

Membership of the committee

Members

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| Senator Dean Smith, Chair | Western Australia, LP |
| Mr Laurie Ferguson MP, Deputy Chair | Werriwa, New South Wales, ALP |
| Senator Carol Brown | Tasmania, ALP |
| Senator Matthew Canavan | Queensland, NAT |
| Dr David Gillespie MP | Lyne, New South Wales, NAT |
| Mr Andrew Laming MP | Bowman, Queensland, LP |
| Senator Claire Moore | Queensland, ALP |
| Ms Michelle Rowland MP | Greenway, New South Wales, ALP |
| Senator Penny Wright | South Australia, AG |
| Mr Ken Wyatt AM MP | Hasluck, Western Australia, LP |

Functions of the committee

The Committee has the following functions:

- a) to examine Bills for Acts, and legislative instruments, that come before either House of the Parliament for compatibility with human rights, and to report to both Houses of the Parliament on that issue;
- b) to examine Acts for compatibility with human rights, and to report to both Houses of the Parliament on that issue;
- c) to inquire into any matter relating to human rights which is referred to it by the Attorney-General, and to report to both Houses of the Parliament on that matter.

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