	271	0
Standing (11.9.06)	134	4186	606	765	8269	2535	4699	2594	13
Joint	6	0	30	148	0	138	1067	160	3
Total	156	4186	769	1269	8269	3307	7345	3188	16

*Reports that did not discharge a reference; **Withdrawn Bill; #Economics Standing Committee tabled 2 Reports to discharge 1 Bills package; ##Response to petitions;
^Second progress report that did not discharge a reference; ~Report to discharge Response to petitions
Out of the 119 reports tabled 16 were Estimates reports and 15 were Annual Report reports

PART FOUR

Statistics On

**2006-07 Additional Estimates
(February 2007)
AND
2007-08 Budget Estimates
(May 2007)**

<p align="center">Statistics on 2006-07 Additional Estimates (February 2007) and 2007-08 Budget Estimates (May 2007)</p>

Community Affairs

	2006-07 Additional Estimates (February 2007)	2007-08 Budget Estimates (May 2007)	TOTAL
No. of public meetings	2 (12/2 & 13/2)	4 (28/5, 29/5, 30/5 & 31/5)	6
Hours by portfolio:			
- Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	11:55	23:35	35:30
- Health and Ageing	11:45	23:35	35:20
Hours of public meetings	23:40	47:10	70:50

Economics

	2006-07 Additional Estimates (February 2007)	2007-08 Budget Estimates (May 2007)	TOTAL
No. of public meetings	3 (14/2, 15/2 & 16/2)	4 (28/5, 29/5, 30/5 & 31/5)	7
Hours by portfolio:			
- Industry, Tourism and Resources	6:01	9:48	15:49
- Treasury	18:26	26:23	44:49
Hours of public meetings	24:27	36:11	60:38

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

	2006-07 Additional Estimates (February 2007)	2007-08 Budget Estimates (May 2007)	TOTAL
No. of public meetings	2 (14/2 & 15/2)	4 (28/5, 29/5, 30/5 & 31/5)	6
Hours by portfolio:			
- Employment and Workplace Relations	10:06	22:25	32:31
- Education, Science and Training	10:37	16:16	26:53
Hours of public meetings	20:43	38:41	59:24

<p align="center">Statistics on 2006-07 Additional Estimates (February 2007) and 2007-08 Budget Estimates (May 2007)</p>

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

	2006-07 Additional Estimates (February 2007)	2007-08 Budget Estimates (May 2007)	TOTAL
No. of public meetings	3 (12/2, 13/2 & 16/2)	4 (21/5, 22/5, 23/5 & 24/5)	7
Hours by portfolio:			
- Arts and Sport	3:28	6:48	10:16
- Communications and Information Technology	13:07	18:23	31:30
- Environment and Water Resources	9:45	14:15	24:00
Hours of public meetings	26:20	39:26	65:46

Finance and Public Administration

	2006-07 Additional Estimates (February 2007)	2007-08 Budget Estimates (May 2007)	TOTAL
No. of public meetings	3 (12/2, 13/2 & 16/2)	4 (21/5, 22/5, 23/5 & 24/5)	7
Hours by portfolio:			
- Finance and Administration	9:39	13:39	23:18
- Human Services	6:49	6:27	13:16
- Parliament	4:42	5:15	9:57
- Prime Minister and Cabinet	6:21	15:15	21:36
Hours of public meetings	27:31	40:36	68:07

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

	2006-07 Additional Estimates (February 2007)	2007-08 Budget Estimates (May 2007)	TOTAL
No. of public meetings	2 (14/2 & 15/2)	4 (28/5, 29/5, 30/5 & 31/5)	6
Hours by portfolio:			
- Defence	8:35	18:30	27:05
- Foreign Affairs and Trade	11:05	25:10	36:15
- Veterans' Affairs	2:50	3:30	6:20
Hours of public meetings	22:30	47:10	69:40

<p align="center">Statistics on 2006-07 Additional Estimates (February 2007) and 2007-08 Budget Estimates (May 2007)</p>

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

	2006-07 Additional Estimates (February 2007)	2007-08 Budget Estimates (May 2007)	TOTAL
No. of public meetings	2 (12/2 & 13/2)	4 (21/5, 22/5, 23/5 & 24/5)	6
Hours by portfolio:			
- Attorney-General's	11:54	22:49	34:43
- Immigration and Citizenship	10:30	19:40	30:10
Hours of public meetings	22:24	42:29	64:53

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

	2006-07 Additional Estimates (February 2007)	2007-08 Budget Estimates (May 2007)	TOTAL
No. of public meetings	3 (12/2, 13/2 & 16/2)	4 (21/5, 22/5, 23/5 & 24/5)	7
Hours by portfolio:			
- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	15:32	21:33	37:05
- Transport and Regional Services	11:10	19:44	30:54
Hours of public meetings	26:42	41:17	67:59

The number of days the estimates committees sat:

2006-07 Additional Estimates **5 days** (12, 13, 14, 15 & 16 February 2007)

2007-08 Budget Estimates **8 days** (21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 & 31 May 2007)