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Dr Patrick Hodder
Secretary
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Hodder

Supplementary Budget estimates hearings – Department of the Senate

In accordance with the usual practice, I attach statistics (updated as of 31 January) about the operations of committees supported by the Senate Committee Office.

For this round of estimates I have provided information about the level of committee activity from the commencement of the 47th Parliament. Statistical information that compares the level of committee activity in the 47th Parliament with the level of activity in previous Parliaments will be provided in preparation for Budget Estimates 2023.

The Senate Committee Office currently supports the eight paired legislation and references standing committees, four select committees, one joint select committee and four joint standing committees. If the committee would like additional information, I would be happy to provide it.

Yours sincerely

(Richard Pye)
Clerk

Senate committee activity in the 47th Parliament

(Summary as at 31 January 2023)

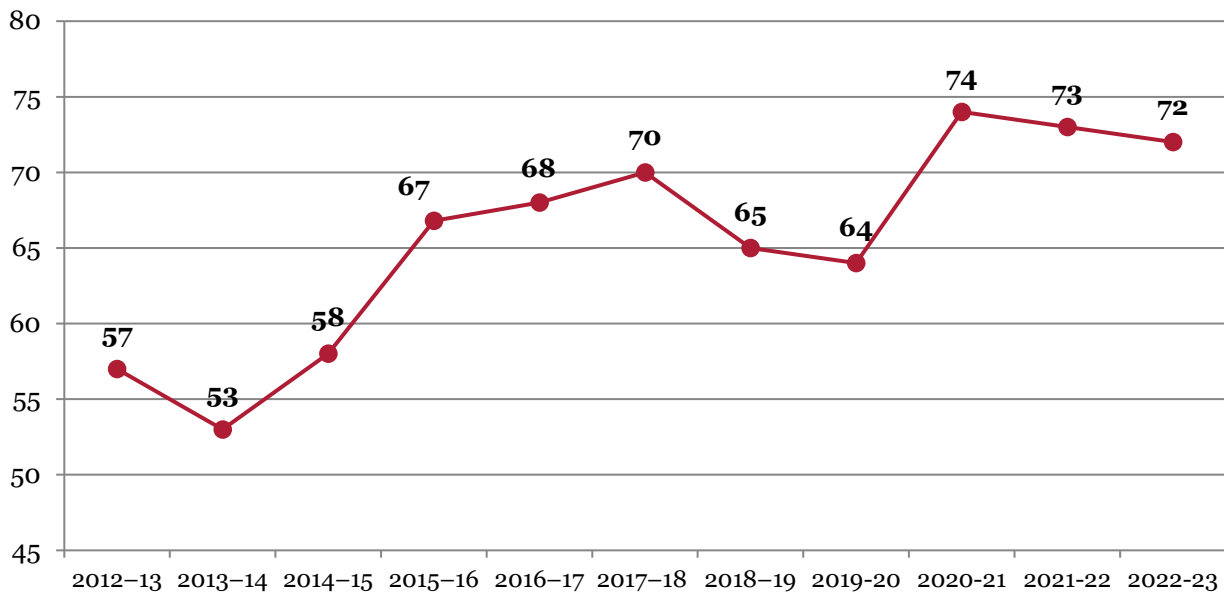
	References	Hearings	Reports
Senate Standing Committees	49	81	46
Senate Select Committees	4	11	1
Joint Standing and Joint Select Committees	8	19	1
Total	61	111	48

Staffing

Staffing: At the end of the 2021-2022 financial year, there was an average of 73 full time equivalent staff (FTE), compared with an average FTE of 74 in the 2020-21 financial year. The current staffing level in the Committee Office is 72 FTE which reflects the commencement of a new parliament. The following chart shows changes in average staffing levels over time.

Senate Committee Office

Average Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing levels by financial year



Administration

The current annual budget for the Committee Office is approximately \$9.6 million. This includes employee expenses of \$9.4 million and administrative expenses of \$0.2 million. So far in the 2022-23 financial year (as at 31 January 2023), the Committee Office actual expenditure is \$5.6 million.

Expenditure by completed financial year

