

## **WORK OF COMMITTEES**

**Year statistics: 1 January 2003 - 31 December 2003**

**Half-year statistics: 1 July 2003 - 31 December 2003**

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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 July 2003 to 31 December 2003); and
- the year (1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003)

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

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## ABBREVIATIONS

### *Committees*

ACC	Australian Crime Commission
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
MED	Medicare
MINMIG	Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters
NT	Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund
RRAT	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
SUPER	Superannuation

### *Political Affiliations*

AD	Australian Democrats
AG	Australian Greens
ALP	Australian Labor Party
APA	Australian Progressive Alliance
CL	Country Labor
CLP	Country Liberal Party
Ind	Independent
LP	Liberal Party of Australia
NATS	The Nationals
PHON	Pauline Hanson's One Nation

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Other publications available from the Committee Office:

- Committee Reports\*
- Consolidated Register of Senate Committee Reports (1970 - 1998)  
- 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 at Parliament House)\*\*
- Public Hearings/Meetings list (list of all public hearings to be held in the following fortnight, published every Friday)\*\*
- Bills to Committees Update (providing details on the progress of legislation through Senate committees)\*\*
- Information pamphlets\*\*-
  - No. 1 Notes to assist in the preparation of submissions to Senate Committee inquiries
  - No. 2 Information for witnesses appearing before Senate Committees (general information and notes to assist with the preparation of oral evidence before Senate committees)
  - 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)
  - No. 4 Government Guidelines for official witnesses before Parliamentary Committees and related matters (Extract)
- Guidelines for Committee Chairs
- Senate Committees: A Handbook for Senators' Staff

\* reports tabled since June 1997 available on the Internet

\*\* 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
ASIO, ASIS and DSD	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4348	6277 2067
Australian Crime Commission	Parliamentary	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
	Joint			
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Joint Statutory	H	6277 4888	6277 4204
Community Affairs*	LGPS	S	6277 3515	6277 5829
Corporations and Financial Services	Parliamentary	S	6277 3581	6277 5719
	Joint			
Economics*	LGPS	S	6277 3540	6277 5719
Electoral Matters	Joint Standing	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 3531	6277 5809
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Joint Standing	H	6277 4629	
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade*	LGPS	S	6277 3536	6277 5818
House	Standing	S	6277 3398	6277 3199
Legal and Constitutional*	LGPS	S	6277 3594	6277 5794
Library	Standing	L	6277 7102	6277 2403
Medicare	Select	S	6277 3527	6277 3830
Migration	Joint Standing	H	6277 4565	6277 8506
Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters	Select	S	6277 3458	6277 5809
National Capital and External Territories	Joint Standing	H	6277 4348	6277 2067
Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund	Joint Statutory	S	6277 3598	6277 5866
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	S	6277 3066	6277 5838
	Scrutiny			
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport*	LGPS	S	6277 3511	6277 5811
Scrutiny of Bills	Legislative	S	6277 3051	6277 5838
	Scrutiny			
Selection of Bills	Standing	S	6277 3020	6277 3098
Senators' Interests	Standing	S	6277 3357	6277 3199
Superannuation	Select	S	6277 3458	6277 3130
Treaties	Joint Standing	H	6277 4002	6277 2219

**Code**

<b>H</b>	Department of the House of Representatives
<b>L</b>	Department of the Parliamentary Library
<b>LGPS</b>	Legislative and General Purpose Standing
<b>S</b>	Department of the Senate
<b>*</b>	Legislation and References Committees

## 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;
- Specific Parliamentary Joint Committees; and
- Senate Select Committees

### Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees

As indicated above, each Senate Standing Committee comprises a Legislation Committee and a References Committee. Under Senate Standing Orders, these Committees are re-established at the beginning of each Parliament and “stand ready” to inquire into and report on those matters relevant to their portfolio/subject area. Under Senate Standing Orders, Legislation Committees are established to inquire into and report on Bills, estimates, annual reports and the performance of government departments and agencies. Reference Committees inquire into and report on all other matters, generally broader policy issues.

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

#### Community Affairs

- Legislation
- References

#### Health and Ageing

Family and Community Services

#### Economics

- Legislation
- References

#### Treasury

Industry, Tourism and Resources

#### Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

- Legislation
- References

#### Education, Science and Training

Employment and Workplace Relations

Environment, Communications,,  
Information Technology and the Arts

- Legislation
- References

Environment and Heritage  
Communications and Information Technology  
Arts and Sport

Finance and Public Administration

- Legislation
- References

Parliament  
Prime Minister and Cabinet  
Finance and Administration

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

- Legislation
- References

Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

Legal and Constitutional

- Legislation
- References

Attorney-General  
Immigration and Multicultural  
and Indigenous Affairs

Rural and Regional Affairs and  
Transport

- Legislation
- References

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
Transport and Regional Services

### **Parliamentary Joint Committees**

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

- Australian Crime Commission
- Corporations and Financial Services; and
- Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund

### **Senate Select Committees**

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

Medicare (appointed 15 May 2003; reappointed on 25 November 2003);  
Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters (appointed 19 June 2003); and  
Superannuation (appointed on 22 September 1999; re-established on 14 March 2002)



**PART ONE**

**1 July 2003 - 31 December 2003**



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



# **Community Affairs**

# Community Affairs

1 July - 31 December

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	0	1	0	1
References	3	1	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

## Number and Hours of Meeting

Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	2	23:15	1	0:05	0	0:00	3	23:20
References	11	0	0:00	3	1:25	5	13:11	19	77:36
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23:15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13:11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>100:56</b>

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## Meetings By State

ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	2	4	0	2	4	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

## Witnesses

Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	209	0	0	264	0	0	0	0	0
References	0	0	180	0	0	983	498	5635	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>5635</b>	<b>0</b>

## Community Affairs Legislation

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP) (elected Chair-20.12.03)	20.12.03
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD) (elected Deputy Chair 12.2.03)	18.11.02
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	3.12.03
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	13.2.02
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP), (Chair-22.8.03 to 19.12.03)	20.3.03
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	1.7.02

### Substitute members

*Date of appointment*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.02
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	1.7.02
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	29.8.02
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	30.10.03
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	29.8.02
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	29.8.02
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.3.02
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	28.8.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	19.8.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	6.3.03

Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	9.9.03
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	14.2.02
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	1.7.02
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	5.2.03
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	19.8.02

*\*for Health and Ageing portfolio*

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	13.2.02-1.7.02
Senator the Hon John Herron (Qld, LP)	13.2.02-1.7.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	13.2.02-21.8.02
Senator the Hon John Herron (Qld, LP)	21.8.02-28.8.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD) (Deputy Chair: 14.2.02-17.9.02)	13.2.02-17.9.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	17.9.02-18.11.02
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	1.7.02-20.3.03
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP), (elected Chair-14.2.02)	13.2.02-21.8.03
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	28.8.02-3.12.03

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Paul Calvert*	14.2.02-20.2.03
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)**	16.9.02-11.11.02
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)***	16.9.02-17.9.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)^	18.9.02-19.9.02
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)^	19.9.02-19.9.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)^	24.9.02-26.9.02
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)^	12.11.02-2.12.02
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)++	17.9.02-24.10.02
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)^	13.11.02-22.11.02
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)^	13.11.02-22.11.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)*^	18.11.02-21.11.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)*^	6.2.03-13.2.03

Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)*^^^	22.8.03-19.12.03
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)*^^^	30.10.03-7.11.03

*\*for Senator Herron till noon on 20 February 2002*

*\*\*for Senator Denman for Research involving embryos and prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002*

*\*\*\*for Senator Heffernan for Research involving embryos and prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002 on 17 September 2002 from 4.45pm until conclusion of business on that day*

*^for Senator Heffernan for Research involving embryos and prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002 on 19 September 2002*

*\*\*\*for Senator Hutchins for Research involving embryos and prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002 on 19 September 2002 from 6.10pm until conclusion of business on that day*

*^^for Senator Heffernan for Research involving embryos and prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002 on 24 & 26 September 2002*

*^^^for Senator Hutchins for Provisions of the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Special Benefits Activity Test) Bill 2002*

*++for Senator Denman for Research involving embryos and prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002 to 24.10.02*

*^^^for Senator Denman for 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 21 & 22 November 2002*

*^^^for Senator Hutchins for 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 21 & 22 November 2002*

*\*for Senator Heffernan for 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 21 November 2002*

*\*\*for Senator Heffernan on 12 & 13 February 2003*

*^^for Senator Knowles from 22 August 2003 to 19 December 2003*

*^^^for Senator Heffernan for 2003-04 supplementary Budget estimates on 6.11.03*

## **Former participating members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator the Hon Rosemary Crowley (SA, ALP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Brenda Gibbs (Qld, ALP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)*	22.8.02-17.9.02
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)**	13.2.02-18.11.02
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)***	17.9.02-18.11.02
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)^	27.8.02-11.11.02
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)^^	16.9.02-11.11.02
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)^	27.8.02-11.11.02
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)^^^	14.11.02-23.11.02
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)	14.2.02-19.8.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, AD)****	13.2.02-27.4.03

*\*for Research involving embryos and prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002*

*\*\*for Family and Community Services portfolio*

*\*\*\*for Health portfolio*

*^for Research involving embryos and prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002*

*^^for Research involving embryos and prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002*

*^^^for 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 21 & 22 November 2002*

*\*\*\*\*for matters relating to the Health portfolio*

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Nil

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- The Truth in Food Labelling Bill 2003 (referred 29 October 2003)

### **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- The Truth in Food Labelling Bill 2003 (referred 29 October 2003)

### **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- 2003-04 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 5 & 6 November 2003, Canberra

### **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

### **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

### **Estimates**

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

## Community Affairs References

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) (elected Chair- 1.7.02)	1.7.02
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP) (elected Deputy Chair- 20.12.03)	20.12.03
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) (Deputy Chair- 17.9.03 to 19.12.03)	20.3.03
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	13.2.02
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	13.2.02
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	1.7.02

### Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)*	6.3.03

*\*replace Senator Lees for inquiry into children in institutional care*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.02
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.3.02
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)**	18.11.02
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	6.3.03
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	9.9.03

Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	5.2.03
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	19.8.02

*\*for Health and Ageing portfolio*

*\*\*for Family and Community Services portfolio*

*\*\*\*from 22 August 2003 to 19 December 2003*

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Rosemary Crowley (SA, ALP) (elected Chair-14.2.02)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Brenda Gibbs (Qld, ALP)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	1.7.02-20.3.03
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP) (elected Deputy Chair- 14.2.02)	13.2.02-21.8.03

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Sue West (NSW, ALP)*	21.3.02-28.3.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)**	20.8.03-19.12.03

*\*replace Senator Gibbs from 21 March 2002 to 28 March 2002*

*\*\*replace Senator Knowles from 22 August 2003 to 19 December 2003*

### **Former participating members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP)	11.3.02-30.6.02
Senator Sue West (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	13.2.02-18.11.02
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)*	13.2.02-18.11.02
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)**	17.9.02-18.11.02
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)	11.3.02-19.8.02
Senator Sue Knowles (WA, LP)***	20.8.03-19.8.02

*\*for Family and Community Services portfolio*

*\*\*for Health portfolio*

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Annual Ombudsman Report on the operations of the social security breaches and penalties system (referred 16 October 2002)
- Poverty and Financial Hardship in Australia (referred 21 October 2002)
- Children in institutional care (referred 4 March 2003)

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- Annual Ombudsman Report on the operations of the social security breaches and penalties system (referred 16 October 2002)
- Poverty and Financial Hardship in Australia in Australia (referred 21 October 2002)
- Children in institutional care (referred 4 March 2003)
- Hepatitis C and Blood Supply in Australia (referred 19 August 2003)

## **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Hepatitis C and Blood Supply in Australia (referred 19 August 2003)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Poverty and Financial Hardship in Australia – 1 July 2003, Lismore; 2 July 2003, Wollongong; 28 July 2003, Perth; 29 July 2003, Darwin; 4 August 2003, Brisbane; 6 August 2003, Townsville
- Children in institutional care – 11 & 12 November 2003, Melbourne; 13 November 2003, Adelaide; 8 & 9 December 2003, Perth

## **Inspections**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Poverty and Financial Hardship in Australia – 5 August 2003, Palm Island, Queensland

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil



# **Economics**

# Economics

1 July - 31 December

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	5	8	12	1
References	2	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>

## Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	12	32:55	2	18:04	15	6:00	0	0:00	29	56:59
References	10	39:05	0	0:00	9	5:30	0	0:00	19	44:35
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>72:00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18:04</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>101:34</b>

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## Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Witnesses

	Tevised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	14	171	65	42	219	230	134	76	615	0
References	8	0	0	100	0	0	431	83	1876	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>2491</b>	<b>0</b>

## Economics Legislation

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP) (elected Chair - 14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL) (elected Deputy Chair – 26.6.03)	24.6.03
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	13.2.02
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	13.2.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	13.2.02
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	1.7.02

### Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)+	13.2.02
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)++	4.12.03

*+replace Senator Murray for matters relating to Resources portfolio*

*++replace Senator Murray for inquiry into the provisions of the Superannuation Safety Amendment Bill 2003*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	14.2.02
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	23.10.02
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)	14.2.02
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	13.3.02
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon Peter Cook (WA, ALP)	20.6.02
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.3.02
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02

Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	1.7.02
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	21.10.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	23.10.02
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	1.7.02
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	9.9.03
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	6.3.03
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	14.2.02
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	13.2.02
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	14.5.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	14.2.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	25.11.03

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Chris Schacht (SA, ALP)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair - 14.2.02)	13.2.02-24.6.03

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)**	14.2.02-22.2.02
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)***	11.3.02-8.4.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)****	19.3.02-20.3.02
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)*****	16.5.02-6.6.02
Senator Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)*****	16.5.02-1.6.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)#	19.6.02-26.6.02
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)##	27.6.02-27.8.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)###	18.11.02-22.11.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)^	6.3.03-24.3.03
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)^^	6.3.03-16.6.03
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)^^^	26.6.03-9.8.03
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)^^^^	13.8.03-10.9.03
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)^^^^	18.9.03-5.12.03

\*\*replace Senator Chapman from 5.30pm on 21 February 02 and 22 February 02

\*\*\*replace Senator Chapman till 8 April 02

\*\*\*\*replace Senator Murray on Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Bill (No.1) 2002  
and Income Tax (Superannuation Payments Withholding Tax) Bill 2002 inquiry

\*\*\*\*\*replace Senator Chapman on 6 June 2002

\*\*\*\*\*replace Senator Chapman from 3 to 5 June 2002 and 7 June 2002 (if required)  
#replace Senator Murray on Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme Amendment Bill 2002 inquiry  
##replace Senator Murray for the Space Activities Amendment Bill 2002 inquiry  
###replace Senator Chapman for 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 21 and 22 November 2002  
^replace Senator Murray on inquiry into the provisions of the Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme Bill 2003 and a related bill  
^replace Senator Murray on inquiry into the provisions of the Designs Bill 2002 and a related bill  
^^replace Senator Brandis from 30 June to 8 August 2003  
^^^replace Senator Murray on inquiry into the ACIS Bill 2003l  
^^^replace Senator Murray on inquiry into the Provisions of the Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions Splitting) Bill 2003

## **Former participating members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)^	14.11.02-23.11.02

*^for 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 21 & 22 November 2002*

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Bill 2003 (referred 19 March 2003)
- Provisions of the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No.5) 2003 (referred 18 June 2003)
- Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill 2003 (referred 18 June 2003)
- The New Business Tax System (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill (No.1) 2003 (referred 25 June 2003)
- The Provisions of the Financial Services Reform Amendment Bill 2003 (referred 25 June 2003)

## **Current inquiry**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- Provisions of the Superannuation Safety Amendment Bill 2003 (referred 3 December 2003)

## **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Provisions of the ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2003 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (ACIS) Bill 2003 (referred 13 August 2003)
- Provisions of the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No.7) 2003 (referred 13 August 2003)
- Provisions of the Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003 and the Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Bill 2003 (referred 17 September 2003)
- Provisions of the International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill 2003 (referred 17 September 2003)

- Provisions of the Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions Splitting) Bill 2003 (referred 17 September 2003) and associated regulations (referred 27 October 2003)
- Financial Services Reform Amendment Bill 2003 (referred 26 November 2003)
- Provisions of the Superannuation Safety Amendment Bill 2003 (referred 3 December 2003)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Provisions of the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No.5) 2003 – 29 July 2003, Canberra
- The New Business Tax System (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill (No.1) 2003 - 29 July 2003, Canberra
- Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill 2003 – 30 July 2003, Canberra; 12 August 2003, Canberra
- The Provisions of the Financial Services Reform Amendment Bill 2003 - 30 July 2003, Canberra
- Provisions of the ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2003 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (ACIS) Bill 2003 – 18 August 2003, Canberra
- Provisions of the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No.7) 2003 – 22 August 2003, Canberra
- Provisions of the Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003 and the Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Bill 2003 – 7 October 2003, Canberra
- Provisions of the International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill 2003 – 13 October 2003
- Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Bill 2003 – 13 October 2003, Canberra
- 2003-04 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 5 & 6 November 2003, Canberra
- Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions Splitting) Bill 2003 – 25 November 2003, Canberra
- Financial Services Reform Amendment Bill 2003 – 1 December 2003, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- New Business Tax System (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill (No.1) 2003 (tabled 13 August 2003)
- Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill 2003 (tabled 20 August 2003)
- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No.5) 2003 (tabled 21 August 2003)
- Provisions of the Financial Services Reform Amendment Bill 2003 (tabled 21 August 2003)
- Provisions of the ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2003 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (ACIS) Bill 2003 (tabled 10 September 2003)
- Provisions of the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No.7) 2003 (tabled 10 September 2003)
- Annual Reports - No.2 of 2003 (tabled 10 September 2003)
- Provisions of the Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Bill 2003 and the Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003 (tabled 16 October 2003)

- Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Bill 2003 (tabled 29 October 2003)
- Provisions of the International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill 2003 (presented out of session on 3 November 2003; tabled on 24 November 2003)
- Financial Services Reform Amendment Bill 2003 (tabled 3 December 2003)
- Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions Splitting) Bill 2003 (tabled 5 December 2003)

### **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

### **Estimates**

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

## Economics References

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL) (elected Chair – 26.6.03)	24.6.03
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP) (elected Deputy Chair - 20.2.02)	14.2.02
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	10.9.03
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	13.2.02
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	1.7.02

### Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	13.2.02
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)**	15.9.03
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)****	24.11.03

\**replace Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to Resources portfolio*

\*\**replace Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the structure and distributive effects of the Australian taxation system*

\*\*\*\**replace Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into Whether the Trade Practices Act 1974 adequately protects small business*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	9.9.03
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	13.3.02
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.3.02
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02

Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	1.7.02
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	21.10.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	23.10.02
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	9.9.03
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	13.2.02
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	14.5.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	11.3.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	25.11.03

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator the Hon Peter Cook (WA, ALP)	13.2.02-19.8.02
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	19.8.02-5.2.03
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP) (elected Chair - 20.2.02)	13.2.02-24.6.03
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	5.2.03-10.9.03

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)**	26.6.03-9.8.03

*\*\*replace Senator Brandis from 30 June to 8 August 2003*

### **Former participating members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP)	11.3.02-30.6.02
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	23.10.02-10.9.03

### **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2003*

- The structure and distributive effects of the Australian taxation system (referred 12 December 2002)
- Whether the *Trade Practices Act 1974* adequately protects small business (referred 25 June 2003)

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- The structure and distributive effects of the Australian taxation system (referred 12 December 2002)
- Whether the *Trade Practices Act 1974* adequately protects small business (referred 25 June 2003)

## **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- The structure and distributive effects of the Australian taxation system – 28 & 29 July 2003, Canberra; 12 September 2003, Canberra; 2 December 2003, Canberra
- Whether the *Trade Practices Act 1974* adequately protects small business – 10, 17 & 30 October 2003, Canberra; 31 October 2003, Melbourne; 7 & 24 November 2003, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

**Employment, Workplace Relations and  
Education**

# Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

1 July - 31 December

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	0	2 +(1^^)	2	0
References	3	1 +(1^^)	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

^^Reference amalgamated with existing reference

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	3:10	2	19:48	5	0:30	0	0:00	8	23:28
References	11	32:28	0	0:00	12	2:22	0	0:00	23	34:50
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35:38</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19:48</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2:52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>58:18</b>

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Meetings By State										
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD		
Legislation	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
References	16	2	1	1	1	1	0	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>		

Witnesses							Hansard Pages			
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	3	126	0	9	237	0	37	12	233	0
References	4	0	0	169	0	0	1021	528	4712	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1058</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>4945</b>	<b>2</b>

## Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP), (elected Chair - 14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair - 14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	19.3.02
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	13.2.02
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	1.7.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	13.2.02

### Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)*	13.2.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)**	13.2.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)***	27.8.02
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)****	13.2.02

*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to Workplace Relations portfolio*

*\*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to Schools portfolio*

*\*\*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to Training portfolio*

*\*\*\*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to Employment portfolio*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	26.6.03
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	20.3.03
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	13.3.02
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.3.02

Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.3.02
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	24.6.03
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	19.8.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	16.5.02
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	9.9.03
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	23.10.02
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	1.7.02
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.02
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	11.11.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	19.8.02

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	13.2.02-19.3.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	13.2.02-30.6.02

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP)^	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, AD)***	13.2.02-27.8.02
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)^	14.2.02-20.2.02
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)^	14.2.02-21.2.02
Senator the Hon John Herron (Qld, LP)^	14.2.02-22.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)^	16.5.02-6.02
Senator Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)^	16.5.02-7.6.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)#	19.6.02-21.6.02
Senator Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)##	19.6.02-21.6.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)###	24.6.02-18.9.02

Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)*^	27.6.02-22.8.02
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)**^	27.6.02-18.11.02
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)***	15.5.02-4.6.03

^replace Senator Brandis for matters relating to Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio  
\*\*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to Training portfolio  
^replace Senator Crane on 20 February 2002  
^^replace Senator Brandis on 21 February 2002  
^^^replace Senator Brandis on 22 February 2002  
^^^^replace Senator Barnett on 5 June 2002  
^^^^^replace Senator Barnett on 6 June 2002 and 7 June 2002 (if required)  
#replace Senator Barnett for 2002-03 Budget estimates on 21 June 2002  
##replace Senator Ferris for 2002-03 Budget estimates on 21 June 2002  
###replace Senator Murray on the Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002 inquiry  
\*^replace Senator G Campbell for the Higher Education Funding Bill 2002 inquiry  
\*\*^replace Senator Carr for Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 2002 inquiry  
\*\*\*replace Senator Johnston for 2003-04 Budget estimates from 2 June to 4 June 2003

## Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP)	11.3.02-30.6.02
Senator Brenda Gibbs (Qld, ALP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)***	14.11.02-22.11.02
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)	11.3.02-19.8.02

\*\*\*for 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 21 & 22 November 2002

## Current inquiry

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Nil

## Current inquiry

*As at 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## New references

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Compliance with Court and Tribunal Orders) Bill 2003 and the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2003 (referred 20 August 2003) **and** Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Remedies for Unprotected Action) Bill 2002 (referred 17 September 2003)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- 2003-04 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 5 & 6 November 2003, Canberra
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Compliance with Court and Tribunal Orders) Bill 2003 and the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2003 (referred 20 August 2003) **and** Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Remedies for Unprotected Action) Bill 2002 – 22 October 2003, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Annual Reports - No.2 of 2003 (tabled 9 September 2003)
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Compliance with Court and Tribunal Orders) Bill 2003, Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2003 and Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Remedies for Unprotected Action) Bill 2002 (tabled 30 October 2003)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Estimates**

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

## Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP) (elected Chair - 14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair - 14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	19.3.02
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	13.2.02
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	13.2.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	13.2.02

### Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)*	13.2.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)**	13.2.02
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)***	13.2.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)****	27.8.02
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)^	16.10.03
Senator the Hon Peter Cook (WA, ALP)^	16.10.03
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)#	29.10.03

*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to Workplace Relations portfolio*

*\*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to Schools portfolio*

*\*\*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to Employment portfolio*

*\*\*\*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to Training portfolio*

*^replace Senator Carr for inquiry into Draft Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2003*

*^^replace Senator Crossin for inquiry into Draft Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2003*

*#replace Senator Barnett for inquiry into the exposure draft of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2003*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	26.6.03
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	13.3.02
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	13.3.02

Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.3.02
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	24.6.03
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	27.8.02
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	19.8.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	16.5.02
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	9.9.03
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	19.3.03
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	25.6.03
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	1.7.02
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.02
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	11.11.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)	19.8.02

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	13.2.02-19.3.02

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Meg Lees (SA, AD)*	13.2.02-27.8.02
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)***	27.6.02-18.11.02
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)*****	21.3.02-6.2.03
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)^	13.8.03-24.11.03

*\*replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to Training portfolio*

*\*\*\*replace Senator Cherry for small business employment hearings in Western Australia and Melbourne*

*\*\*\*\*\*replace Senator Carr for small business employment inquiry*

*^replace Senator Tierney for inquiry into labour market skills*

## **Former participating members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP)	11.3.02-30.6.02
Senator the Hon Rosemary Crowley (SA, ALP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)	11.3.02-19.8.02

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2003*

- The refusal of the Government to respond to the order of the Senate of 21 August 2002 for the production of documents relating to financial information concerning higher education institutions (referred 18 September 2002)
- Labour market skills requirements (referred 23 October 2002)
- Higher education funding & regulatory legislation (referred 26 June 2003)

## **Current inquiry**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- Draft Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill (referred 16 October 2003) **and** Provisions of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2003 And the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2003 (referred 3 December 2003)

## **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Draft Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill (referred 16 October 2003) **and** Provisions of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2003 And the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2003 (referred 3 December 2003)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Labour market skills requirements – 15 August 2003, Canberra
- Higher education funding & regulatory legislation – 22 September 2003, Sydney; 23 September 2003, Brisbane; 24 September 2003, Armidale; 26 September 2003, Hobart; 30 September 2003, Perth; 1 October 2003, Adelaide; 2 October 2003, Melbourne; 10 & 17 October 2003, Canberra
- Draft Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill **and** Provisions of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2003 And the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2003 – 11 December 2003, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Order for production of documents on university finances (tabled 15 October 2003)
- Bridging the skills divide (presented out of session on 6 November 2003; tabled 24 November 2003)
- Hacking Australia's Future: Threats to institutional autonomy, academic freedom and student choice in Australian higher education (presented out of session on 7 November 2003; tabled 24 November 2003)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Education of students with disabilities (presented out of session on 9 July 2003, tabled on 11 August 2003; report tabled 10 December 2002)
- Small business employment (tabled 21 August 2003; report tabled 6 February 2003)

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

# Environment, Communication, Information Technology and the Arts

1 July - 31 December

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	2	6	7	1
References	5	0	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>

## Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	13	54:02	2	22:11	17	3:18	0	0:00	32	79:31
References	5	23:53	0	0:00	3	0:36	0	0:00	8	24:29
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>77:55</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22:11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3:54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>104:00</b>

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## Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	25	3	2	0	0	0	0	2
References	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

## Witnesses

	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	5	176	146	0	171	669	0	225	1391	0
References	2	0	0	37	0	0	313	113	1501	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>2892</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation</b>
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### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP), (elected Chair-14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP), (elected Deputy Chair-14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	13.2.02
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	13.2.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	13.2.02
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.02

### Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)*	13.2.02
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)**	18.11.02
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)^	13.8.03

\*replace Senator Bartlett for Information Technology portfolio

\*\*replace Senator Bartlett for the Arts portfolio

^replace Senator Bartlett for the Communications portfolio

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	14.2.02
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	14.5.02
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02

Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	16.9.02
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	24.6.03
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	13.2.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	14.2.02
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	21.8.03
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	26.8.02
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	15.5.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.7.02

### Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	1.7.02-18.11.02

### Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Vicki Bourne (NSW, AD)*	22.3.02-19.6.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)**	15.5.02-19.6.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)***	15.10.02-2.12.02
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)****	21.10.02-2.12.02
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)*****	23.10.02-2.12.02
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)^	21.8.03-5.9.03
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)^	23.6.03-26.11.03
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)^	21.8.03-28.10.03
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)^	21.8.03-28.10.03
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)*^	16.9.02-27.10.03

\*replace Senator Bartlett for the provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 inquiry

\*\*replace Senator Calvert for the provisions of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 inquiry

\*\*\*replace Senator Bartlett for the provisions of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002 and provisions of the Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002

\*\*\*\*replace Senator Lundy for the provisions of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002

\*\*\*\*\*replace Senator Tierney for the provisions of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002

*^replace Senator Tchen on 5 September 2003 for inquiry into Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2) 2003*

*^^replace Senator Mackay for the inquiry into Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2992 (No.2) and the Plastic Bag (Minimisation of Usage) Education Fund Bill 2002 (No.2)*

*^^^replace Senator Bartlett for inquiry into Provisions of the Fuel Quality Standards Amendment Bill 2003*

*^^^replace Senator Mackay for inquiry into Provisions of the Fuel Quality Standards Amendment Bill 2003*

*\*replace Senator Santoro for inquiry into Provisions of the Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2003*

## **Former participating members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Vicki Bourne (NSW, AD)*	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	13.2.02-18.11.02
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	13.2.02-18.11.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)**	13.2.02-18.11.02
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)*	18.11.02-13.8.03

*\*for matters relating to Communications portfolio*

*\*\*for matters relating to Information Technology*

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2003*

- The Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002 [No. 2] and the Plastic Bag (Minimisation of Usage) Education Fund Bill 2002 [No. 2] (referred 5 March 2003)
- The provisions of the Postal Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 (referred 25 June 2003)

## **Current inquiry**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- Kyoto Protocol Ratification Bill 2003 [No.2] (referred 26 November 2003)

## **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Provisions of the Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2003 (referred 13 August 2003)
- Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2) 2003 (referred 20 August 2003)
- Provisions of the Fuel Quality Standards Amendment Bill 2003 (referred 20 August 2003)
- Provisions of the Spam Bill 2003 and the Spam (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003 (referred 8 October 2003)
- Kyoto Protocol Ratification Bill 2003 [No.2] (referred 26 November 2003)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- The provisions of the Postal Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 – 8 August 2003, Melbourne
- The Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002 [No. 2] and the Plastic Bag (Minimisation of Usage) Education Fund Bill 2002 [No. 2 – 15 August 2003, Sydney; 19 September 2003, Melbourne
- Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2) 2003 – 5 September 2003, Canberra
- Provisions of the Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2003 – 17 September 2003, Canberra; 30 September 2003, Sydney; 1 October 2003, Dubbo; 2, 7 & 14 October 2003, Canberra; 3 October 2003, Nambour
- Provisions of the Fuel Quality Standards Amendment Bill 2003 – 10 October 2003, Canberra
- Provisions of the Spam Bill 2003 and the Spam (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003 – 23 October 2003, Canberra
- 2003-04 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 3 & 4 November 2003, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Provisions of the Postal Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 (tabled 19 August 2003)
- Annual Reports - No.2 of 2003 (tabled 9 September 2003)
- Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2) 2003 (tabled 15 September 2003)
- Provisions of the Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2003 (tabled 27 October 2003)
- Provisions of the Fuel Quality Standards Amendment Bill 2003 (tabled 28 October 2003)
- Provisions of the Spam Bill 2003 and the Spam (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003 (tabled 29 October 2003)
- Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002 [No.2] and The Plastic Bag (Minimisation of Usage) Education Fund Bill 2002 [No.2] (tabled 26 November 2003)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Estimates**

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

<b>Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts</b> <b>References</b>
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### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD), (elected Chair-27.3.03)	27.3.03
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP), (elected Deputy Chair-19.9.02)	13.2.02
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	13.2.02
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	13.2.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	13.2.02
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.7.02

### Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)*	6.12.02

*\*replace Senator Wong for inquiry into Australian telecommunications network*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	27.3.03
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	14.5.02
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	21.3.02
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)**	13.2.02
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	24.6.03
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	11.3.02

Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	13.2.02
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	6.12.02
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	26.8.02
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)***	13.2.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)^	5.2.03

*\*\*for matters relating to Information Technology portfolio*

*\*\*\*for matters relating to Arts portfolio*

*^for inquiry into Australian telecommunications network*

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD), (elected Chair-14.2.02)	13.2.02-27.3.03

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)*	15.10.02-18.10.02
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)**	20.6.02-14.10.03
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)***	26.8.02-14.10.03
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)****	16.9.02-14.10.03
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)#	6.2.03-16.10.03

*\*replace Senator Scullion for inquiry into environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations on 18.10.02*

*\*\*replace Senator Mackay for inquiry into Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations*

*\*\*\*replace Senator Lundy for inquiry into Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations*

*\*\*\*\*replace Senator Tierney for inquiry into environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations and as Deputy Chair*

*#replace Senator Wong for inquiry into the role of libraries as providers of public information in the online environment*

### **Former participating members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP)	11.3.02-30.6.02
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*	13.2.02-18.11.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)**	13.2.02-18.11.02
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)	11.3.02-19.8.02
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)****	19.8.02-14.10.03

*\*for matters relating to the Environment portfolio*

*\*\*for matters relating to Information Technology portfolio*

*\*\*\*\*for inquiry into Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations*

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2003*

- The regulatory, monitoring and reporting regimes that govern environmental performance at the Ranger and Jabiluka uranium operations in the Northern Territory and the Beverley and Honeymoon *in situ* leach operations in South Australia (referred 20 June 2002)
- The role of libraries as providers of public information in the online environment (referred 25 June 2002)
- Australian telecommunications network (referred 25 June 2002)
- Broadband competition (referred 26 June 2003)
- Invasive species (referred 26 June 2003)

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- Australian telecommunications network (referred 25 June 2002)
- Broadband competition (referred 26 June 2003)
- Invasive species (referred 26 June 2003)

## **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Australian telecommunications network – 6 & 7 August 2003, Melbourne
- Broadband competition – 12 November 2003, Canberra; 13 November 2003, Sydney
- Invasive species – 26 November 2003, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Regulating the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium mines - Report (tabled 14 October 2003)
- Libraries in the Online Environment (tabled 16 October 2003)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil



**Finance and  
Public Administration**

# Finance and Public Administration

1 July - 31 December

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	1	1	1	1
References	5	0	3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

## Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	0:00	2	21:15	3	0:27	0	0:00	5	21:42
References	4	21:50	0	0:00	12	5:57	0	0:00	16	27:47
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21:50</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21:15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6:24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>49:29</b>

## Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	15	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Witnesses

	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	2	135	0	0	265	0	0	0	0	0
References	3	0	0	40	0	0	321	24	339	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>1</b>

## Finance and Public Administration Legislation

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP) (elected Chair-14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD) (elected Deputy Chair-14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	13.2.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	13.2.02
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	13.2.02
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	1.7.02

### Substitute members

*Date of appointment*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	21.10.02
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	14.3.02
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	1.7.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	14.2.02
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	2.12.03
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	15.5.02
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	13.2.02
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	14.2.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	14.2.02

### **Former members**

Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)

*Term of appointment*  
13.2.02-30.6.02

### **Former substitute members**

Senator the Hon John Herron (Qld, LP)\*

*Term of appointment*  
16.5.02-16.5.02

Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)\*\*

18.11.02-21.11.02

*\*replace Senator Brandis from 3.30pm till 6.00pm on 16 May 2002*

*\*\*replace Senator Heffernan for the consideration of the 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 20.11.02*

### **Former participating members**

Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP)

*Term of appointment*  
14.2.02-30.6.02

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Portfolio Budget Statements (*referred 21 November 1996; readopted 2 December 1998*)  
(readopted 21 March 2002)

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- Portfolio Budget Statements (*referred 21 November 1996; readopted 2 December 1998*)  
(readopted 21 March 2002)

### **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

### **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- 2003-04 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 3 & 4 November 2003, Canberra

### **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Annual Reports - No.2 of 2003 (tabled 9 September 2003)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Estimates**

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

## Finance and Public Administration References

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP) (elected Chair-14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP) (elected Deputy Chair-14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	1.7.02
Senator Claire Moore (Qld, ALP)	25.6.03
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	13.2.02
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	1.7.02

### Substitute members

*Date of appointment*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	21.10.02
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	19.8.02
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	9.9.03
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	13.2.02

Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	2.12.03
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	11.3.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	11.3.02

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Chris Schacht (SA, ALP)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	1.7.02-25.6.03

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	21.3.02-6.3.03
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)**	27.3.03-26.6.03
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)***	27.3.03-26.6.03
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)****	6.3.03-18.9.03
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)^	26.6.03-16.10.03
Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP)^	12.8.03-16.10.03
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)^	21.8.03-16.10.03
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)#	19.6.03-4.12.03
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)##	23.6.03-4.12.03

*^replace Senator Ridgeway for the inquiry into Staff employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*

*^replace Senator Wong for the inquiry into Staff employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*

*^^for Senator Heffernan on 2 and 3 September 2003 on the MOPS inquiry*

*\*replace Senator Ridgeway recruitment and training in the Australian Public Service inquiry*

*\*\*replace Senator Marshall for the funding of the Dairy Regional Assistance Program inquiry*

*\*\*\*replace Senator Ridgeway for the funding of the Dairy Regional Assistance Program inquiry*

*\*\*\*\*replace Senator Ridgeway on the recruitment and training in the Australian Public Service inquiry*

*#replace Senator Ridgeway for committees' inquiry into administrative review within the area of veteran and military compensation and income support*

*##replace Senator Wong for committees' inquiry into administrative review within the area of veteran and military compensation and income support*

### **Former participating members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP)	11.3.02-30.6.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	13.2.02-18.11.02
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)	11.3.02-19.8.02
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)*	27.3.03-26.6.03

*\*for public service issues*

*\*for the funding of the Dairy Regional Assistance Program inquiry*

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Recruitment and training in the Australian Public Service (referred 21 March 2002)
- Tabling of indexed lists of files of departments and agencies (referred 21 August 1996 pursuant to the order of 30 May 1996; readopted 1 December 1998) (readopted 21 March 2002)
- Staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (referred 19 March 2003)
- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)
- Administrative review within the area of veteran and military compensation and income support (referred 19 June 2003)

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- Tabling of indexed lists of files of departments and agencies (referred 21 August 1996 pursuant to the order of 30 May 1996; readopted 1 December 1998) (readopted 21 March 2002)
- Second year of operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (ordered 18 June 2003)

## **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* – 2 & 3 September 2003, Canberra;
- Administrative review within the area of veteran and military compensation and income support – 25 September 2003, Sydney; 26 September 2003, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Recruitment and Training in the Australian Public Service (tabled 18 September 2003)
- Staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (tabled 16 October 2003)
- Administrative Review of Veteran and Military Compensation and Income Support (tabled 4 December 2003)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- A funding matter under the Dairy Regional Assistance Program (tabled 27 November 2003; report tabled 26 June 2003)

**Foreign Affairs, Defence  
and Trade**

# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 July - 31 December

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	1	3	3	1
References	6	1	3	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>

## Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	2:00	2	23:25	4	0:52	0	0:00	7	26:17
References	11	49:41	0	0:00	8	4:55	1	0:55	20	55:31
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>51:41</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23:25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5:47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0:55</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>81:48</b>

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## Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	17	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

## Witnesses

	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	2	99	7	0	264	21	0	0	0	0
References	7	0	0	89	0	0	821	10	88	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2</b>

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## Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS) (elected Chair-14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator the Hon Peter Cook (WA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-20.8.02)	19.8.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	13.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	13.2.02
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	13.2.02
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	1.7.02

### Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)*	4.12.03

*\*replace Senator Cook for inquiry into the provisions of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Bill 2003 and a related bill*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*	25.6.03
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	14.2.02
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	7.10.03
Senator Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.3.02
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	19.8.02
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	27.8.02
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	21.10.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	19.8.02

Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	16.9.02
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	1.7.02
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	14.2.02
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	1.7.02
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	22.8.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	14.2.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	14.2.02

*\*for Defence and Veterans' Affairs portfolio*

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Vicki Bourne (NSW, AD)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-14.2.02)	13.2.02-19.8.02

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)*	14.2.02-22.2.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)***	18.11.02-21.11.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)****	18.11.02-22.11.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)#	18.11.02-22.11.02
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)##	18.11.02-22.11.02
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)###	19.11.02-22.11.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)####	19.11.02-22.11.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)^	6.2.03-14.2.03
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)^^	6.2.03-14.2.03
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)^^^	15.5.03-6.6.03
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*^	21.8.03-11.9.03
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)*^^	23.6.03-18.9.03
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*^^^	19.6.03-18.9.03
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*^^^	16.6.03-18.9.03

*\*to replace Senator Sandy Macdonald on 22.2.02*

*\*\*\*replace Senator Ferguson for the consideration of 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 21.11.02*

*\*\*\*\*replace Senator S Macdonald for the consideration of 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 22.11.02*

*#replace Senator Ferguson for the consideration of 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 22.11.02*

*##replace Senator Payne for the consideration of 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 22.11.02*

*###replace Senator Ferguson for the consideration of 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 22.11.02*

*####replace Senator Evans for the consideration of 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 22.11.02*

*^replace Senator Sandy Macdonald on 14 February 2003*

*^replace Senator Ferguson from 5.00pm on 13 February 2003 and 14 February 2003*

*^^replace Senator Payne for 2003-04 Budget estimates on 6 June 2003*

*\*^replace Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into Provisions of the Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2003*

*\*^^replace Senator Wong for the Administrative review within the area of veteran and military compensation and income support*

*\*^^replace Senator Ridgeway for the Administrative review within the area of veteran and military compensation and income support*

*\*^^^replace Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the off-setting arrangements between the Veterans' Entitlements Act and the Military Compensation Scheme*

## **Former participating members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Jim McKiernan (WA, ALP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)^	14.11.02-23.11.02

*^for 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 21 & 22 November 2002*

## **Current inquiry**

*As at 1 July 2003*

- *Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986 and the Military Compensation Scheme (adopted 6 March 2003)*

## **Current inquiry**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- *Provisions of Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Bill 2003; and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2003 (referred 4 December 2003)*

## **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- *Provisions of the Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 (referred 20 August 2003)*
- *Provisions of Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Bill 2003; and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2003 (referred 4 December 2003)*

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- *Provisions of the Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 – 8 September 2003, Canberra*
- *2003-04 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 5 & 6 November 2003, Canberra*

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Annual Reports - No.2 of 2003 (tabled 9 September 2003)
- Provisions of the Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 (tabled 11 September 2003)
- Aspects of *Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986* and the Military Compensation Scheme (tabled 18 September 2003)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Estimates**

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

## Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Peter Cook (WA, ALP) (elected Chair-20.8.02)	19.8.02
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS) (elected Deputy Chair-14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	13.2.02
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	1.7.02
Senator Gavin Marshall (Vic, ALP)	1.7.02
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)	1.7.02

### Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)*	25.3.03
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)**	19.6.03
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)***	23.6.03
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)****	30.10.03
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)*****	24.11.03
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)^	27.11.03
Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)^^	27.11.03

*\*for Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002*

*\*\*for Senator Ridgeway for the Current health preparation arrangements for the deployment of Australian Defence Forces overseas inquiry*

*\*\*\*for Senator Marshall for the Current health preparation arrangements for the deployment of Australian Defence Forces overseas inquiry*

*\*\*\*\*for Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into the effectiveness of the Australian military justice system*

*\*\*\*\*for Senator Marshall for inquiry into the effectiveness of the Australian military justice system*

*^for Senator Cook on 28 November 2003 for inquiry into the performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002*

*^^for Senator Hogg on 28 November 2003 for inquiry into the performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)**	25.6.03
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	19.6.03
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.3.02

Senator Jacinta Collins (Vic, ALP)	5.2.03
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	10.9.03
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	11.3.02
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	14.8.03
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)*	26.3.03
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	21.10.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	16.9.02
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	1.7.02
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	22.8.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	11.3.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.3.02

*\*for inquiry into the performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002*

*\*\*for Defence and Veterans' Affairs portfolio*

## **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Vicki Bourne (NSW, AD)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Sue West (NSW, ALP)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	1.7.02-19.8.02

## Former substitute members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)**	29.8.02-27.3.03

*\*\*replace Senator Ridgeway for inquiry into materiel acquisition and management in Defence*

## Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP)	11.3.02-30.6.02
Senator Jim McKiernan (WA, ALP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	1.7.02-18.11.02
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	14.2.02-1.7.02
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)	11.3.02-19.8.02
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.3.02-28.3.03

## Current inquiries

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Australia's relationship with Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island countries (referred 13 March 2002)
- An examination of the Government's foreign and trade policy strategy (referred 10 December 2002)
- The relevant issues involved in the negotiation of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) in the Doha Development Round of the World Trade Organisation and the proposed Australia/US Free Trade Agreement (referred 12 December 2002)
- The performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002 (referred 24 March 2003)
- Report by the Director of Trials of the Review of Test and Evaluation in Defence (referred 14 May 2003)
- Current health preparation arrangements for the deployment of Australian Defence Forces overseas (referred 19 June 2003)

## Current inquiries

*As at 31 December 2003*

- The performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002 (referred 24 March 2003)
- Report by the Director of Trials of the Review of Test and Evaluation in Defence (referred 14 May 2003)
- Current health preparation arrangements for the deployment of Australian Defence Forces overseas (referred 19 June 2003)
- The effectiveness of the Australian military justice system (referred 30 October 2003)

## **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- The effectiveness of the Australian military justice system (referred 30 October 2003)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- The relevant issues involved in the negotiation of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) in the Doha Development Round of the World Trade Organisation – 22 July 2003, Canberra; 23 July 2003, Sydney; 24 July 2003, Brisbane; 2 October 2003, Canberra
- An examination of the Government's foreign and trade policy strategy – 4 & 21 August 2003, Canberra
- The performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002 – 24 September 2003, Canberra; 25 September 2003, Adelaide; 20, 27 & 28 November 2003, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- A Pacific engaged: Australia's relations with Papua New Guinea and the island states of the south-west Pacific (tabled 12 August 2003)
- Voting on trade: The General Agreement on Trade in Services and an Australia-US Free Trade Agreement (tabled 27 November 2003)
- The (not quite) White Paper: Australia's foreign affairs and trade policy, *Advancing the national interest* (tabled 4 December 2003)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Materiel acquisition and management in Defence (tabled 9 October 2003, report tabled 27 March 2003)
- Japan: Politics and society (tabled 30 October 2003; report tabled 27 September 2001)

# **Legal and Constitutional**

# Legal and Constitutional

1 July - 31 December

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	3	6	8	1
References	3	2	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>

## Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	7	16:59	3	26:58	12	0:40	0	0:00	22	44:37
References	4	17:35	0	0:00	5	0:19	0	0:00	9	17:54
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34:34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26:58</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0:59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>62:31</b>

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## Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	21	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	6	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Witnesses

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	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	9	20	41	24	60	108	82	63	565	0
References	1	0	0	64	0	0	304	260	2350	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>2915</b>	<b>0</b>

## Legal and Constitutional Legislation

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP), (elected Chair-14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-29.8.02)	1.7.02
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	13.2.02
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	1.7.02
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	13.2.02
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	13.2.02

### Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)*	27.8.02

*\*replace Senator Greig for the Indigenous Affairs portfolio*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*	13.2.02
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	16.10.03
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	14.5.02
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	14.2.02
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	24.6.03
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	1.7.02
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	19.8.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	9.9.03
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	14.2.02
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	1.7.02

Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	1.7.02
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	15.5.02
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	1.7.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	27.8.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	14.2.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	14.2.02

*\*for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs portfolio*

### **Former members**

*Term of appointment*

### **Former substitute members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Meg Lees (SA, AD)\* 13.2.02-27.8.02

*\*replace Senator Greig for the Indigenous Affairs portfolio*

### **Former participating members**

*Term of appointment*

Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP) 14.2.02-19.8.02

### **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Provisions of the Family Law Amendment Bill 2003 (referred 14 May 2003)
- The provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Sponsorship Measures) Bill 2003 (referred 25 June 2003)
- Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2003 (referred 26 June 2003)

### **Current inquiry**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- Provisions of the Disability Discrimination Amendment Bill 2003 (referred 4 December 2003)

## **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Provisions of the Age Discrimination Bill 2003 (referred 13 August 2003)
- Provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Identification and Authentication) Bill 2003 (referred 20 August 2003)
- Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2003 (referred 10 September 2003)
- Provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents Integrity Measures) Bill 2003 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment Bill 2003 (referred 8 October 2003)
- Provisions of the Disability Discrimination Amendment Bill 2003 (referred 4 December 2003)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Provisions of the Family Law Amendment Bill 2003 – 22 July 2003, Canberra
- The provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Sponsorship Measures) Bill 2003 – 23 July 2003, Canberra
- Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2003 – 23 July 2003, Canberra
- Proposed government amendments to the Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2003 - 24 September 2003, Sydney
- Provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Identification and Authentication) Bill 2003 – 8 September 2003, Canberra
- Provisions of the Age Discrimination Bill 2003 – 9 September 2003, Canberra
- Provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents Integrity Measures) Bill 2003 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment Bill 2003 – 27 October 2003, Canberra
- 2003-04 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 3, 4 & 25 November 2003, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Sponsorship Measures) Bill 2003 (tabled 12 August 2003)
- Provisions of the Family Law Amendment Bill 2003 (tabled 13 August 2003)
- Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2003 (tabled 18 August 2003)
- Annual Reports - No.2 of 2003 (tabled 9 September 2003)
- Provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Identification and Authentication) Bill 2003 (tabled 18 September 2003)
- Provisions of the Age Discrimination Bill 2003 (tabled 18 September 2003)
- Proposed government amendments to the Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2003 (tabled 7 October 2003)
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents Integrity Measures) Bill 2003 and Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment Bill 2003 (tabled 25 November 2003)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Estimates**

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

## Legal and Constitutional References

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus (SA, ALP) (elected Chair-1.7.02)	1.7.02
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP), (elected Deputy Chair-14.2.02)	14.2.02
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	13.2.02
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	1.7.02
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	4.12.03
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	14.2.02

### Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD)*	27.8.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)**	26.6.03
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)***	11.9.03

*\*replace Senator Greig for Indigenous Affairs portfolio*

*\*\*replace Senator Greig for the inquiry into establishment of an Australian Republic with an Australian Head of State*

*\*\*\*replace Senator Greig for the inquiry into the State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2002]*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*	13.2.02
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	16.10.03
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	11.3.02
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	29.10.03
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	11.3.02

Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	24.6.03
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	19.8.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	9.9.03
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	1.7.02
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD)	27.8.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	11.3.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.3.02

*\*for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs portfolio*

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	1.7.02-4.12.03

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Meg Lees (SA, AD)*	13.2.02-27.8.02
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)**	5.2.03-9.10.03

*\*replace Senator Greig for Indigenous Affairs portfolio*

*\*\*replace Senator Stephens inquiry into Progress towards national reconciliation*

### **Former participating members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)	11.3.02-19.8.02
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP)	1.7.02-4.12.03

### **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Progress towards national reconciliation (referred 27 August 2002)
- The capacity of current legal aid and access to justice arrangements to meet the community need for legal assistance (referred 17 June 2003)
- Establishment of an Australian Republic with an Australian Head of State (referred 26 June 2003)

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- The capacity of current legal aid and access to justice arrangements to meet the community need for legal assistance (referred 17 June 2003)
- Establishment of an Australian Republic with an Australian Head of State (referred 26 June 2003)
- State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2002] (referred 9 September 2003)
- Australian expatriates (referred 16 October 2003)

## **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2002] (referred 9 September 2003)
- Australian expatriates (referred 16 October 2003)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Progress towards national reconciliation – 22 July 2003, Canberra
- The capacity of current legal aid and access to justice arrangements to meet the community need for legal assistance – 11 November 2003, Port Augusta; 12 November 2003, Melbourne; 13 November 2003, Sydney

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Reconciliation: Off track (tabled 9 October 2003)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil



**Rural and Regional Affairs  
and Transport**

# Rural And Regional Affairs and Transport

1 July - 31 December

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	5	5	5+(1*)	5
References	2	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>

\*Report that did not discharge a reference

## Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	6	20:55	21	24:18	0	5:24	29	50:37
References	8	34:38	13	0:00	0	5:13	21	39:51
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>55:33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>24:18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10:37</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>90:28</b>

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## Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	13	2	0	3	0	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

## Witnesses

	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Legislation	7	129	17	19	315	154	85	20	136	2
References	2	0	0	87	0	0	585	26	262	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>3</b>

## Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) (elected Chair-3.7.02)	1.7.02
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair - 14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	13.2.02
Senator Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	25.3.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP) [was Chair from 20.6.02 to 24.6.02]	13.2.02
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	13.2.02

### Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)^	21.8.03

*^replace Senator Colbeck for inquiry on Australian Wool Innovation – Expenditure of Funds under Statutory Funding Agreement*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.02
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	27.10.03
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	14.2.02
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	14.5.02
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)***	16.10.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	9.9.03

Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	14.2.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	19.3.03
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Robert Ray (Vic, ALP)	15.5.02
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.02
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	1.7.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	14.2.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	14.2.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	14.2.02

*\*for matters relating to the Transport portfolio*

*\*\*\*for Air Safety matters*

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	13.2.02-25.3.02
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP) (elected Chair - 14.2.02)	13.2.02-19.6.02
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	19.6.02-24.6.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP) [was Chair from 20.6.02 to 24.6.02]	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP) (elected Chair - 24.6.02)	24.6.02-30.6.02

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)*	14.2.02-19.2.02
Senator Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)**	13.3.02-22.3.02
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)***	18.11.02-20.11.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)****	18.11.02-22.11.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)#	18.11.02-22.11.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)##	6.2.03-14.2.03

*\*replace Senator Crane on 18 and 19 February 2002*

*\*\*replace Senator Ferris from 19 March 2002 till close of business on 22 March 2002*

*\*\*\*replace Senator Heffernan for the consideration of 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 20.11.02*

*\*\*\*\*replace Senator Heffernan for the consideration of 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 22.11.02*

*#replace Senator Colbeck for the consideration of 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 22.11.02*

*##replace Senator Colbeck on 14 February 2003*

## Former participating members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP)	19.6.02-30.6.02
Senator Jim McKiernan (WA, ALP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*	13.2.02-18.11.02
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)**	13.2.02-18.11.02
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	25.6.02-3.7.02
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)	14.2.02-19.8.02

\*for animal welfare issues

\*\*for Fisheries and Transport portfolios

## Current inquiries

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (adopted 22 October 1999) (re-adopted 13 March 2002)
- Import risk assessment on New Zealand apples (referred 2 November 2000) (re-adopted 13 March 2002)
- Administration of AuSAR in relation to the search for the *Margaret J* (referred 25 June 2001) (re-adopted 13 March 2002)
- Provisions of the Aviation Transport Security Bill 2003; **and** the Aviation Transport Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2003 (referred 26 March 2003)
- Australian Wool Innovation – Expenditure of Funds under Statutory Funding Agreement (adopted 26 May 2003)

## Current inquiries

*As at 31 December 2003*

- Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (adopted 22 October 1999) (re-adopted 13 March 2002)
- Import risk assessment on New Zealand apples (referred 2 November 2000) (re-adopted 13 March 2002)
- Administration of AuSAR in relation to the search for the *Margaret J* (referred 25 June 2001) (re-adopted 13 March 2002)
- Australian Wool Innovation – Expenditure of Funds under Statutory Funding Agreement (adopted 26 May 2003)
- The administration of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau in relation to the crash of Whyalla Airlines aircraft VH-MZK (adopted 25 November 2003)

## New references

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Provisions of the Maritime Transport Security Bill 2003 (referred 8 October 2003)
- Draft Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2003 (referred 13 October 2003)
- Management of quarantine risks associated with the return of the sheep stranded aboard the *MV Cormo Express* (referred 16 October 2003)
- The administration of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau in relation to the crash of Whyalla Airlines aircraft VH-MZK (adopted 25 November 2003)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Provisions of the Aviation Transport Security Bill 2003; **and** the Aviation Transport Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2003 – 15 August 2003, Canberra
- Australian Wool Innovation – Expenditure of Funds under Statutory Funding Agreement – 28 August 2003, Canberra; 17 September 2003, Canberra
- Provisions of the Maritime Transport Security Bill 2003 – 27 October 2003, Canberra
- 2003-04 Supplementary Budget Estimates – 3 & 4 November 2003, Canberra
- Draft Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2003 – 28 November 2003, Canberra
- The administration of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau in relation to the crash of Whyalla Airlines aircraft VH-MZK – 1 December 2003, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Annual Reports - No.2 of 2003 (tabled 16 September 2003)
- Provisions of the Aviation Transport Security Bill 2003; **and** the Aviation Transport Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2003 (tabled 9 October 2003)
- Management of the Quarantine Risks Associated with the Possible Return to Australia of Sheep Aboard the *MV Cormo Express* (tabled 29 October 2003)
- Provisions of the Maritime Transport Security Bill 2003 (tabled 27 November 2003)
- Draft Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2003 (tabled 2 December 2003)
- Progress Report – The application and expenditure of funds by Australian Wool Innovation Ltd. (tabled 4 December 2003)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Australian meat industry consultative structure and quota allocation (presented out of session on 29 July 2003; report tabled 24 September 2002)
- Quota management control on Australian beef exports to the United States (presented out of session on 29 July 2003; report tabled 12 December 2002)

## **Estimates**

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

## Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25.

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Aden Ridgeway (NSW, AD) (elected Chair - 14.2.02)	13.2.02
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) (elected Deputy Chair – 1.7.02)	1.7.02
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	13.2.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	1.7.02
Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas, ALP)	13.2.02
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	1.7.02

### Substitute members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)*	26.6.03

*\*replace Senator Heffernan for the inquiry into forestry plantations*

### Participating members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)*	18.11.02
Senator the Hon Ron Boswell (Qld, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Bob Brown (Tas, AG)	14.5.02
Senator Paul Calvert (Tas, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Kim Carr (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)	19.8.02
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Christopher Evans (WA, ALP)	13.3.02
Senator the Hon John Faulkner (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	27.8.02
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)**	?????
Senator Brian Harradine (Tas, Ind)	13.2.02
Senator Leonard Harris (Qld, PHON)	14.5.02
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP)	11.3.02

Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	21.10.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	9.9.03
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	11.3.02
Senator Shayne Murphy (Tas, Ind)	12.3.02
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP)	18.11.02
Senator Tsebin Tchen (Vic, LP)	11.3.02
Senator John Tierney (NSW, LP)	11.3.02
Senator John Watson (Tas, LP)	11.3.02

*\*for matters relating to Transport portfolio*

*\*\*for matters relating to Fisheries portfolio*

### **Former members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Winston Crane (WA, LP), (elected Deputy Chair - 14.2.02)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	13.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Sue Mackay (Tas, ALP)	13.2.02-30.6.02

### **Former substitute members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)*	13.3.02-22.3.02
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)**	26.9.02-11.10.02
Senator Richard Colbeck (Tas, LP)***	18.11.02-29.11.02

*\*replace Senator Ferris from 19 March 2002 till close of business on 22 March 2002*

*\*\*replace Senator Heffernan for Forestry Plantations inquiry on 11 October 2002*

*\*\*\*replace Senator Heffernan for the inquiry into forestry plantations on 29.11.02*

### **Former participating members**

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	11.3.02-30.6.02
Senator Jim McKiernan (WA, ALP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)*	13.2.02-18.11.02
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)**	13.2.02-18.11.02

*\*for animal welfare issues*

*\*\*for Fisheries and Transport portfolios*

### **Current inquiries**

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision Strategy (referred 27 June 2002)
- Rural water resource usage (referred 21 October 2002)

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision Strategy (referred 27 June 2002)
- Rural water resource usage (referred 21 October 2002)

## **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision Strategy – 6 August 2003, Launceston; 8 October 2003, Canberra
- Rural water resource usage – 25 August 2003, Queensland; 26 August 2003, Moree; 27 August 2003, Griffith; 30 October 2003, Canberra; 17 November 2003, Kununarra; 18 November 2003, Darwin

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Airspace 2000 and related issues (tabled 18 September 2003; report tabled 5 April 2001)



**Parliamentary  
Joint Committees**



# **Australian Crime Commission**

# Australian Crime Commission

1 July - 31 December

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Joint Statutory	3	0	0 +(1*)	3

\*Report that did not discharge a reference

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	5	27:50	0	0:00	10	3:28	0	0:00	15	31:18

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Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	WA	QLD
Joint Statutory	9	2	4	0	0	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages				
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Joint Statutory	2	0	0	57	0	0	341	47	348	1

## Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to *The Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* (effective from 1 January 2003)

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
The Hon Bruce Baird (Cook, NSW, LP) (elected Chair-21.3.02)	21.3.02
Mr Bob Sercombe (Maribyrnong, Vic, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-21.3.02)	21.3.02
Senator Kay Denman (Tas, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Brian Greig (WA, AD)	14.2.02
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	21.3.02
Senator Julian McGauran (Vic, NATS)	14.2.02
Mr Peter Dutton (Dickson, Qld, LP)	21.3.02
The Hon Duncan Kerr, MP (Denison, Tas, ALP)	21.3.02
Mr Cameron Thompson (Blair, Qld, LP)	21.3.02

### Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	14.2.02-21.3.02

### Current inquiries

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Recent trends in practices and methods of cybercrime (adopted 6 March 2003)
- Trafficking in Women – Sexual Servitude (adopted 26 June 2003)

### Current inquiries

*As at 31 December 2003*

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Recent trends in practices and methods of cybercrime (adopted 6 March 2003)
- Trafficking in Women – Sexual Servitude (adopted 26 June 2003)

### New references

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Recent trends in practices and methods of cybercrime – 17 July 2003, Melbourne; 18 July 2003, Sydney; 21 July 2003, Canberra
- Examination of National Crime Authority Annual Report 2001-02 – 11 August 2003, Canberra
- Trafficking in Women – Sexual Servitude – 18 November 2003, Melbourne

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Examination of the annual report for 2001-2002 of the National Crime Authority (tabled 30 October 2003)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- The law enforcement implications of new technology (tabled 27 November 2003; Report tabled on 27 August 2001 by the Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority)

# **Corporations and Financial Services**

# Corporations and Financial Services

1 July - 31 December

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Joint Statutory	4	1	1	4

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Statutory	13	35:36	0	0:00	9	3:03	0	0:00	22	38:39

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Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	NT	QLD
Joint Statutory	13	2	4	0	0	3	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages				
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Joint Statutory	3	0	0	91	0	0	468	64	1631	0

## Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services

### Method of appointment

(formerly the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities; name amended 11 March 2002 pursuant to Schedule 1, Part 2 item 5 of the *Financial Services Reform Act 2001*) (re-appointed 14 February 2002))

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP) (elected Chair-20.3.02)	14.2.02
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-18.9.02)	1.7.02
Mr Alan Griffin (Bruce, Vic, ALP)	20.3.02
Senator George Brandis (Qld, LP)	14.2.02
Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD)	14.2.02
Mr Anthony Byrne (Holt, Vic, ALP)	20.3.02
Mr Steven Ciobo (Moncrieff, Qld, LP)	20.3.02
Mr Greg Hunt (Flinders, Vic, LP)	20.3.02
Mr Stewart McArthur (Corangamite, Vic, LP)	20.3.02

### Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Barney Cooney (Vic, ALP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Mr Alan Griffin (Bruce, Vic, ALP) (Deputy Chair)	20.3.02-18.9.02

### Current inquiries

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Inquiry into the level of banking and financial services in rural and regional and remote areas of Australia (adopted 26 June 2002)
- Australia's Insolvency Laws (adopted 14 November 2002)
- Disclosure of Commissions on Risk Products (adopted 14 November 2002)

### Current inquiries

*As at 31 December 2003*

- Performance of statutory duties (continuing)
- Inquiry into the level of banking and financial services in rural and regional and remote areas of Australia (adopted 26 June 2002)
- Australia's Insolvency Laws (adopted 14 November 2002)
- Exposure draft of the Corporate Law Economic Reform Program (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill (adopted 8 October 2003)

## **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Exposure draft of the Corporate Law Economic Reform Program (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill (adopted 8 October 2003)

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Inquiry into the level of banking and financial services in rural and regional and remote areas of Australia – 21 July 2003, Darwin and Daly River; 22 July 2003, Alice Springs; 5 November 2003, Canberra
- Australia's Insolvency Laws – 7 & 8 August 2003, Melbourne; 14, 19 & 20 August 2003, Canberra; 17 September 2003, Canberra; 11 & 12 November 2003, Sydney
- Australian Securities and Investments Commission statutory oversight – 26 November 2003, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Disclosure of commissions on risk products (tabled 12 August 2003)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

**Native Title and the Aboriginal  
And Torres Strait Islander  
Land Fund**



## Joint Statutory Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to *Native Title Act 1993* (appointed on 14 February 2002)

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP) (elected Chair-9.12.02)	2.12.02
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-21.3.02)	14.2.02
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	14.2.02
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	14.2.02
Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	1.7.02
Mrs Kay Hull (Riverina, NSW, NATS)	3.3.03
Mrs Sussan Ley, MP (Fraser, NSW, LP)	9.12.02
Mr the Hon Robert McMullan (Fraser, ACT, ALP)	11.8.03
Mr Patrick Secker (Barker, SA, LP)	21.3.02
The Hon Warren Snowdon (Lingiari, NT, ALP)	21.3.02

### Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Brett Mason (Qld, LP)	14.2.02-30.6.02
Senator Jeannie Ferris (SA, LP), (elected Chair-21.3.02)	14.2.02-27.8.02
Ms Sophie Panopoulos (Indi, Vic, LP)	21.3.02-9.12.02
Mr John Cobb (Parkes, NSW, NATS)	21.3.02-3.3.03
The Senator Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP) (elected Chair:21.10.02)	1.7.02-9.12.02
Ms Julia Gillard (Lalor, Vic, ALP)	20.3.03-11.8.03

### Current inquiry

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Statutory reporting role (continuing)

### Current inquiry

*As at 31 December 2003*

- Statutory reporting role (continuing)

### New references

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

### **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

### **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Effectiveness of the National Native Title Tribunal in fulfilment of the Committee's duties pursuant to subparagraph 206(d)(i) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (tabled 4 December 2003)

### **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Select Committees**



# **Medicare**

# Medicare

1 July - 31 December

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Select	2	0	1#	1

(#2 references tabled in one report; Committee reappointed on 25.11.03)

Number and Hours of Meeting							Total Meetings	Total Hours	
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs		
12	81:53	0	0:00	10	2:36	0	0:00	22	84:29

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
8	2	3	1	1	3	4

Witnesses						Hansard Pages			
Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
3	0	0	179	0	0	1335	211	1827	0

## Select Committee on Medicare

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 15 May 2003; reappointed on 25 November 2003

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Jan McLucas (Qld, ALP) (Chair)	15.5.03
Senator Susan Knowles (WA, LP) (Deputy Chair)	15.5.03
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	15.5.03
Senator Guy Barnett (Tas, LP)	15.5.03
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	15.5.03
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	15.5.03
Senator Meg Lees (SA, APA)	15.5.03
Senator Ursula Stephens (NSW, CL)	15.5.03

### Former members

*Term of appointment*

### Current inquiry

*As at 1 July 2003*

- The access to and affordability of general practice under Medicare, with particular regard to:
  - (a) the impact of the current rate of the Medicare Benefits Schedule and Practice Incentive Payments on practitioner incomes and the viability of bulk-billing practices;
  - (b) the impact of general practitioner shortages on patients' ability to access appropriate care in a timely manner,
  - (c) the likely impact on access, affordability and quality services for individuals, in the short- and longer-term, of the following Government-announced proposals:
    - (i) incentives for free care from general practitioners limited to health care card holders or those beneath an income threshold,
    - (ii) a change to bulk-billing arrangements to allow patient co-payment at point of services co-incident with direct rebate reimbursement,
    - (iii) a new safety net for concession cardholders only and its interaction with existing safety nets, and
    - (iv) private health insurance for out-of-hospital out-of-pocket medical expenses; and

- (d) alternatives in the Australian context that could improve the Medicare principles of access and affordability, within an economically sustainable system of primary care, in particular:
  - (i) whether the extension of federal funding to allied and dental health services could provide a more cost-effective health care system,
  - (ii) the implications of reallocating expenditure from changes to the private health insurance rebate, and
  - (iii) alternative remuneration models that would satisfy medical practitioners but would not compromise the principle of universality which underlies Medicare.
- The Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare and Private Health Insurance) Bill 2003 (referred on 19 June 2003)

### **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- The access to and affordability of general practice under Medicare - 21 July 2003, Canberra; 22 July 2003, Sydney; 23 July 2003, Newcastle; 24 July 2003, Melbourne; 29 July 2003, Perth; 30 July 2003, Adelaide; 31 July 2003, Hobart; 25 August 2003, Bundaberg; 26 August 2003, Brisbane; 27 August 2003, Ballarat; 28 August 2003, Canberra; 23 September 2003, Canberra

### **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Medicare – healthcare or welfare (tabled 30 October 2003)

### **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

### **Current inquiry - reappointment**

*As at 25 November 2003*

- (a) the committee inquire into and report on the Government's 'Medicare plus' package including, but not limited to:
  - (i) the Government's proposed amendments to the Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare and Private Health Insurance) Bill 2003,
  - (ii) the Government's proposed increase to the Medicare rebate for concession cardholders and children under 16 years of age, and
  - (iii) the Government's proposed workforce measures including the recruitment of overseas doctors; and
- (b) the committee have power to consider and use for its purposes the minutes of evidence and records of the select committee appointed on 15 May 2003

## **Current inquiries**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- (a) the committee inquire into and report on the Government's 'Medicare plus' package including, but not limited to:
- (i) the Government's proposed amendments to the Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare and Private Health Insurance) Bill 2003,
  - (ii) the Government's proposed increase to the Medicare rebate for concession cardholders and children under 16 years of age, and
  - (iii) the Government's proposed workforce measures including the recruitment of overseas doctors; and
- (b) the committee have power to consider and use for its purposes the minutes of evidence and records of the select committee appointed on 15 May 2003

## **Public hearings**

*25 November 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Reports tabled**

*25 November 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Government responses tabled**

*25 November 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil



**Ministerial Discretion in Migration  
Matters**

# Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters

1 July - 31 December

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Select	1	0	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select	7	38:09	0	0:00	7	2:46	0	0:00	14	40:55

Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	NT	QLD
Select	7	7	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses						Hansard Pages				
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select	2	0	0	72	0	0	651	86	2060	0

## Select Committee on Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 19 June 2003

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Joseph Ludwig (Qld, ALP) (Chair)	23.6.03
Senator Santo Santoro (Qld, LP) (Deputy Chair)	24.6.03
Senator Andrew Bartlett (Qld, AD)	23.6.03
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	24.6.03
Senator David Johnston (WA, LP)	24.6.03
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP)	23.6.03
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	23.6.03

### Former members

*Term of appointment*

### Current inquiry

*As at 1 July 2003*

- a) the use made by the Minister for Immigration of the discretionary powers available under sections 351 and 417 of the *Migration Act 1958* since the provisions were inserted in the legislation;
- b) the appropriateness of these discretionary ministerial powers within the broader migration application, decision-making, and review and appeal processes;
- c) the operation of these discretionary provisions by ministers, in particular what criteria and other considerations applied where ministers substituted a more favourable decision; and
- d) the appropriateness of the ministerial discretionary powers continuing to exist in their current form, and what conditions or criteria should attach to those powers.

## **Current inquiry**

*As at 31 December 2003*

- a) the use made by the Minister for Immigration of the discretionary powers available under sections 351 and 417 of the *Migration Act 1958* since the provisions were inserted in the legislation;
- b) the appropriateness of these discretionary ministerial powers within the broader migration application, decision-making, and review and appeal processes;
- c) the operation of these discretionary provisions by ministers, in particular what criteria and other considerations applied where ministers substituted a more favourable decision; and
- d) the appropriateness of the ministerial discretionary powers continuing to exist in their current form, and what conditions or criteria should attach to those powers.

## **New references**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Public hearings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- 5 September 2003, Canberra; 22 & 23 September 2003, Sydney; 21 & 22 October 2003, Sydney; 17 November 2003, Sydney; 18 November 2003, Canberra

## **Reports tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

# **Superannuation**

# Superannuation

1 July - 31 December

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December (inoperative from 10.9.03)
Select	2	0	2	0

## Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select	3	12:11	0	0:00	9	3:03	0	0:00	12	15:14

## Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	WA	NT	QLD
Select	10	1	1	0	0	0	0

## Witnesses

	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select	0	0	18	19	0	114	72	32	158	1

## Select Committee on Superannuation

### Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 14 March 2002 (ceased operating on 10 September 2003)

### Current members

	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator John Watson (Tas, ALP) (elected Chair-20.3.02)	14.3.02
Senator the Hon Nick Sherry (Tas, ALP) (elected Deputy Chair-20.3.02)	19.3.02
Senator Geoffrey Buckland (SA, ALP)	19.3.02
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	14.3.02
Senator John Cherry (Qld, AD)	20.8.02
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	14.3.02
Senator Penny Wong (SA, ALP)	10.12.02

### Former members

	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Lyn Allison (Vic, AD)	14.3.02-20.8.02
Senator John Hogg (Qld, ALP)	19.3.02- 10.12.02

### Current inquiries

*As at 1 July 2003*

- Planning for retirement (referred 12 December 2002)
- The provisions of the draft Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2003 and the draft Retirement Savings Accounts Amendment Regulations 2003 (referred 17 June 2003)

### Public hearings

*1 July 2003 to 10 September 2003*

- The provisions of the draft Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2003 and the draft Retirement Savings Accounts Amendment Regulations 2003 – 31 July 2003, Sydney; 1 August 2003, Melbourne; 13 August 2003, Canberra

### Reports tabled

*1 July 2003 to 10 September 2003*

- Planning for retirement (presented out of session on 29 July 2003; tabled 11 August 2003)
- Draft Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2003 and the Draft Retirement Savings Accounts Amendment Regulations 2003 (tabled 10 September 2003)

**Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 10 September 2003*

- Taxation treatment of overseas superannuation transfers (tabled 7 October 2003, report tabled 19 August 2002)

**Committee-related  
activity in the chamber**

## Details of Reports tabled in the Senate and other related matters

### Legislation Committees:

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 38 reports (plus 1 report that did not discharge a reference). The details are as follows:

#### Bills

Legislation Committees tabled 31 reports (plus 1 report that did not discharge a reference) on the following Bills:

Committee	Bills	Tabled
LC	Provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Sponsorship Measures) Bill 2003	12.8.03
ECO	New Business Tax System (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill (No.1) 2003	13.8.03
LC	Provisions of the Family Law Amendment Bill 2003	13.8.03
LC	Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2003	18.8.03
ECITA	Provisions of the Postal Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2003	19.8.03
ECO	Provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill 2003	20.8.03
ECO	Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No.5) 2003	21.8.03
ECO	Provisions of the Financial Services Reform Amendment Bill 2003	21.8.03
ECO	Provisions of the ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2003 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (ACIS) Bill 2003	10.9.03
ECO	Provisions of the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No.7) 2003	10.9.03
FADT	Provisions of the Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2003	11.9.03
ECITA	Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2) 2003	15.9.03
FADT	Aspects of the <i>Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986</i> and the Military Compensation Scheme	18.9.03
LC	Provisions of the Age Discrimination Bill 2003	18.9.03
LC	Provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Identification and Authentication) Bill 2003	18.9.03
LC	Proposed government amendments to the Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2003	7.10.03
RRAT	Provisions of the Aviation Transport Security Bill 2003 and the Aviation Transport Security (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2003	9.10.03
ECO	Provisions of the Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Bill 2003 and the Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003	16.10.03

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Bills</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>ECITA</b>	Provisions of the Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2003	27.10.03
<b>ECITA</b>	Provisions of the Fuel Quality Standards Amendment Bill 2003	28.10.03
<b>ECO</b>	Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Bill 2003	29.10.03
<b>ECITA</b>	Provisions of the Spam Bill 2003 and the Spam (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003	29.10.03
<b>RRAT</b>	Management of the Quarantine Risks Associated with the Possible Return to Australia of Sheep Aboard the <i>MV Cormo Express</i>	29.10.03
<b>EWRE</b>	Workplace Relations Amendment (Compliance with Court and Tribunal Orders) Bill 2003, Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2003 and Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Remedies for Unprotected Action) Bill 2002	30.10.03
<b>ECO</b>	Provisions of the International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill 2003	24.11.03
<b>LC</b>	Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents Integrity Measures) Bill 2003 and Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment Bill 2003	25.11.03
<b>ECITA</b>	Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002 [No.2] and The Plastic Bag (Minimisation of Usage) Education Fund Bill 2002 [No.2]	26.11.03
<b>RRAT</b>	Provisions of the Maritime Transport Security Bill 2003	27.11.03
<b>RRAT</b>	Draft Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2003	2.12.03
<b>ECO</b>	Financial Services Reform Amendment Bill 2003 and certain associated regulations	3.12.03
<b>RRAT</b>	*Progress Report – The application and expenditure of funds By Australian Wool Innovation Ltd.	4.12.03
<b>ECO</b>	Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions Splitting) Bill 2003	5.12.03

*\*Report that did not discharge a reference*

### **Estimates reports:**

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled no reports.

### **Annual Report reports:**

During the reporting period, Senate Legislation Committees tabled 7 reports.

## References Committees:

During the reporting period, Senate References Committees tabled 12 reports. The details are as follows:

Committee	Report	Tabled
FADT	A Pacific engaged: Australia's relations with Papua New Guinea and the island states of the south-west Pacific	12.8.03
FPA	Recruitment and Training in the Australian Public Service	18.9.03
LC	Reconciliation: Off track	9.10.03
ECITA	Regulating the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium mines	14.10.03
EWRE	Order for production of documents on university finances	15.10.03
ECITA	Libraries in the Online Environment	16.10.03
FPA	Staff employed under the <i>Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984</i>	16.10.03
EWRE	Bridging the skills divide	24.11.03
EWRE	Hacking Australia's Future: Threats to institutional autonomy, academic freedom and student choice in Australian higher education	24.11.03
FADT	Voting on trade: The General Agreement on Trade in Services and an Australia-US Free Trade Agreement	27.11.03
FPA	Administrative Review of Veteran and Military Compensation and Income Support	4.12.03
FADT	The (not quite) White Paper: Australia's foreign affairs and trade Policy, <i>Advancing the national interest</i>	4.12.03

## Joint Statutory/Select Committees:

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

Committee	Report	Tabled
CFS	Disclosure of commissions on risk products	12.8.03
SUPER	Planning for retirement	11.8.03
SUPER	Draft Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2003 and Draft Retirement Savings Accounts Amendment Regulations 2003	10.9.03
ACC	*Examination of the annual report for 2001-2002 of the National Crime Authority	30.10.03
MED	Medicare – healthcare or welfare?	30.10.03
NAT	*Effectiveness of the National Native Title Tribunal in fulfilment of the Committee's duties pursuant to subparagraph 206(d)(i) of the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i>	4.12.03

\*Reports that did not discharge a reference

## **Government Responses to Committee Reports**

The following table shows 10 Government responses to Senate Committee Reports:

<b>Government response</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee</b>
Education of students with disabilities	11.8.03	<b>EWRE (Ref)</b>
Australian meat industry consultative structure and quota allocation	11.8.03	<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>
Quota management control on Australian beef exports to the United States	11.8.03	<b>RRAT (Leg)</b>
Small business employment	21.8.03	<b>EWRE (Ref)</b>
Airspace 2000 and related issues	18.9.03	<b>RRAT (Ref)</b>
Taxation treatment of overseas superannuation transfers	7.10.03	<b>SUPER (Select)</b>
Material acquisition and management in Defence	9.10.03	<b>FADT (Ref)</b>
Japan: Politics and society	30.10.03	<b>FADT (Ref)</b>
A funding matter under the Dairy Regional Assistance Program	27.11.03	<b>FPA (Ref)</b>
The law enforcement implications of new technology (tabled by the Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority)	27.11.03	<b>ACC (Joint)</b>

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

## **Dissenting Reports/Minority Reports/Additional Comments/Points of Dissent/Reports/Supplementary Remarks/Supplementary Reports**

<b>References:</b>	<b>LP</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>AG</b>
Additional Comments		1	2
Supplementary Remarks		1	
Supplementary Reports		1	
Reports	4		1
Dissenting Reports	7		
Minority Reports	4		

<b>Legislation:</b>	<b>ALP</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>AG</b>
Additional Comments	5	2	
Dissenting Reports	11	3	2
Minority Reports	14	6	
Reports	1	1	
Supplementary Remarks		1	
Supplementary Reports	2	2	
Additional Comments & Points of Dissent		1	

<b>Joint/Select:</b>	<b>LP</b>	<b>ALP</b>	<b>AD</b>
Minority Reports	3	4	
Additional Comments		3	1
Supplementary Remarks			1

### **Extension of Time to present Reports**

During the reporting period, 59 extensions of time were granted to Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports. There were 8 extensions of under a week; 10 extensions of under a month and 41 extensions of over a month.

### **Leave to Meet while the Senate is in session**

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted to meet while the Senate was in session on 34 occasions.

### **Change of Membership of Committees**

During the reporting period, there were 63 changes to membership to Committees.

### **Reappointment of Committee**

The Select Committee on Medicare tabled its report on 30 October 2003, and was reappointed on 25 November 2003.



## **Other Committees**

## Regulations and Ordinances

### Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 23.

### Current members

Senator Tchen (Chair), Senators Bartlett, Marshall, Mason, Moore and Santoro.

### Former members

Senators Coonan, Brandis, Buckland and Ludwig.

### Secretary

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Mr James Warmenhoven	6277 3066	6277 5838

### Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises delegated legislation to ensure:

- (a) that it is in accordance with the statute;
- (b) that it does not trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- (c) 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
- (d) that it does not contain matter more appropriate for parliamentary enactment.

### Reports presented

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

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### Meetings

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private:	9
Briefings:	9
<b>Total:</b>	<b>18</b>

<b>No. of instruments scrutinised</b>	<b>786</b>
<b>Notices of Motion to Disallow</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Notices withdrawn</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Notices pending</b>	<b>1</b>

## Scrutiny of Bills

### Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

### Current members

Senator Crossin (Chair), Senator Mason (Deputy Chair), Senators Barnett, Johnston, McLucas and Murray

### Secretary

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Mr Richard Pye	6277 3050	6277 5838
Ms Janice Paull (Acting from 29.9.03)		

### Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises clauses of bills and acts of Parliament and reports to the Senate whether such bills or acts, by express words or otherwise:

- (a) trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- (b) make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- (c) make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
- (d) inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- (e) insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

### Alert Digests tabled

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- No. 8 of 2003 (13 August 2003)
- No. 9 of 2003 (20 August 2003)
- No. 10 of 2003 (10 September 2003)
- No. 11 of 2003 (17 September 2003)
- No. 12 of 2003 (8 October 2003)
- No. 13 of 2003 (29 October 2003)
- No. 14 of 2003 (presented out of session 7 November 2003  
– tabled 24 November 2003)
- No. 15 of 2003 (26 November 2003)
- No. 16 of 2003 (3 December 2003)

## **Reports presented**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Seventh Report of 2003 (13 August 2003)  
Eighth Report of 2003 (20 August 2003)  
Ninth Report of 2003 (10 September 2003)  
Tenth Report of 2003 (17 September 2003)  
Eleventh Report of 2003 (8 October 2003)  
Twelfth Report of 2003 (15 October 2003)  
Thirteenth Report of 2003 (presented out of session  
7 November 2003 – tabled 24 November 2003)  
Fourteenth Report of 2003 (26 November 2003)  
Fifteenth Report of 2003 (3 December 2003)

## **Meetings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private:	10
Public:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>10</b>

## Appropriations and Staffing

### 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. Robert Hill), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator the Hon. John Faulkner), Senators Allison, Bolkus, Boswell, Ferris, Heffernan and Ray

### Secretary

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Mr Peter Hallahan	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)). 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 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- 38<sup>th</sup> report – Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2003-04 (23 June 2003)
- 39<sup>th</sup> report – Review of aspects of parliamentary administration (23 June 2003)

### Meetings

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private:

Public:

**Total:**

<b>House</b>
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**Appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 21.

**Current members**

The President (Senator Calvert) (Chair), the Deputy President (Senator Hogg), Senators Carr, Colbeck, Crossin (replaced Collins on 15 September 2003), Lightfoot and Stephens

**Secretary**

	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Fax</i>
Ms Andrea Griffiths	(02) 6277 3398	(02) 6277 3199

**Meetings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private:	2*
Public:	
In camera:	
Inspections:	
Briefings:	
Other:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2</b>

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

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**Appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 20.

**Current members**

The President (Sen the Hon P Calvert), Senators Kirk, Ludwig, Scullion, Tchen, Tierney and Wong.

**Secretary**

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Mr J W Templeton	6277 7102	6277 2403

**Meetings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private:	2
Public:	
In camera:	
Inspections:	
Briefings:	
Other:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2</b>

## Privileges

### Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 18.

### Current members

Senator Ray (Chair), Senator Knowles (Deputy Chair) †, Senators Evans, Humphries, Johnston, McGauran\*, Payne and Sherry

†Senator Knowles to 21 August 2003

\*Senator McGauran from 22 August 2003 to be discharged from 22 December 2003 with Senator Knowles to be appointed in his place

### Secretary

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>	<i>e-mail</i>
Miss Anne Lynch (until 5.9.03)	6277 3360	6277 3199	<a href="mailto:Priv.sen@aph.gov.au">Priv.sen@aph.gov.au</a>
Dr Rosemary Laing (from 8.9.03)	6277 3360	6277 3199	<a href="mailto:Priv.sen@aph.gov.au">Priv.sen@aph.gov.au</a>

### Current inquiries

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Matters arising from the joint meeting of the Senate and the House of Representatives on 23 October 2003 (*referred 29 October 2003*)
- Matters arising from the joint meeting of the Senate and the House of Representatives on 24 October 2003 (*referred 29 October 2003*)
- Whether there was any attempt improperly to interfere with a witness before the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation committee, and whether any contempt of the Senate was committed in that regard (*referred 2 December 2003*)

### Reports presented

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- 114th report—Execution of search warrants in senators' offices – Senator Harris: Matters arising from the 105th report of the Committee of Privileges (*tabled 20 August 2003*)
- 115th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Board members of Electronic Frontiers Australia Inc.) (*tabled 18 September 2003*)

### Meetings

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private:	4
Public:	
In camera:	
Inspections:	
Briefings:	
Other:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4</b>

## Procedure

### 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 R Hill), the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (the Hon J Faulkner), Senators Allison, Ian Campbell, Eggleston, Ferguson, Ludwig and Ray

### Secretary

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Mr Harry Evans	6277 3350	6277 3199

### Current inquiries

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Recommendations in the Procedure Committee's first report of 2002 relating to standing order 74(5) (referred 28 August 2002)

### Reports presented

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

2<sup>nd</sup> Report of 2003 (tabled 21 August 2003)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Report of 2003 (tabled 4 December 2003)

### Meetings

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private:	3
Public:	
In camera:	
Inspections:	
Briefings:	
Other:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3</b>

## Publications

### Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22.

### Current members

Senators Colbeck, Chair [appointed 27.6.02, effective from 1.7.02], Hutchins [appointed 13.2.02], Johnston [appointed 27.6.02, effective from 1.7.02], Kirk [appointed 27.6.02, effective from 1.7.02], Marshall [appointed 27.7.02, effective from 1.7.02], Moore, Deputy Chair [appointed 27.6.02, effective from 1.7.02] and Scullion [appointed 28.9.02]

### Former members

Senators Bishop [appointed 13.2.02, discharged 27.6.02, effective from 1.7.02], Calvert [appointed 13.2.02, ceased to be a member on election as President of the Senate 19.8.02], Chapman [appointed 13.2.02, discharged 27.6.02, effective from 1.7.02], Lightfoot, [appointed 13.2.02, discharged 27.6.02, effective from 1.7.02], McKiernan [appointed 13.2.02, retired 30.6.02] and McLucas [appointed 13.2.02, discharged 27.6.02, effective from 1.7.02]

### Secretary

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Ms Jan Chapman	6277 3037	6277 3448

### Public hearings

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Nil

### Reports presented

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- 3

### Meetings

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private:	3
Public:	
In camera:	
Inspections:	
Briefings:	
Other:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3</b>

## Selection of Bills

### Appointment

Pursuant to Standing Order 24A.

### Current members

The Government Whip (Senator Ferris) (Chair), the Opposition Whip (Senator Mackay), The Nationals Whip (Senator McGauran), the Australian Democrats Whip (Senator Allison) and Senators Buckland, Ian Campbell, Eggleston and Ludwig.

### Secretary

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Mr Richard Pye	6277 3020	6277 3098/6277 3099

### Reports presented

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Report no. 8 of 2003, 13 August 2003
- Report no. 9 of 2003, 20 August 2003
- Report no. 10 of 2003, 10 September 2003
- Report no. 11 of 2003, 17 September 2003
- Report no. 12 of 2003, 8 October 2003
- Report no. 13 of 2003, 15 October 2003
- Report no. 14 of 2003, 29 October 2003
- Report no. 15 of 2003, 26 November 2003
- Report no. 16 of 2003, 3 December 2003

### Meetings – All meetings held at Parliament House, Canberra

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private:	9
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>

## Senators' Interests

### Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 22A.

### Current members

Senator Denman (Chair), Senator Lightfoot (Deputy Chair), Senators Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, McGauran, Webber and Wong

### Secretary

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Miss Anne Lynch (until 5.9.03)	6277 3360	6277 3199	<a href="mailto:Senators.interests@aph.gov.au">Senators.interests@aph.gov.au</a>
Dr Rosemary Laing (from 8.9.03)	6277 3360	6277 3199	<a href="mailto:Senators.interests@aph.gov.au">Senators.interests@aph.gov.au</a>

### Register of Senators' Interests

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Register of Senators' Interests incorporating notifications of alterations of interests lodged between 20 June and 27 November 2003 (*tabled 2 December 2003*)
- Register of Senate Senior Executive Officers' Interests incorporating notifications of alterations of interests of senior executive officers lodged between 20 June and 27 November 2003 (*tabled 2 December 2003*)

### Documents presented

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Declarations of Senators' Interests and Gifts to the Senate and the Parliament: Resolutions, explanatory notes and related information (*tabled 16 October 2003*)

### Meetings

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private:	2
Public:	
In camera:	
Inspection:	
Briefings:	
Other:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2</b>

## Electoral Matters (Joint Standing)

### Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 14 February 2002 and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2002.

### Current members

Mr Petro Georgiou MP (*Chairman*), Mr Michael Danby MP (*Deputy Chairman*), Senator Bartlett, Senator Brandis, Senator Mason, Senator Murray, Senator Ray, Mr John Forrest MP, Mr Daryl Melham MP, Ms Sophie Panopoulos MP.

### Secretary

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Mr. Russell Chafer	6277 4564	6277 4710

### Current inquiries

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- Representation of the Territories in the House of Representatives (report tabled 1 December 2003)

### Reports presented

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- “Territory Representation” (tabled 1 December 2003)

### Government responses tabled

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- 16 October 2003, response to report “The Integrity of the Electoral Roll” (report tabled 11 November 2002)
- 16 October, response to report “The 2001 Federal Election” (report tabled 23 June 2003)

### Meetings

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private:	7
Public:	3
In camera:	0
Inspection:	0
Briefings:	0
Other:	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>10</b>

## Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint Standing)

### Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 14 February 2002, and agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2002.

### Current members

Senator A Ferguson (Chairman), Mr L Brereton MP (Deputy Chairman), Senators Bartlett (*to 18/11/02*), Bishop (*to 19/8/02*), Bolkus, Calvert (*to 19/8/02*), Cook, Eggleston, Evans, Harradine, Hutchins (*from 19/8/02*), Johnston (*from 22/8/02*), JAL Macdonald, O'Brien, Payne, Stott Despoja (*from 18/11/02*), and Mrs J Gash MP, Ms Moylan MP, Messrs Baird MP, Baldwin MP, Beazley MP, Bevis MP, Byrne MP (*from 24/9/02*), Edwards MP, LDT Ferguson, MP, Hawker MP, MI MP, Lindsay MP, Martin MP (*to 16/8/02*), Nairn MP, Price MP, Prosser MP, Scott MP, Snowdon MP, Somlyay MP, Thompson MP

### Secretary

Dr Margot Kerley *Phone (02)*  
6277 4629

### Current Inquiries

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Review of Portfolio Annual Reports 2002-03

- Foreign Affairs, Trade and Human Rights
- Defence

Inquiry into Human Rights and Good Governance in the Asia Pacific Region

Inquiry into Expanding Australia's Trade and Investments Relationships with the economies of the Gulf States

Inquiry into Australia's Relationship with Indonesia

Inquiry into Australia's Maritime Strategy

Review of aspects of the 2001-02 Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Annual Report

Scrutiny of the World Trade Organisation

Review of Australia's Relations with the United Nations

Review of Australia's Defence Relations with the United States of America

Watching Brief on the War on Terrorism

### Reports presented

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Defence Sub Committee visit to RAAF Williamtown, Darwin establishments, East Timor and RAAF Tindal, 14-17 July 2003 (*presented 24 November*)

Statement to the Parliament on the JSCFADT Human Rights Sub Committee's recent activities concerning conditions within immigration detention centres and the treatment of detainees (*presented 13 October*)

Review of Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio Annual Reports 2001-02 (*presented 13 October*)

Review of the Defence Annual Report 2001-02 (*presented 13 October*)

Expanding Australia's trade and investment relationship with the countries of Central Europe (*presented 15 September*)

## **Government responses tabled**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Report of the 2003 New Zealand Parliamentary Committee Exchange, 6-11 April 2003 (16 October)

Visit to Australian Forces deployed to the International Coalition against Terrorism (9 October)

## **Meetings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private: 57

Public: 8

In camera: 4

Inspections/Briefings: 2

Other (Seminar)

Total: 71

## **Sub-committee contact information**

### **Secretaries**

	<i>Phone (02)</i>
Ms Janet Holmes (Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee)	6277 4306
Mr Adam Cunningham (Trade Sub-Committee)	6277 4628
Mr Stephen Boyd (Defence Sub-Committee)	6277 2368
Mr Adam Cunningham (Human Rights Sub-Committee)	6277 4628

## Migration (Joint Standing)

### Appointment

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives and the Senate of 14 February 2002.

### Current members

Ms Teresa Gambaro, MP (Chair), Mr Bernie Ripoll, MP (Deputy Chair), Senators Andrew Bartlett, Alan Eggleston, Linda Kirk, Tsebin Tchen, and Mrs Julia Irwin MP, Mr Laurie Ferguson MP, Ms Joanna Gash MP, Mr Don Randall MP.

#### Secretary

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Mr Richard Selth	6277 4565	6277 8506

### Current inquiry

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

#### Review of skilled migration

### Reports presented

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

None

### Government responses tabled

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

None

### Meetings

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private:	4
Public:	3
In camera:	
Inspections:	1
Briefings:	
Other:	
<b>Total meetings:</b>	<b>7</b>

## National Capital and External Territories (Joint Standing)

### Appointment

Pursuant to resolution of the House of Representatives of 14 February 2002 and the Senate of 15 February 2002.

### Current members

Senator Ross Lightfoot (Chairman), Senator Trish Crossin (Deputy Chair), the Deputy President (Senator Sue West to 30 June 2002), the Deputy Speaker (Hon Ian Causley, MP), Senator Brian Greig (Discharged on the 18 November 2002), Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (Appointed on the 18 November 2002), Senator Kate Lundy, Senator John Hogg (Appointed on the 19 August 2002), Senator Richard Colbeck (to 27 June 2002), Senator Nigel Scullion (from 27 June 2002), Ms Annette Ellis MP, Mr Michael Johnson MP, Mr Paul Neville MP, Hon Warren Snowdon MP and Mr Cameron Thompson MP.

### Secretary

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Ms Margaret Swieringa	6277 4348	6277 2067

### Current inquiry

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- *Annual reports of the Departments of Transport and Regional Services 2001-2002 and Environment and Heritage*
- *Role of the National Capital Authority*
- *Adequacy of funding for Australia's Antarctic program*

### Reports presented

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- *Pay Parking in the Parliamentary Zone*  
The committee released its report on 13 October 2003
- *Norfolk Island governance*  
The committee released its report on 3 December 2003

### Government responses tabled

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

- None

### Meetings

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private	15
Public	7
In camera	2
Inspections	none
Briefings	4
Other:	
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>

## Treaties (Joint Standing)

### Appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives and the Senate on 14 February 2002.

### Members

Dr A Southcott MP (*Chair-from 4 Nov*) Ms J.I. Bishop MP (*Chair-to 4 Nov*), Mr K Wilkie MP (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Barnett (*to 18 Nov*), Senator Bartlett (*to 18 Nov-from 12 Dec*), Senator Kirk, Senator Mason, Senator Marshall, Senator Santoro (*from 18 Nov*), Senator Stephens, Senator Stott Despoja (*from 18 Nov-to 5 Dec*), Senator Tchen, Hon D Adams MP, Mr K. Bartlett MP, Mr S Ciobo MP, Mr M Evans MP, Mr G Hunt MP, Mr P.E. King MP, Hon B Scott MP.

### Secretary

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Ms Gillian Gould	6277 4002	6277 2219

### Current inquiries

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Treaties tabled in May and June 2003 (*report presented 19 August*)

Treaties tabled in June and August 2003 (*report presented 17 September*)

Treaties tabled on 9 September 2003 (*report presented 16 October*)

Treaties tabled on 8 October 2003 (*report presented 1 December*)

Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code (*report presented 4 December*)

Treaties tabled in December 2003

Inquiry into the United Nations Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Inquiry into the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (PGRFA)

### Meetings

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

During this period the Committee met on 12 occasions for private meetings and on 5 occasions for public hearings

<b>ASIO, ASIS and DSD (Joint Statutory)</b>
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### **Appointment**

Pursuant to *Intelligence Services Act 2001*.

### **Members**

Mr Jull (Presiding Member)

Senator Paul Calvert (Discharged on the 18 August 2002); Senator Alan Ferguson (Appointed on the 27 August 2002), Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Robert Ray; Hon Kim Beazley MP; Mr Stewart McArthur MP; and Hon Leo McLeay MP.

### **Secretary**

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Ms Margaret Swieringa	6277 4348	6277 2067

### **Reports presented**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private review of Agency Security Arrangements, tabled 13 October 2003

### **Meetings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private	10
Public	1
In camera	5
Inspections	Nil
Briefings	Nil
Other	Nil
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

## **Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings**

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*.

### **Current members**

The Speaker (The Hon J N Andrew MP), the President (Senator The Hon P Calvert), Senators J Ferris and S Stephens, Mr J Forrest MP, Mrs J Gash MP, Mr P Lindsay MP, Ms J S McFarlane MP and The Hon R Price MP

### **Secretary**

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Ms Claressa Surtees	6277 4888	6277 4204

### **Reports presented**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Nil

### **Meetings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Nil

## Public Accounts and Audit (Joint Statutory)

### Appointment

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

### Committee name

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit  
Pursuant to *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*

### Membership

Mr Bob Charles MP (Chairman)	Senator Richard Colbeck (until 25 Mar 2003)
Ms Tanya Plibersek MP (Deputy chair)	Senator Stephen Conroy (until 11 Sep 2003)
Mr Steven Ciobo MP	Senator John Hogg (from 11 Sep 2003)
Mr John Cobb MP	Senator Gary Humphries (from 25 Mar 2003)
Mr Petro Georgiou MP	Senator Kate Lundy (from 19 Nov 2002)
Ms Sharon Grierson MP	Senator Claire Moore (until 19 Nov 2002)
Mr Alan Griffin MP	Senator Andrew Murray
Ms Catherine King MP	Senator Nigel Scullion
Mr Peter King MP	Senator John Watson
The Hon Alex Somlyay MP	

### Current inquiries

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Management and Integrity of Electronic Information in the Commonwealth  
Review of Auditor-General's Reports  
Review of Aviation Security in Australia

### Reports presented

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Report 395 – Review of the Draft Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill  
Report 396 - Review of Auditor-General's Reports, 2002-2003, First, Second & Third Quarters  
Report 397 – Annual Report 2002-2003

### Government responses received

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Report 390 – Review of Auditor-General's Reports, 2001-2002, First, Second & Third Quarters  
Report 393 – Review of Auditor-General's Reports, 2001-2002, Fourth Quarter

### Meetings/hours

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

The Committee met 10 times for a total of 9 hours and 23 minutes and its sectional committees met 14 times for a total of 67 hours and 56 minutes.

## Public Works (Joint Statutory)

### Appointment

Pursuant to *Public Works Act 1969*.

### Current members

Ms Moylan MP (Chair), Mr B O'Connor MP, (Deputy Chair), Senator Calvert (Discharged on the 18 August 2002 ), Senator Colbeck (Appointed on the 18 August), Senator Ferguson, Senator Forshaw, Mr Jenkins MP, Mr Lindsay MP, Mr Lloyd MP, and Ripoll MP.

### Secretary

	<i>Phone (02)</i>	<i>Fax (02)</i>
Ms Margaret Swieringa	6277 4348	6277 4426

### Current inquiries

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

#### Name of Inquiry

- *Site remediation and construction of infrastructure for the Defence site at Randwick, NSW*

### Reports presented

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

#### Name of report (presented day/month)

- *Australian Sports Commission*  
The committee released its report on 20 August 2003
- *RAAF Base Tindal Security Fence*  
The committee released its report on 20 August 2003
- *1 Aviation Regiment Relocation, Darwin*  
The committee released its report on 20 August 2003
- *Australian High Commission Colombo*  
The committee released its report on 10 September 2003
- *Australian High Commission New Delhi*  
The committee released its report on 17 September 2003
- *Refurbishment of Paris Apartments*  
The committee released its report on 17 September 2003
- *RAAF Richmond Reinvestment Project*  
The committee released its report on 15 October 2003
- *ANSTO: extension of building 23 – radiopharmaceuticals*  
The committee released its report on 26 November 2003
- *ANSTO: new entrance facilities*  
The committee released its report on 26 November 2003
- *Proposed Christmas Island community recreation centre*  
The committee released its report on 2 December 2003
- *Christmas Island immigration reception and processing centre*  
The committee released its report on 2 December 2003
- *Development of off-base housing for Defence at Queanbeyan, NSW*  
The committee released its report on 2 December 2003

**Meetings**

*1 July 2003 to 31 December 2003*

Private	9
Public	8
Inspections	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>



## **PART TWO**

### **Consolidated Statistical Overview (Half Year)**

**1 July 2003 - 31 December 2003**

# Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office

*1 July 2003 – 31 December 2003*

	Matters current as at 1 July	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December
Legislation	17	32 +(1^^)	38 +(1*)	11
References	29	5 +(1^^)	12	22
Select/Joint	13	1	4 +(2*)	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	40	130:01	17	179:14	78	17:16	0	0:00	135	326:31
References	64	282:10	0	0:00	65	26:17	6	14:06	135	322:33
Select/Joint	40	195:39	0	0:00	54	20:43	0	0:00	94	216:22
<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>607:50</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>179:14</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>64:16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14:06</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>865:26</b>

Meetings by State									
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD	
Legislation	126	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	
References	93	10	9	4	5	6	2	6	
Select/Joint	56	14	12	1	1	3	3	4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	

	Televised Hearings	Witnesses			Hansard pages			No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Legislation	44	1065	276	94	1795	1182	338	396	2940	2
References	27	0	0	766	0	0	4779	1542	16763	6
Select/Joint	10	0	18	418	0	114	2867	440	6024	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>1065</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>1278</b>	<b>1795</b>	<b>1296</b>	<b>7984</b>	<b>2378</b>	<b>25727</b>	<b>10</b>

\*Reports that did not discharge a reference; ^^ Reference amalgamated with existing reference (EWRE)

# **PART THREE**

## **Consolidated Statistical Overview (Year)**

**1 January 2003 - 31 December 2003**

## Statistical Overview of Committees Administered by the Senate Committee Office

*1 January 2003 – 31 December 2003*

	Matters current as at 1 January 2003	Matters referred (including estimates and annual reports)	Reports tabled that discharged a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2003
Legislation	8	83 +(1^, 1^^)	80 +(3*)	11
References	18	19 +(1^^)	15	22
Select/Joint	7	10**	7 +(4*)	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>43</b>

### Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public		Private		Insp/Other		Total Meetings	Total Hours
	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Hrs		
Legislation	66	72	725:45	145	30:53	0	0:00	962:13
References	135	0	0:00	114	42:18	35	60:02	624:20
Select/Joint	69	0	0:00	94	39:14	1	1:45	335:11
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>725:45</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>112:25</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>61:47</b>	<b>1921:44</b>

### Meetings by State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	269	7	4	0	0	1	0	2
References	162	28	26	11	12	12	7	26
Select/Joint	101	19	16	1	5	6	5	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>39</b>

	Televised Hearings	Witnesses		Hansard pages		No of Submissions	No. of Pages	Government Responses
		Estimates	Other (Bills)	Estimates	Other (Bills)			
Legislation	120	4237	512	109	1813	403	6825	3
References	40	0	5	1629	22	9319	27202	13
Select/Joint	13	0	23	642	135	4271	8747	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>4237</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>2380</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>13993</b>	<b>42774</b>	<b>20</b>

\*Reports that did not discharge a reference; \*\*Select Committee on Medicare appointed on 15 May 2003 and reappointed on 25 November 2003, Select Committee on Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters appointed on 19 June 2003; ^ one reference transferred from Legislation Committee to References Committee (ECITA); ^^Reference amalgamated with existing reference (EWRE)

**PART FOUR**

**Statistics On**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2003-04  
(November 2003)**

<b>Statistics on Supplementary Budget Estimates 2003-04 (November 2003)</b>
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### Community Affairs

	<b>Supplementary Budget Estimates 2003-04 (November 2003)</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (5/11 & 6/11)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Family and Community Services	11:05
- Health and Ageing	12:10
Hours of public meetings	<b>23:15</b>

### Economics

	<b>Supplementary Budget Estimates 2003-04 (November 2003)</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (5/11 & 6/11)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Industry, Tourism and Resources	7:02
- Treasury	11:02
Hours of public meetings	<b>18:04</b>

### Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

	<b>Supplementary Budget Estimates 2003-04 (November 2003)</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (5/11 & 6/11)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Employment and Workplace Relations	8:33
- Education, Science and Training	11:15
Hours of public meetings	<b>19:48</b>

<b>Statistics on Supplementary Budget Estimates 2003-04 (November 2003)</b>
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**Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts**

	<b>Supplementary Budget Estimates 2003-04 (November 2003)</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (3/11 & 4/11)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	16:34
- Environment and Heritage	5:37
Hours of public meetings	<b>22:11</b>

**Finance and Public Administration**

	<b>Supplementary Budget Estimates 2003-04 (November 2003)</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (3/11 & 4/11)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Finance and Administration	4:39
- Parliament	7:24
- Prime Minister and Cabinet	9:12
Hours of public meetings	<b>21:15</b>

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**

	<b>Supplementary Budget Estimates 2003-04 (November 2003)</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (5/11 & 6/11)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Defence	10:00
- Foreign Affairs and Trade	11:25
- Veterans' Affairs	2:00
Hours of public meetings	<b>23:25</b>

<p><b>Statistics on Supplementary Budget Estimates 2003-04 (November 2003)</b></p>
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**Legal and Constitutional**

	<b>Supplementary Budget Estimates 2003-04 (November 2003)</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>3</b> (3/11, 4/11 & 25/11)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Attorney-General's	13:30
- Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	13:28
Hours of public meetings	<b>26:58</b>

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

	<b>Supplementary Budget Estimates 2003-04 (November 2003)</b>
No. of public meetings	<b>2</b> (3/11 & 4/11)
Hours by portfolio:	
- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	12:21
- Transport and Regional Services	11:57
Hours of public meetings	<b>24:18</b>

**The number of days the estimates committees sat**

**November 2003**

**5 days**