

# **PART SIX**

**1 January 2020–30 June 2020**



**Legislative and General Purpose  
Standing Committees administered  
by the Senate Committee Office  
1 January 2020–30 June 2020**



## **Community Affairs**

# Community Affairs

1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020

	Matters current as at 1 January 2020	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2020
Legislation	2	5	6 + (2**)	1
References	5	0	2 + (1**)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>

## Number and Hours of Meeting

Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	2	2	22:16	17	1:28	0	0:00	21	28:46
References	6	0	0:00	17	5:52	0	0:00	23	28:42
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22:16</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7:20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>57:28</b>

## Meetings By State

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

## Witnesses

Televised Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	200	19	0	42	1
References	0	0	83	172	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>2</b>

\* Includes referral of Annual reports x 1; Estimates x 1

\*\*Progress and/or Interim reports

# Community Affairs (Legislation)

1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP)	11.02.2020
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	05.12.2019
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	02.07.2019
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019–11.02.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019–05.12.2019
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) <sup>1</sup>	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP) <sup>2</sup>	05.03.2020–05.03.2020
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	23.10.2019–23.10.2019
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	06.11.2019–06.11.2019
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP) <sup>6</sup>	08.11.2019–08.11.2019
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) <sup>7</sup>	23.10.2019–23.10.2019

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2019 from 4pm

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 5 March 2020 from 6pm

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2019 from 4pm

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator McCarthy for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2019 from 7.30pm

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator McCarthy on 6 November 2019

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Dean Smith on 8 November 2019

<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2019 from 7.30pm

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2020–30.06.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2020 tabled 26.02.2020	Ongoing
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Sport Integrity Australia) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	14.11.2019 (SB)	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 03.02.2020; tabled 04.02.2020 Report tabled 05.02.2020	No
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia's Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	28.11.2019 (SB)	14.02.2020—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 03.02.2020; tabled 04.02.2020 Report tabled 24.02.2020	No

**New References**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2020–30.06.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Income Reporting and Other Measures) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	06.02.2020 (SB)	17.02.2020—Melbourne	Presented OOS 20.02.2020; tabled 24.02.2020	No
Paid Parental Leave Amendment (Flexibility Measures) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	06.02.2020 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 19.03.2020; tabled 23.03.2020	No
Additional Estimates 2019–20	13.02.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 42—13 February 2020, pp. 1283–4)	4–5 March 2020—Canberra	Presented OOS 24.03.2020; tabled 08.04.2020	No
Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Financial Transparency) Bill 2020	18.06.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes



## **Government Responses**

*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Extend Family Assistance to ABSTUDY Secondary School Boarding Student Aged 16 and Over) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	17.02.2020	05.09.2019

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)  
OOS (Out of session)*

# Community Affairs (References)

1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	05.02.2020
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Malarndirri McCarthy (NT, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	02.07.2019
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)	05.12.2019–05.02.2020
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019–05.12.2019
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	11.02.2020–11.02.2020
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	06.11.2019–06.11.2019
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	13.11.2019–13.11.2019
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	16.12.2019–16.12.2019
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP) <sup>5</sup>	03.10.2019–03.10.2019

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart on 11 February 2020

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart on 6 November 2019

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart on 13 November 2019

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Ciccone on 16 December 2019

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Askew on 3 October 2019

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.01.2020–30.06.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2020</b>
Adequacy of Newstart and related payments and alternative mechanisms to determine the level of income support payments	25.07.2019	14.02.2020—Canberra	Presented OOS 30.04.2020; tabled 12.05.2020	No
Centrelink's compliance program	31.07.2019	Nil	Interim report tabled 11.02.2020	Yes
Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	09.09.2019	19.05.2020—Canberra via teleconference 24.06.2020—Canberra via teleconference and videoconference 25.06.2020—Canberra via teleconference and videoconference	Nil	Yes
Investigations into a possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula, Victoria	17.10.2019	01.05.2020—Canberra via teleconference	Nil	Yes
Current barriers to patient access to medicinal cannabis in Australia	14.11.2019	29.01.2020—Melbourne	Presented OOS 25.03.2020;tabled 08.04.2020	No

**New References**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

Nil

## Government Responses

01.01.2020–30.06.2020

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Effectiveness of the Aged Care Quality Assessment and accreditation framework for protecting residents from abuse and poor practices, and ensuring proper clinical and medical care standards are maintained and practised	25.06.2020	03.04.2019

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)  
OOS (Out of session)

**Economics**

## Economics

1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020

	Matters current as at 1 January 2020	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2020
Legislation	6	6	8 + (1**)	4
References	5	0	0	5
Total	11	6	8	9

### Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	6	33:46	2	28:05	15	3:11	0	0:00	23	65:02
References	3	13:13	0	0:00	9	3:00	0	0:00	12	16:13
Total	9	46:59	2	28:05	24	6:11	0	0:00	35	81:15

### Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	19	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
References	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	31	3	1	0	0	0	0	0

### Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	8	84	102	0	272	0
References	3	0	0	34	130	1
Total	11	84	102	34	402	1

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 1

\*\* Report on other committee activity

# Economics (Legislation)

1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 17.06.2020)</i>	16.06.2020
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS)	02.07.2019
Senator Rex Patrick (SA, CA)	02.07.2019
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 04.07.2019–05.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019–05.02.2020
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 06.02.2020–16.06.2020)</i>	05.02.2020–16.06.2020
<b>Former substitute member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	02.03.2020–06.03.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Kitching for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2020–30.06.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2020 tabled 26.02.2020	Ongoing
Performance of the Inspector-General of Taxation	01.08.2019 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))	Nil	17.06.2020	No
Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	19.09.2019 (SB)	30.01.2020—Sydney	Presented OOS 28.02.2020; tabled 23.03.2020	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Superannuation, Your Choice) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	28.11.2019 (SB)	09.03.2020—Sydney	Presented OOS 20.03.2020; tabled 23.03.2020	No
National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Small Amount Credit Contract and Consumer Lease Reforms) Bill 2019 (No.2)	05.12.2019 (SB)	13.03.2020—Melbourne	Nil	Yes
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Cross-boundary Greenhouse Gas Titles and Other Measures) Bill 2019 [Provisions] and Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 07.02.2020; tabled 10.02.2020	No
Saving Australian Dairy Bill 2019	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 20.03.2020; tabled 23.03.2020	No



### Other Committee Activities

01.01.2020–30.06.2020

	Public Hearings 01.01.2020–30.06.2020	Reports Tabled 01.01.2020–30.06.2020
Order for the Production of Documents—Australian Taxation Office	Nil	18.06.2020

### New References

01.01.2020–30.06.2020

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2020–30.06.2020	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2020
Australian Business Growth Fund Bill 2019 [Provisions]	06.02.2020 (SB)	13.02.2020—Canberra	Presented OOS 21.02.2020; tabled 24.02.2020	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Research and Development Tax Incentive) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	06.02.2020 (SB)	29.06.2020—via video and teleconference	Nil	Yes
Additional Estimates 2019–20	13.02.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 42—13 February 2020, pp. 1283–4)	4–5 March 2020—Canberra	Presented OOS 24.03.2020; tabled 08.04.2020	No
National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment (Site Specification, Community Fund and Other Measures) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	27.02.2020 (SB)	30.06.2020—via video and teleconference	Nil	Yes
Banking Amendment (Deposits) Bill 2020	18.06.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

**Government Responses**

*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

Nil

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)  
OOS (Out of session)*

# Economics (References)

1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 17.06.2020)</i>	16.06.2020
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Rex Patrick (SA, CA)	02.07.2019
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	02.07.2019
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <i>(Chair 04.07.2019–05.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019–05.02.2020
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <i>(Chair 06.02.2020–16.06.2020)</i>	05.02.2020–16.06.2020
<b>Former substitute member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	15.05.2020–15.05.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Kitching for the committee's inquiry into foreign investment proposals on 15 May 2020

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2020–30.06.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
Regional inequality in Australia	30.07.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Australia's oil and gas reserves	19.09.2019	28.02.2020—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability	19.09.2019	24.02.2020—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Causes, extent and effects of unlawful non-payment or underpayment of employees' remuneration by employers and measures that can be taken to address the issue	13.11.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Review of foreign investment proposals against the national interest test	04.12.2019	15.05.2020—Canberra	Nil	Yes

**New References**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
Non-conforming building products: the need for a coherent and robust regulatory regime	23.04.2020	04.12.2018

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)  
OOS (Out of session)*

# **Education and Employment**

## Education and Employment

1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020

	Matters current as at 1 January 2020	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2020
Legislation	1	4	4	1
References	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</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	21:29	6	0:35	0	0:00	8	22:04
References	0	0:00	0	0:00	2	0:17	0	0:00	2	0:17
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21:29</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0:52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22:21</b>

### Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	2	133	0	0	29	0
References	0	0	0	0	16	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2</b>

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 1

# Education and Employment (Legislation)

1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS)	02.07.2019
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	02.07.2019
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP)	02.07.2019
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	23.10.2019–23.10.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	05.12.2019–05.12.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	04.03.2020–04.03.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2019 from 4pm

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 23 October 2019 from 7.30pm

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 5 December 2019 from 6pm until 8pm

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Pratt for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 4 March 2020

**Inquiries**  
as at 01.01.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.01.2020–30.06.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> As at 30.06.2020
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2020 tabled 26.02.2020	Ongoing
Student Identifiers Amendment (Enhanced Student Permissions) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 19.02.2020 tabled 24.02.2020	No

**New References**  
01.01.2020–30.06.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.01.2020–30.06.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> As at 30.06.2020
Additional Estimates 2019–20	13.02.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 42—13 February 2020, pp. 1283–4)	4–5 March 2020—Canberra	Presented OOS 20.03.2020 tabled 23.03.2020	No
Australian Education Amendment (Direct Measure of Income) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	27.02.2020 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 20.03.2020 tabled 23.03.2020	No
Payment Times Reporting Bill 2020 [Provisions] and Payment Times Reporting (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	12.06.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes



**Government Responses**  
**01.01.2020–30.06.2020**

Nil

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)*  
*OOS (Out of session)*

# Education and Employment (References)

*1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020*

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	02.07.2019
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP)	02.07.2019

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2020*

Nil

**New References**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2020–30.06.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
General Motors Holden in Australia	27.02.2020	Nil	Nil	Yes

**Government Responses**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
The people behind 000: mental health of our first responders	25.02.2020	14.02.2019
Jobactive: failing those it is intended to serve	28.05.2020	14.02.2019

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)  
OOS (Out of session)*



## **Environment and Communications**

# Environment and Communications

1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020

	Matters current as at 1 January 2020	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2020
Legislation	5	5	6	4
References	4	0	0 + (1**)	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	3:29	2	20:37	9	1:01	0	0:00	12	25:07
References	2	6:53	0	0:00	7	1:36	0	0:00	9	8:29
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10:22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20:37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2:37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>33:36</b>

Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Legislation	11	0	1	0	0	0	0
References	8	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Witnesses						
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	3	78	14	0	77	0
References	2	0	0	16	7	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1</b>

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 1

\*\* Progress report

# Environment and Communications (Legislation)

1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 19.09.2019)</i>	16.09.2019
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	05.12.2019
Senator Sam McMahon (NT, CLP)	02.07.2019
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator David Van (VIC, LP)	02.07.2019
<b>Substitute member</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>1</sup>	19.09.2019
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(Deputy Chair 04.07.2019-16.09.2019)</i>	04.07.2019–16.09.2019
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	04.07.2019–05.12.2019
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	22.10.2019–22.10.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	21.10.2019–21.10.2019
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>4</sup>	12.09.2019–16.09.2019

<sup>1</sup> Replaces Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Marielle Smith for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 22 October 2019

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Marielle Smith for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 21 October 2019

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019

**Inquiries**  
as at 01.01.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.01.2020–30.06.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2020</b>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2020 tabled 26.02.2020	Ongoing
Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017	04.07.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 16.04.2020; tabled 12.05.2020	No
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019	04.07.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 16.04.2020; tabled 12.05.2020	No
Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019	12.09.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019	28.11.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 17.04.2020; tabled 12.05.2020	No
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2019 [Provisions] and the Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2019 [Provisions]	28.11.2019 (SB)	30.01.2020—Melbourne	Presented OOS 14.02.2020 tabled 24.02.2020	No



**New References**  
01.01.2020–30.06.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.01.2020–30.06.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> As at 30.06.2020
Additional Estimates 2019–20	13.02.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 42—13 February 2020, pp. 1283–4)	2–3 March 2020— Canberra	Presented OOS 24.03.2020 tabled 08.04.2020	No
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2020	27.02.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Product Stewardship (Oil) Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions] and the Excise Tariff Amendment Bill 2020 [Provisions]	12.06.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Future of Australia Post's service delivery	16.06.2020	Nil	Nil	Yes

**Government Responses**  
01.01.2020–30.06.2020

Nil

SB (Selection of Bills Committee)  
OOS (Out of session)

# Environment and Communications (References)

1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 19.09.2019)</i>	16.09.2019
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator Sam McMahon (NT, CLP)	02.07.2019
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	04.07.2019
<b>Substitute members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	15.10.2019
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>2</sup> <i>(Inquiry Chair from 04.12.2019)</i>	03.12.2019
<b>Former member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(Chair 04.07.2019–16.09.2019)</i>	04.07.2019–16.09.2019
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	23.08.2019–23.08.2019
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <sup>4</sup> <i>(Inquiry Chair from 25.07.2019)</i>	24.07.2019–16.09.2019
Senator Sue Lines (WA, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	18.10.2019–18.10.2019

<sup>1</sup> Replaces Senator Green for the committee's inquiry into the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment

<sup>2</sup> Replaces Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Green for the committee's inquiry into Australia's faunal extinction crisis on 23 August 2019

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Urquhart for the committee's inquiry into the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information on 18 October 2019 from 12.30pm

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.01.2020–30.06.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2020</b>
Australia's faunal extinction crisis	23.07.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia	23.07.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Adequacy of Commonwealth laws and frameworks covering the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information (Press freedom)	23.07.2019	10.02.2020—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 16.03.2020; tabled 23.03.2020	Yes
Impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment	16.09.2019	19.02.2020—Hobart	Nil	Yes

**New References**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
Protection of Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula	25.06.2020	21.03.2018

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OOS (Out of session)*



# **Finance and Public Administration**

## Finance and Public Administration

1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020

	Matters current as at 1 January 2020	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2020
Legislation	2	5	2	5
References	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>

### Number and Hours of Meeting

Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	0	3	24:59	7	0:32	0	0:00	10	25:31
References	1	0	0:00	4	0:33	0	0:00	5	4:28
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>24:59</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1:05</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29:59</b>

### Meetings By State

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

### Witnesses

Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	80	0	0	35	0
References	0	0	8	140	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 1

# Finance and Public Administration (Legislation)

1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Tim Ayres (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 06.02.2020)</i>	05.02.2020
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Malcolm Roberts (QLD, PHON)	04.07.2019
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP)	02.07.2019
<b>Former member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 04.07.2019–05.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019–05.02.2020
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>1</sup>	25.10.2019–25.10.2019
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) <sup>2</sup>	06.03.2020–06.03.2020
Senator Pat Dodson (WA, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	25.10.2019–25.10.2019
Senator Pat Dodson (WA, ALP) <sup>4</sup>	06.03.2020–06.03.2020
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) <sup>5</sup>	02.03.2020–02.03.2020
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP) <sup>6</sup>	03.03.2020–03.03.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator O'Sullivan for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 October 2019 from 12pm

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator O'Sullivan for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 6 March 2020 from 12.30pm

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Kitching for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 25 October 2019

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Kitching for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 6 March 2020

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Scarr for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 2 March 2020 from 4pm to 5pm

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Scarr for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 3 March 2020 from 9am to 10.30am

**Inquiries**  
as at 01.01.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.01.2020–30.06.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> As at 30.06.2020
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2020 tabled 26.02.2020	Ongoing
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants) Bill 2019	14.11.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
National Integrity (Parliamentary Standards) Bill 2019	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

**New References**  
01.01.2020–30.06.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.01.2020–30.06.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> As at 30.06.2020
Additional Estimates 2019–20	13.02.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 42—13 February 2020, pp. 1283–4)	2–3 and 6 March 2020— Canberra	Presented OOS 24.03.2020; tabled 08.04.2020	No
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020	27.02.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Intelligence and Security Legislation Amendment (Implementing Independent Intelligence Review) Bill 2020	27.02.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2020	18.06.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes



**Government Responses**  
**01.01.2020–30.06.2020**

Nil

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)*  
*OOS (Out of session)*

# Finance and Public Administration (References)

1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Tim Ayres (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 10.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Malcolm Roberts (QLD, PHON)	04.07.2019
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	05.02.2020
<b>Former member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <i>(Chair 04.07.2019–06.02.2020)</i>	02.07.2019–06.02.2020
<b>Former substitute member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Amanda Stoker (QLD, LP) <sup>1</sup>	30.08.2019–30.08.2019

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Paterson for the committee's inquiry into compliance with Ministerial Standards on 30 August 2019

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2020*

Nil

**New References**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2020–30.06.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
Lessons to be learned in relation to the 2019–20 Australian bushfire season	05.02.2020	27.05.2020—Canberra	Nil	Yes

**Government Responses**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

Nil

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)  
OOS (Out of session)*



**Foreign Affairs, Defence  
and Trade**

## Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020

	Matters current as at 1 January 2020	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2020
Legislation	0	2	2	0
References	1	2	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</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	19:58	8	0:20	0	0:00	10	20:18
References	2	5:46	0	0:00	5	0:42	0	0:00	7	6:28
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5:46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19:58</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1:02</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26:46</b>

### Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	2	69	0	0	0	0
References	2	0	0	31	25	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 1

# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Legislation)

1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Tim Ayres (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Jacqui Lambie (TAS, JLN)	02.07.2019
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator David Van (VIC, LP) <sup>1</sup>	24.10.2019–24.10.2019
Senator David Van (VIC, LP) <sup>2</sup>	05.03.2020–05.03.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Abetz for the consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 24 October 2019 from 3.30pm

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Fawcett for the consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 5 March 2020 from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

**Inquiries**  
as at 01.01.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	01.01.2020–30.06.2020 Nil	No. 1 of 2020 tabled 26.02.2020	As at 30.06.2020 Ongoing

**New References**  
01.01.2020–30.06.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b>
Additional Estimates 2019–20	13.02.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 42—13 February 2020, pp. 1283–4)	01.01.2020–30.06.2020 4–5 March 2020— Canberra	Presented OOS 24.03.2020; tabled 08.04.2020	As at 30.06.2020 No

**Government Responses**  
01.01.2020–30.06.2020

Nil

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)*  
*OOS (Out of session)*



# Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (References)

*1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020*

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Tim Ayres (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019
Senator Jacqui Lambie (TAS, JLN)	02.07.2019
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	02.07.2019

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2020–30.06.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
Australia's declarations made under certain international laws	16.09.2019	Nil	27.02.2020	No

**New References**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2020–30.06.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
Opportunities for strengthening Australia's relations with the Republic of France	05.02.2020	24.06.2020—Canberra via teleconference 26.06.2020—Canberra via teleconference	Nil	Yes
Issues facing diaspora communities in Australia	14.05.2020	Nil	Nil	Yes

**Government Responses**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

Nil

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)  
OOS (Out of session)*

## **Legal and Constitutional Affairs**

# Legal and Constitutional Affairs

1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020

	Matters current as at 1 January 2020	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2020
Legislation	8	3	8	3
References	2	1	2	1
Total	10	4	10	4

## Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	5	16:01	2	21:48	11	2:30	0	0:00	18	40:19
References	2	9:00	0	0:00	8	2:20	0	0:00	10	11:20
Total	7	25:01	2	21:48	19	4:50	0	0:00	28	51:39

## Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	14	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
References	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	24	0	0	0	0	4	0	0

## Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	7	131	64	0	131	1
References	2	0	0	48	19	0
Total	9	131	64	48	150	1

\* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 1

# Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Legislation)

1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Amanda Stoker (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP)	14.10.2019
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	02.07.2019
<b>Substitute members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	13.02.2020
Senator Patrick Dodson (WA, ALP) <sup>2</sup>	26.11.2019
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) <sup>3</sup>	13.11.2019
<b>Former member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator David Van (VIC, LP)	02.07.2019–14.10.2019
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP) <sup>4</sup>	19.08.2019–27.08.2019
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) <sup>5</sup>	21.10.2019–21.10.2019
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP) <sup>6</sup>	02.03.2020–02.03.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaces Senator Chisholm for the committee's inquiry into the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

<sup>2</sup> Replaces Senator Carr for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

<sup>3</sup> Replaces Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

<sup>4</sup> Replaced Senator Van for certain meetings from 19 August 2019 to 27 August 2019

<sup>5</sup> Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 21 October 2019 from 9am to 6.30pm

<sup>6</sup> Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 2 March 2020

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Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <sup>7</sup>	21.10.2019–21.10.2019
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) <sup>8</sup>	03.12.2019–10.03.2020

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<sup>7</sup> Replaced Senator Carr for the committee's consideration of the 2019-20 supplementary Budget estimates on 21 October 2019 from 6.30pm

<sup>8</sup> Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2020–30.06.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2020 tabled 26.02.2020	Ongoing
Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions]	17.10.2019 (SB)	10.03.2020—Perth 11.03.2020—Kalgoorlie, WA 12.03.2020—Broome, WA	Nil	Yes
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions]	14.11.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 10.03.2020; tabled 23.03.2020	No
Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2019 [Provisions] and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	28.11.2019 (SB)	Nil	27.02.2020	No
Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	28.11.2019 (SB)	26.02.2020—Canberra	Presented OOS 25.03.2020; tabled 08.04.2020	No
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2019	05.12.2019 (SB)	12.02.2020—Canberra	Presented OOS 17.03.2020; tabled 23.03.2020	No
Family Law Amendment (Western Australia De Facto Superannuation Splitting and Bankruptcy) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 13.03.2020; tabled 23.03.2020	No

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2020–30.06.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Bill 2019 [Provisions] and Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Transport Security Amendment (Testing and Training) Bill 2019	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 19.02.2020; tabled 24.02.2020	No

**New References**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2020–30.06.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
Additional Estimates 2019–20	13.02.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 42—13 February 2020, pp. 1283–4)	2–3 March 2020— Canberra	Presented OOS 24.03.2020; tabled 08.04.2020	No
Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	14.05.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes



## **Government Responses**

*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2018 [Provisions] and Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	13.02.2020	2018: 17.12.2018; 2019: 13.09.2019

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# Legal and Constitutional Affairs (References)

*1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020*

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kim Carr (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Amanda Stoker (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Anthony Chisholm (QLD, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	04.07.2019
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	02.07.2019

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*as at 01.01.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2020–30.06.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
Nationhood, national identity and democracy	29.07.2019	07.02.2020—Canberra 14.02.2020—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Impact of changes to service delivery models on the administration and running of Government programs	01.08.2019	Nil	27.02.2020	No

**New References**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2020–30.06.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
Domestic violence with particular regard to violence against women and their children	26.02.2020	Nil	Presented OOS 19.05.2020; tabled 10.06.2020	No

**Government Responses**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

Nil

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**Rural & Regional Affairs  
and Transport**

# Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020

	Matters current as at 1 January 2020	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2020
Legislation	4	4	5	3
References	6	0	0	6
Total	10	4	5	9

## Number and Hours of Meeting

	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Legislation	1	3:11	4	32:24	10	1:26	0	0:00	15	37:01
References	4	20:21	0	0:00	8	2:43	0	0:00	12	23:04
Total	5	23:32	4	32:24	18	4:09	0	0:00	27	60:05

## Meetings By State

	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
References	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

## Witnesses

	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	5	287	0	15	17	1
References	4	0	0	112	32	1
Total	9	287	0	127	49	2

\* includes referral of Annual Reports x 1; Estimates x 1

# Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

*1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020*

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Chair on 09.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 09.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	18.06.2020
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)	04.07.2019
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	17.06.2020–18.06.2020
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	13.05.2020–17.06.2020
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	11.02.2020–12.02.2020
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	02.07.2019–13.05.2020
<b>Former substitute member</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP) <sup>1</sup>	06.03.2020–06.03.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaced Senator Sterle for the committee's consideration of the 2019-20 Additional estimates on 6 March 2020

**Inquiries**  
*as at 01.01.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> <i>01.01.2020–30.06.2020</i>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2020 tabled 26.02.2020	Ongoing
Performance of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority	23.07.2019 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))	Nil	17.06.2020	No
Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2019	02.12.2019 (SB) ( <i>referred for inquiry 28.11.2019, contingent upon introduction in the Senate</i> )	Nil	Presented OOS 31.01.2020; tabled 04.02.2020	No
Current state of Australia's general aviation industry	02.12.2019 (in accordance with Standing Order 25(2)(a))	Nil	Nil	Yes
Export Control Bill 2019 [Provisions], Export Control (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019 [Provisions], Export Charges (Imposition–General) Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions], Export Charges (Imposition–Excise) Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions] and Export Charges (Imposition–Customs) Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions]	05.12.2019 (SB)	Nil	Export Control Bill 2019 [Provisions] and related bills presented OOS 07.02.2020; tabled 10.02.2020	No



**Committee Oversight Activities**  
01.01.2020–30.06.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.01.2020–30.06.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b> 01.01.2020–30.06.2020
Oversight of the Examination of Security Controlled Airports Regulations	07.05.2020—Canberra via videoconference and teleconference	Nil

**New References**  
01.01.2020–30.06.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b> 01.01.2020–30.06.2020	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry</b> <i>As at 30.06.2020</i>
Additional Estimates 2019–20	13.02.2020 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 4—13 February 2020, pp. 1283–4)	2–3 and 6 March 2020—Canberra 9 June 2020—Canberra	Presented OOS 24.03.2020; tabled 08.04.2020	No
Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Amendment (Dairy Cattle Export Charge) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	12.06.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Biosecurity Amendment (Traveller Declarations and Other Measures) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	18.06.2020 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

## **Government Responses**

*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Board and Other Improvements)Bill 2019 [Provisions]	13.03.2020	28.11.2019

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*1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020*

<b>Method of appointment</b>	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
<b>Current members</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 09.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 09.07.2019)</i>	02.07.2019
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	17.06.2020
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	12.06.2020
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LP)	02.07.2019
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG)	04.07.2019
<b>Substitute member</b>	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) <sup>1</sup>	17.09.2019
<b>Former members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	02.07.2019–11.02.2020
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	11.02.2020–17.06.2020
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	02.07.2019–12.06.2020
<b>Former substitute members</b>	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) <sup>2</sup>	29.07.2019–27.11.2019
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <sup>3</sup>	29.11.2019–12.06.2020

<sup>1</sup> Replaces Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef

<sup>2</sup> Replaced Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Feasibility of a National Horse Traceability Register

<sup>3</sup> Replaced Senator Watt for the committee's inquiry into water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef

**Inquiries**  
as at 01.01.2020

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Public Hearings 01.01.2020–30.06.2020</b>	<b>Reports Tabled</b>	<b>Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2020</b>
Policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping and importance of a viable, safe, sustainable and efficient road transport industry	23.07.2019	06.02.2020—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef	11.09.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Management of the Inland Rail project by the Australian Rail Track Corporation and the Commonwealth Government	17.09.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes
Performance of Australia's dairy industry and the profitability of Australian dairy farmers since deregulation in 2000	17.10.2019	29.01.2020—Millmerran QLD 30.01.2020—Brisbane 19.06.2020—Canberra and via teleconference	Nil	Yes
Federal Government's response to the drought, and the adequacy and appropriateness of policies and measures to support farmers, regional communities and the Australian economy	14.11.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes

**New References**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

Nil

**Government Responses**  
*01.01.2020–30.06.2020*

<b>Inquiry Name</b>	<b>Response Tabled</b>	<b>Report Tabled</b>
Aspects of road safety in Australia	18.06.2020	26.10.2017

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