

## Membership of the committee

### Members

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
Ms Fiona Scott MP	Lindsay, New South Wales, 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.

### Secretariat

Mr Ivan Powell, Acting Committee Secretary  
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