PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS 1971-2005

As at 30 November 2005, there have been nine chairs of the Committee of Privileges, namely Senators Drake-Brockman, Button, Jessop, Childs, Giles, Reynolds, Teague, Ray and Faulkner. Until 10 October 1994, the chair was required, by Standing Orders, to be a member nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate. Changes to Standing Orders which took effect on that date require that certain committees, including the Privileges Committee, be chaired by a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate. The longest-serving chair has been Senator Robert Ray, who held the office for eight years and six months.

Chairs' terms of service

Note: The chairmanship record, while complete, shows lengthy gaps between chairs at times. While the committee was generally re-established promptly in each new Parliament, it did not meet and elect a chair until it received a reference. Where the same person was re-elected chair in successive Parliaments, the period of service is shown as continuous.

Name	*State*	*Party*	*Term of Service*
Drake-Brockman, Thomas Charles	WA	CP	4/5/71-26/2/73
Button, John Norman	VIC	ALP	22/7/75-11/11/75
Drake-Brockman, Thomas Charles	WA	CP	10/4/78-30/6/78
Jessop, Donald Scott	SA	Lib	28/9/78-4/2/83
Childs, Bruce Kenneth	NSW	ALP	15/6/84-5/6/87
Giles, Patricia Jessie	WA	ALP	18/3/88-30/6/93
Reynolds, Margaret	QLD	ALP	1/7/93-9/10/94
Teague, Baden Chapman	SA	Lib	13/10/94-29/4/96
Ray, Robert Francis	VIC	ALP	9/5/96-15/11/04
Faulkner, John Philip	NSW	ALP	18/11/04-

Deputy chairs' terms of service

Deputy chairs of the committee have been elected only recently. Their terms of service are as follows:

Name	*State*	*Party*	*Term of Service*
Lewis, Austin William Russell	VIC	Lib	9/5/91-19/8/92
Teague, Baden Chapman	SA	Lib	20/8/92-9/10/94; 9/5/96-30/6/96
Reynolds, Margaret	QLD	ALP	13/10/94-29/4/96
Knowles, Susan Christine	WA	Lib	12/9/96-22/8/03; 12/2/04-30/6/05
Payne, Marise Ann	NSW	Lib	18/9/03-12/2/04
Ronaldson, Michael John Clyde	VIC	Lib	23/6/05-