

PART SIX

1 January 2023–30 June 2023

**Legislative and General Purpose
Standing Committees administered
by the Senate Committee Office
1 January 2023–30 June 2023**

Community Affairs

Community Affairs

1 January 2023 - 30 June 2023

	Matters current as at 1 January 2023	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2023
Legislation	2	9	5	6
References	3	3	1 + (1**)	5
Total	5	12	6	11

	Number of Meetings			Total Meetings
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	
Legislation	3	6	18	27
References	14	0	14	28
Total	17	6	32	55

	Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Legislation	26	0	1	0	0	0	0
References	16	5	2	0	0	3	2
Total	42	5	3	0	0	3	2

	Witnesses			Number of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Legislation	163	61	0	2012	1
References	0	0	282	1024	0
Total	163	61	282	3036	1

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

**Interim report

Community Affairs (Legislation)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair 02.08.2022)</i>	26.07.2022
Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG) ¹	24.03.2023
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, CLP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) ²	22.08.2022–22.08.2022
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP) ³	30.05.2023–02.06.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁴	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ⁵	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator Matt O'Sullivan (WA, LP) ⁶	18.08.2022–18.08.2022

¹ Replaces Senator Rice for the committee's inquiry into the Improving Access to Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2023

² Replaced Senator Brockman on 22 August 2022

³ Replaced Senator Nampijinpa Price for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates from 30 May to 2 June 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Nampijinpa Price for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022 from 7.30pm

⁵ Replaced Senator Pratt for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022 from 8.15pm

⁶ Replaced Senator Brockman on 18 August 2022

Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ⁷	09.11.2022–09.11.2022
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ⁸	31.05.2023–31.05.2023
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ⁹	17.08.2022–18.08.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ¹⁰	25.08.2022–25.08.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ¹¹	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ¹²	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ¹³	29.09.2022–29.09.2022
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ¹⁴	01.06.2023–02.06.2023

⁷ Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 9 November 2022 from 5pm

⁸ Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from 6pm

⁹ Replaced Senator Brockman on 17 and 18 August 2022

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Brockman on 25 August 2022

¹¹ Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022

¹² Replaced Senator Brockman for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 12pm to 2.30pm

¹³ Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 29 September 2022

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Pratt for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 5pm and 2 June 2023 from 9am

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2023 tabled 21.03.2023	Ongoing
Budget estimates 2022–23	25.10.2022 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 16—25 October 2022, pp. 429–430)	15–16 February 2023—Canberra (Supplementary)	09.02.2023 (October and November 2022)	No
Paid Parental Leave Amendment (Improvements for Families and Gender Equality) Bill 2022 [Provisions]	01.12.2022 (SB)	20.02.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 24.02.2023; tabled 06.03.2023	No

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2022	09.02.2023 (SB)	08.06.2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Social Security (Income Management Reform) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	09.03.2023 (SB)	15.05.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 06.06.2023; tabled 13.06.2023	No
Improving Access to Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2023	23.03.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Inspector-General of Aged Care Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Inspector-General of Aged Care (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	23.03.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 28.04.2023; tabled 09.05.2023	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	30–31 May 2023— Canberra 1–2 June 2023— Canberra	Nil	Yes
Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Amendment (Disclosure of Information) Bill 2023	15.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review Scheme) Bill 2023	15.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Safety Net) Bill 2023	22.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Pensioner and Veteran Workforce Participation) Bill 2022	19.01.2023	30.09.2022

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

Community Affairs (References)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Janet Rice (VIC, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	26.07.2022
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Wendy Askew (TAS, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, CLP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston (SA, LP) ¹	20.10.2022–20.10.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ²	29.09.2022–29.09.2022

¹ Replaced Senator Brockman on 20 October 2022

² Replaced Senator Marielle Smith on 29 September 2022

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023—30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
Extent and nature of poverty in Australia	07.09.2022	31.01.2023—Bass Hill NSW 21.02.2023—Lismore NSW 27.02.2023—Canberra 04.04.2023—Perth	Interim report presented OOS 04.05.2023; tabled 09.05.2023	Yes
Barriers to achieving priorities under the National Women’s Health Strategy for universal access to reproductive healthcare	28.09.2022	21.02.2023—Lismore NSW 22.02.2023—Brisbane 28.02.2023—Canberra 04.04.2023—Perth 28.04.2023—Melbourne	Ending the postcode lottery: Addressing barriers to sexual, maternity and reproductive healthcare in Australia presented OOS 25.05.2023; tabled 13.06.2023	No
Concussions and repeated head trauma in contact sports	01.12.2022	30.01.2023—Bass Hill NSW 22.02.2023—Brisbane 01.03.2023—Canberra 26.04.2023—Melbourne	Nil	Yes

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Barriers to consistent, timely and best practice assessment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and support services for people with ADHD	28.03.2023	29.06.2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Access to diagnosis and treatment for individuals with rare and less common cancers	14.06.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes
Worsening rental crisis in Australia	22.06.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Nil

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

Economics

Economics

1 January 2023 - 30 June 2023

	Matters current as at 1 January 2023	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2023
Legislation	4	9	10 + (4**)	3
References	2	1	0 + (1**)	3
Total	6	10	10	6

Number of Meetings				
	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	6	28	0	40
References	1	6	0	7
Total	7	34	0	47

Meetings By State							
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses					
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	171	162	14	218	1
References	0	0	11	170	1
Total	171	162	25	388	2

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

**Progress and Interim reports

Economics (Legislation)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)
(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)

28.07.2022

Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)
(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)

01.08.2022

Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)

26.07.2022

Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)

28.07.2022

Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)

01.08.2022

Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)

28.07.2022

Former substitute members

Term of appointment

Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG)¹

28.09.2022–24.03.2023

Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG)²

01.12.2022–10.03.2023

Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)³

09.11.2022–09.11.2022

Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG)⁴

26.09.2022–04.11.2022

Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)⁵

09.02.2023–22.03.2023

Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)⁶

30.05.2023–30.05.2023

Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)⁷

31.05.2023–31.05.2023

Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)⁸

30.05.2023–30.05.2023

Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)⁹

31.05.2023–31.05.2023

¹ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the National Energy Transition Authority Bill 2022

² Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the National Reconstruction Fund Corporation Bill 2022

³ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 9 November 2022

⁴ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Atomic Energy Amendment (Mine Rehabilitation and Closure) Bill 2022

⁵ Replaced Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023 and related bills

⁶ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 30 May 2023 from 7pm

⁷ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from 7pm

⁸ Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 30 May 2023 from the dinner break

⁹ Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 31 May 2023 from the dinner break

Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ¹⁰	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ¹¹	01.12.2022–01.12.2022
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ¹²	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹³	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹⁴	28.11.2022–28.11.2022
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹⁵	01.06.2023–01.06.2023
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ¹⁶	08.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ¹⁷	10.11.2022–10.11.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) ¹⁸	28.11.2022–28.11.2022
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) ¹⁹	08.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) ²⁰	01.12.2022–01.12.2022

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Walsh for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from the dinner break

¹¹ Replaced Senator Bragg for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 1 December 2022

¹² Replaced Senator Dean Smith for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023

¹³ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 6.30pm

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022

¹⁵ Replaced Senator O'Neill for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 1 June 2023 from 11.45am to 1.45pm

¹⁶ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022 from 6pm

¹⁷ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 10 November 2022

¹⁸ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022 from 6pm until 8pm

¹⁹ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022 from 2pm until 6pm

²⁰ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 1 December 2022

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2023 tabled 21.03.2023	Ongoing
National Energy Transition Authority Bill 2022	28.09.2022 (SB)	28.02.2023—Canberra	24.03.2023	No
Budget estimates 2022–23	25.10.2022 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 16—25 October 2022, pp. 429–430)	15–16 February 2023—Canberra (Supplementary) 01.03.2023—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (2022 Measures No. 4) Bill 2022 [Provisions]	24.11.2022 (SB)	21.02.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 03.03.2023; tabled 06.03.2023	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (Modernising Business Communications and Other Measures) Bill 2022 [Provisions]	24.11.2022 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 03.03.2023; tabled 06.03.2023	No
National Reconstruction Fund Corporation Bill 2022 [Provisions]	01.12.2022 (SB)	22.02.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 10.03.2023; tabled 20.03.2023	No

New References

01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill 2022 [Provisions]	09.02.2023 (SB)	18.04.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 03.05.2023; tabled 09.05.2023	No
Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023 [Provisions], National Housing Supply and Affordability Council Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Treasury Laws Amendment (Housing Measures No. 1) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	09.02.2023 (SB)	15.03.2023—Canberra	Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023 [Provisions] and related bills tabled 22.03.2023	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (2023 Measures No. 1) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	09.03.2023 (SB)	02.05.2023—Sydney	Progress report presented OOS 26.05.2023; tabled 13.06.2023 Report presented OOS 02.06.2023; tabled 13.06.2023	No
Digital Assets (Market Regulation) Bill 2023	30.03.2023 (SB)	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 27.06.2023	Yes
Treasury Laws Amendment (Refining and Improving Our Tax System) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.03.2023 (SB)	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 06.04.2023; tabled 09.05.2023 Report presented OOS 12.05.2023; tabled 13.06.2023	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	30–31 May 2023— Canberra 01.06.2023— Canberra	Presented OOS 27.06.2023	No
Treasury Laws Amendment (2023 Law Improvement Package No. 1) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	22.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 27.06.2023	Yes
Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Multinationals Pay Their Fair Share—Integrity and Transparency) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	22.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Reports on Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2010)	09.03.2023	17.11.2010

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

Economics (References)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS)	01.08.2022
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹	28.09.2022

¹ Replaces Senator McKim for the committee's inquiry into the influence of international digital platforms

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Influence of international digital platforms	26.09.2022	Nil	Nil	Yes
Capacity and capability of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to undertake proportionate investigation and enforcement action arising from reports of alleged misconduct	27.10.2022	23.06.2023—Canberra	Interim report: Public interest immunity claims; tabled 20.06.2023	Yes

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Australia’s residential electrification efforts	14.06.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Systematic, sustained and shameful Unlawful underpayment of employees’ remuneration	06.04.2023 OOS	30.03.2022

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

Education and Employment

Education and Employment

1 January 2023 - 30 June 2023

	Matters current as at 1 January 2023	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2023
Legislation	1	7	6	2
References	2	1	0	3
Total	3	8	6	5

Number of Meetings				
	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	6	12	0	23
References	0	10	1	16
Total	6	22	1	39

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	22	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	10	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
Total	32	1	1	0	0	2	0	3

Witnesses					
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	246	71	0	788	1
References	0	0	83	145	0
Total	246	71	83	933	1

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

Education and Employment (Legislation)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Matt O’Sullivan (WA, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Former member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ¹	02.08.2022–02.08.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) ²	02.05.2023–03.05.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ³	05.04.2023–05.04.2023
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) ⁴	04.11.2022–04.11.2022
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP) ⁵	17.04.2023–17.04.2023
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ⁶	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ⁷	04.11.2022–04.11.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁸	17.03.2023–17.03.2023

¹ Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 August 2022

² Replaced Senator O’Sullivan on 2 and 3 May 2023

³ Replaced Senator O’Sullivan on 5 April 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Liddle on 4 November 2022 from 11am until 12.30pm and 2pm until 2.45pm

⁵ Replaced Senator Liddle on 17 April 2023

⁶ Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 November 2022

⁷ Replaced Senator Liddle on 4 November 2022 from 8am until 11am

⁸ Replaced Senator Payman on 17 March 2023

Senator Anne Urquhart (TAS, ALP) ⁹	28.04.2023–28.04.2023
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP) ¹⁰	20.06.2023–20.06.2023
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ¹¹	11.11.2022–11.11.2022

⁹ Replaced Senator Grogan on 28 April 2023

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Grogan on 20 June 2023

¹¹ Replaced Senator Grogan on 11 November 2022 for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 2022

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2023 tabled 21.03.2023	Ongoing
Budget estimates 2022–23	25.10.2022 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 16—25 October 2022, pp. 429–430)	15–16 February 2023—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No
Education and Other Legislation Amendment (Abolishing Indexation and Raising the Minimum Repayment Income for Education and Training Loans) Bill 2022	01.12.2022 (SB)	17.03.2023—Sydney	Presented OOS 17.04.2023; tabled 09.05.2023	No

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
COVID-19 Vaccination Status (Prevention of Discrimination) Bill 2022 and Fair Work Amendment (Prohibiting COVID-19 Vaccine Discrimination) Bill 2023	09.02.2023 (SB)	02.05.2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Education Legislation Amendment (Startup Year and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	23.03.2023 (SB)	17.04.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 28.04.2023; tabled 09.05.2023	No
Jobs and Skills Australia Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]	23.03.2023 (SB)	17.04.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 24.04.2023; tabled 09.05.2023	No

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Data Streamlining) Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]	23.03.2023 (SB)	05.04.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 14.04.2023; tabled 09.05.2023	No
Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Protecting Worker Entitlements) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.03.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 28.04.2023; tabled 09.05.2023	No
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46— 9 May 2023, p. 1337)	30–31 May 2023— Canberra 1–2 June 2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes

Government Responses *01.01.2023–30.06.2023*

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 2022 [Provisions]	22.03.2023	22.11.2022

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OOS (Out of session)*

Education and Employment (References)

1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Matt O’Sullivan (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Maria Kovacic (NSW, LP)	13.06.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ¹	27.10.2022
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ²	29.11.2022
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ³	10.05.2023
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (NT, CLP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Former substitute member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ⁴	02.08.2022–02.08.2022

¹ Replaces Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the national trend of school refusal

² Replaces Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into increasing disruption in Australian school classrooms

³ Replaces Senator Faruqi for the committee’s inquiry into the potential impacts of the Commonwealth Paid Parental Leave scheme on small businesses and their employees

⁴ Replaced Senator Liddle on 2 August 2022

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as at 01.01.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
National trend of school refusal	27.10.2022	22.02.2023—Canberra 23.02.2023—Melbourne 20.04.2023—Brisbane	Nil	Yes
Increasing disruption in Australian school classrooms	28.11.2022	20.04.2023—Brisbane 07.06.2023—Perth	Nil	Yes

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Potential impacts of the Commonwealth Paid Parental Leave (PPL) scheme on small businesses and their employees	30.03.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Nil

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

Environment and Communications

Environment and Communications

1 January 2023 - 30 June 2023

	Matters current as at 1 January 2023	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2023
Legislation	5	7	4 + (3)**	8
References	3	3	1 + (3)**	5
Total	8	10	5	13

	Number of Meetings				Total Meetings
	Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	
Legislation	4	9	13	0	26
References	4	0	7	0	11
Total	8	9	20	0	37

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	8	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	34	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

	Witnesses				Number of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General			
Legislation	243	55	34		235	0
References	0	0	76		327	0
Total	243	55	110		562	0

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

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Environment and Communications (Legislation)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	26.07.2022
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)	01.08.2022
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	30.03.2023
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ¹	16.06.2023
Former member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022–30.03.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ²	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ³	26.05.2023–26.05.2023
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP) ⁴	28.11.2022–28.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ⁵	07.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ⁶	21.11.2022–21.11.2022

¹ Replaces Senator Hughes for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Nature Repair Market Bill 2023 and a related bill

² Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022 from 9am until 5pm

³ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 26 May 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 November 2022 from 6.30pm until 9pm

⁵ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates from 2pm on 7 November until 1pm on 8 November 2022

⁶ Replaced Senator Hughes on 21 November 2022 from 10.30am until 11am

Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ⁷	23.11.2022–23.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ⁸	29.11.2022–29.11.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ⁹	01.12.2022–01.12.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ¹⁰	14.12.2022–14.12.2022
Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson (VIC, LP) ¹¹	15.12.2022–15.12.2022
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (VIC, NATS) ¹²	19.08.2022–19.08.2022
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP) ¹³	26.05.2023–26.05.2023
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP) ¹⁴	16.11.2022–16.11.2022

⁷ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 23 November 2022 from 6.30pm until 11pm

⁸ Replaced Senator Hughes for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 29 November 2022 from 9.45am until 11am

⁹ Replaced Senator Hughes on 1 December 2022 from 1.15pm

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Hughes on 14 December 2022 from 3.30pm until 4pm

¹¹ Replaced Senator Hughes on 15 December 2022 from 11.30am until 12pm

¹² Replaced Senator Hughes on 19 August 2022 for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Climate Change Bill 2022 and a related bill

¹³ Replaced Senator Cadell for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 26 May 2023 from 2pm until adjournment

¹⁴ Replaced Senator Bilyk on 16 November 2022

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as at 01.01.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2023 presented OOS 05.05.2023; tabled 09.05.2023	Ongoing
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Save the Koala) Bill 2021	28.07.2022 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2022 [No. 2]	08.09.2022 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Budget estimates 2022–23	25.10.2022 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 16—25 October 2022, pp. 429–430)	13–14 and 17 February 2023—Canberra (Supplementary) 09.03.2023—Canberra	Nil	No
Environment and Other Legislation Amendment (Removing Nuclear Energy Prohibitions) Bill 2022	27.10.2022 (SB)	15.05.2023—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 24.04.2023; tabled 09.05.2023	Yes
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Information Disclosure, National Interest and Other Measures) Bill 2022 [Provisions]	24.11.2022 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 01.03.2023; tabled 06.03.2023	No
Safeguard Mechanism (Crediting) Amendment Bill 2022 [Provisions]	01.12.2022 (SB)	27.02.2023—Canberra 28.02.2023—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 20.02.2023; tabled 06.03.2023 Report tabled 06.03.2023	No

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
Nature Repair Market Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Nature Repair Market (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.03.2023 (SB)	30.06.2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	22–26 May 2023—Canberra	Progress report presented OOS 27.06.2023	Yes
Murdoch Media Inquiry Bill 2023	11.05.2023 (SB) (<i>contingent upon introduction</i>)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Excise Tariff Amendment (Product Stewardship for Oil) Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Customs Tariff Amendment (Product Stewardship for Oil) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	25.05.2023 (<i>Pursuant to order of the Senate of 11 May 2023</i>)	Nil	13.06.2023	No
Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Amendment (Using New Technologies to Fight Climate Change) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	22.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Amendment (Administrative Changes) Bill 2023	22.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

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01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Nil

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Environment and Communications (References)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) <i>(elected Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	26.07.2022
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 04.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam (TAS, LP)	20.06.2023
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP)	01.08.2022
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG) ¹	08.09.2022
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Slade Brockman (WA, LP)	01.08.2022–13.06.2023
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP)	13.06.2023–20.06.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Hanson-Young for the committee's inquiry into climate-related marine invasive species

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
Australia’s extinction crisis (terms of reference and title updated; previously known as Australia’s faunal extinction crisis)	04.08.2022	Nil	Nil	Yes
Oil and gas exploration and production in the Beetaloo Basin, with particular reference to the Industry Research and Development (Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program) Instrument 2021	04.08.2022	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 13.04.2023; tabled 09.05.2023 Report presented OOS 19.04.2023; tabled 09.05.2023	No
Climate-related marine invasive species	05.09.2022	03.02.2023—Hobart 06.06.2023—Tullamarine, VIC 07.06.2023—Sydney	Progress report presented OOS 20.02.2023; tabled 06.03.2023	Yes

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
National Cultural Policy released on 30 January 2023	08.02.2023	14.04.2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes
Impacts and management of feral horses in the Australian Alps	09.02.2023	Nil	Progress report presented OOS 23.05.2023; tabled 13.06.2023	Yes
Greenwashing	29.03.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Nil

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OOS (Out of session)

Finance and Public Administration

Finance and Public Administration

1 January 2023 - 30 June 2023

	Matters current as at 1 January 2023	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2023
Legislation	0	5	3	2
References	0	2	1 + (1**)	1
Total	0	7	4	3

Number of Meetings			
Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Legislation	9	17	0
References	0	17	0
Total	9	34	0
			Total Meetings
			26
			21
			47

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	0	0	0	0

Witnesses			
Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	0	0	1
References	0	57	0
Total	0	57	1
			Number of Submissions
			34
			67
			101

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

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Finance and Public Administration (Legislation)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹	09.03.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ²	28.10.2022–28.10.2022
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ³	07.11.2022–07.11.2022
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ⁴	08.11.2022–08.11.2022
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) ⁵	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) ⁶	24.05.2023–24.05.2023
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS) ⁷	11.11.2022–11.11.2022
Senator Kerryne Liddle (SA, LP) ⁸	11.11.2022–11.11.2022

¹ Replaces Senator Barbara Pocock for the committee's inquiry into the Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2023

² Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 28 October 2022

³ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022

⁴ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 8 November 2022

⁵ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022

⁶ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 24 May 2023

⁷ Replaced Senator Colbeck for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022, for any private meeting

⁸ Replaced Senator Colbeck for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 11 November 2022

Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ⁹	23.05.2023–23.05.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹⁰	22.05.2023–22.05.2023
Senator Fatima Payman (WA, ALP) ¹¹	25.05.2023–25.05.2023
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) ¹²	07.11.2022–07.11.2022

⁹ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 23 May 2023

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 22 May 2023

¹¹ Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 25 May 2023

¹² Replaced Senator Stewart for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No.1 of 2023 tabled 09.03.2023	Ongoing
Budget estimates 2022–23	25.10.2022 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 16—25 October 2022, pp. 429–430)	13–14 and 17 February 2023—Canberra (Supplementary) 21.03.2023—Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Closing the Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2023	09.02.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 16.03.2023; tabled 20.03.2023	No
Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2023	09.03.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	22–26 May 2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 27.06.2023	No
Public Service Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]	22.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Budget estimates 2022-23 (<i>October and November 2023</i>)	31.03.2023 OOS	22.12.2022 OOS

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OOS (Out of session)

Finance and Public Administration (References)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon James McGrath (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Barbara Pocock (SA, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Dean Smith (WA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Jana Stewart (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ¹	13.06.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Stewart for the committee's inquiry into consulting services provided for the Australian Government

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2023

Nil

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Management and assurance of integrity by consulting services provided for the Australian Government	09.03.2023	02.05.2023—Canberra 07.06.2023—Canberra	PwC: A calculated breach of trust tabled 21.06.2023	Yes
Administration of the referendum into an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice	28.03.2023	04.05.2023—Melbourne 10.05.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 09.06.2023; tabled 13.06.2023	No

Government Responses
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Nil

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

**Foreign Affairs, Defence
and Trade**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

1 January 2023 - 30 June 2023

	Matters current as at 1 January 2023	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2023
Legislation	0	5	3	2
References	2	0	2 + (1**)	0
Total	2	5	5	2

Number of Meetings			
Public hearings	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits
Legislation	6	8	0
References	0	8	0
Total	6	16	0

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
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses			
Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Legislation	0	0	0
References	0	17	0
Total	0	17	0

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

**Progress report

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Legislation)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG) ¹	22.06.2023
Former substitute member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Karen Grogan (SA, ALP) ²	02.06.2023–02.06.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Steele-John for the committee's inquiry into the performance of the Department of Defence

² Replaced Senator Green for the committee's examination of the 2023-24 Budget estimates on 2 June 2023 from 4pm to 6pm

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2023 tabled 21.03.2023	Ongoing
Budget estimates 2022–23	25.10.2022 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 16—25 October 2022, pp. 429–430)	15–16 February 2023— Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	30–31 May 2023— Canberra 1–2 June 2023— Canberra	Presented OOS 27.06.2023	No
Defence Capability Assurance and Oversight Bill 2023	11.05.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Defence Legislation Amendment (Naval Nuclear Propulsion) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	11.05.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 09.06.2023; tabled 13.06.2023	No
Performance of the Department of Defence in supporting the capability and capacity of Australia’s defence industry	21.06.2023 (adopted by committee under Standing Order 25(2)(a)(v))	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Nil

*SB (Selection of Bills Committee)
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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (References)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP)
(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)

01.08.2022

Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)
(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)

28.07.2022

Senator Ross Cadell (NSW, NATS)

01.08.2022

Senator the Hon David Fawcett (SA, LP)

01.08.2022

Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP)

28.07.2022

Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG)

26.07.2022

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Human rights implications of recent violence in Iran	27.10.2022	Nil	Presented OOS 01.02.2023; tabled 06.02.2023	No
Adaptive sport programs for Australian Defence Force veterans	23.11.2022	31.03.2023—Canberra 03.04.2023—Newport NSW	Progress report presented OOS 27.04.2023; tabled 09.05.2023 Report presented OOS 08.05.2023; tabled 09.05.2023	No

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Nil

Government Responses
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Nil

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

1 January 2023 - 30 June 2023

	Matters current as at 1 January 2023	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2023
Legislation	3	11	9	5
References	2	1	0	3
Total	5	12	9	8

	Number of Meetings			Total Meetings
	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	
Legislation	6	15	0	24
References	0	11	0	13
Total	6	26	0	37

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Legislation	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	9	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total	33	2	0	0	0	2	0	0

	Witnesses			Number of Submissions	Government Responses
	Estimates	Bills	General		
Legislation	160	48	0	225	1
References	0	0	30	112	1
Total	160	48	30	337	2

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Legislation)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ¹	22.06.2023
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ²	12.05.2023
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ³	30.03.2023–18.05.2023
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ⁴	09.02.2023–07.03.2023
Senator Nick McKim (TAS, AG) ⁵	09.03.2023–13.06.2023
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP) ⁶	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁷	02.11.2022–02.11.2022

¹ Replaces Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Strengthening Employer Compliance) Bill 2023

² Replaces Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment Bill 2023

³ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Prohibition of Nazi Symbols) Bill 2023

⁴ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Evacuation to Safety) Bill 2023

⁵ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Australia's Engagement in the Pacific and Other Measures) Bill 2023 and a related bill

⁶ Replaced Senator Ciccone for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect at Work) Bill 2022 on 2 November 2022

⁷ Replaced Senator Polley for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect at Work) Bill 2022 on 2 November 2022

Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) ⁸	16.11.2022–16.11.2022
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ⁹	02.11.2022–02.11.2022
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ¹⁰	12.05.2023–14.06.2023

⁸ Replaced Senator Polley for the committee’s inquiry into the Parliamentary Privileges Amendment (Royal Commission Response) Bill 2022 on 16 November 2022

⁹ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect at Work) Bill 2022 on 2 November 2022

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Shoebridge for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023

Inquiries
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Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2023 tabled 21.03.2023	Ongoing
Review of the National Emergency (2022 New South Wales Floods) Declaration 2022	In accordance with Section 14A of the <i>National Emergency Declaration Act 2020</i>	Nil	08.02.2023	No
Budget estimates 2022–23	25.10.2022 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 16—25 October 2022, pp. 429–430)	13–14 February 2023— Canberra (Supplementary)	07.02.2023 (<i>October and November 2022</i>)	No
Public Interest Disclosure Amendment (Review) Bill 2022 [Provisions]	01.12.2022 (SB)	27.02.2023— Canberra	Presented OOS 14.03.2023; tabled 20.03.2023	No

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Migration Amendment (Evacuation to Safety) Bill 2023	09.02.2023 (SB)	Nil	07.03.2023	No
Migration Amendment (Australia's Engagement in the Pacific and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Migration (Visa Pre-application Process) Charge Bill 2023 [Provisions]	09.03.2023 (SB)	13.04.2023—Canberra	13.06.2023	No
Criminal Code Amendment (Prohibition of Nazi Symbols) Bill 2023	27.03.2023	02.05.2023—Canberra	Presented OOS 18.05.2023; tabled 13.06.2023	No
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	22–25 May 2023— Canberra	Nil	Yes
Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	10.05.2023	Nil	14.06.2023	No
Family Law Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]	11.05.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Family Law Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	11.05.2023 (SB)	Nil	14.06.2023	No
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combating Foreign Bribery) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	22.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Migration Amendment (Strengthening Employer Compliance) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	22.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry
Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment Bill 2023	22.06.2023 (SB)	01.01.2023–30.06.2023 Nil	Nil	<i>As at 30.06.2023</i> Yes

Government Responses
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect at Work) Bill 2022 [Provisions]	25.01.2023 OOS	03.11.2022 OOS

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Legal and Constitutional Affairs (References)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Nita Green (QLD, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 03.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator Alex Antic (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Andrew McLachlan (SA, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022
Senator David Shoebridge (NSW, AG)	26.07.2022
Substitute members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Dorinda Cox (WA, AG) ¹	05.09.2022
Senator Larissa Waters (QLD, AG) ²	02.12.2022

¹ Replaces Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into missing and murdered First Nations women and children

² Replaces Senator Shoebridge for the committee's inquiry into current and proposed sexual consent laws

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Missing and murdered First Nations women and children	04.08.2022	21.02.2023—Tooramina, NSW 22.02.2023—Tooramina, NSW	Nil	Yes
Current and proposed sexual consent laws	29.11.2022	Nil	Nil	Yes

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Operation of Commonwealth Freedom of Information (FOI) laws	28.03.2023	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Response Tabled	Report Tabled
Adequacy and efficacy of Australia’s anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing (AML/CTF) regime	20.04.2023 OOS	30.03.2022

**Rural & Regional Affairs
and Transport**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

1 January 2023 - 30 June 2023

	Matters current as at 1 January 2023	Matters referred during period *	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2023
Legislation	0	5	3	2
References	1	2	0	3
Total	1	7	3	5

Number of Meetings				
	Public Estimates	Private meetings	Site visits	Total Meetings
Legislation	6	7	0	13
References	0	9	0	14
Total	6	16	0	27

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Legislation	0	0	0	0	0	0
References	0	1	0	0	0	2
Total	0	1	0	0	0	2

Witnesses					
	Estimates	Bills	General	Number of Submissions	Government Responses
Legislation	266	0	0	2	0
References	0	0	69	643	0
Total	266	0	69	645	0

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

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (Legislation)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	Date of appointment
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP)	01.08.2022
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute member	Date of appointment
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG) ¹	12.05.2023
Former member	Term of appointment
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	28.07.2022–01.08.2022
Former substitute members	Term of appointment
Senator Penny Allman-Payne (QLD, AG) ²	30.03.2023–04.05.2023
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ³	07.11.2022–07.11.2022
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, LNP) ⁴	07.11.2022–07.11.2022
Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds (WA, LP) ⁵	07.11.2022–07.11.2022

¹ Replaces Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021

² Replaced Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2023

³ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 2.30pm until 3pm

⁴ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 7pm until 11pm

⁵ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 3pm until 6pm

⁶ Replaced Senator Canavan for the consideration of the 2022-23 Budget estimates on 7 November 2022 from 6pm until 7pm

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as at 01.01.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
Annual Reports	Refer to Standing Order 25 (20)	Nil	No. 1 of 2023 tabled 21.03.2023	Ongoing
Budget estimates 2022–23	25.10.2022 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 16—25 October 2022, pp. 429–430)	13–14 February 2023— Canberra (Supplementary)	Nil	No

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.01.2023–30.06.2023	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 30.06.2023
Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	30.03.2023 (SB)	Nil	Presented OOS 04.05.2023; tabled 09.05.2023	No
Budget estimates 2023–24	09.05.2023 (see <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 46—9 May 2023, p. 1337)	22–25 May 2023— Canberra	Presented OOS 27.06.2023	No
Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021	11.05.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes
Biosecurity Amendment (Advanced Compliance Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions]	22.06.2023 (SB)	Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses

01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Nil

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

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport (References)

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 25	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	01.08.2022
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2022)</i>	28.07.2022
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	01.08.2022
Senator Gerard Rennick (QLD, LNP)	01.08.2022
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (TAS, AG)	26.07.2022
Senator Linda White (VIC, ALP)	28.07.2022
Substitute member	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Penny Allman-Payne, (QLD, AG) ¹	30.03.2023

¹ Replaces Senator Whish-Wilson for the committee's inquiry into Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games

Inquiries
as at 01.01.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Project known as the Iron Boomerang	05.09.2022	24.03.2023—Canberra 22.06.2023—Canberra	Nil	Yes

New References
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.01.2023–30.06.2023</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 30.06.2023</i>
Current extent of bank closures in regional Australia	08.02.2023	02.03.2023—Sale, VIC 17.05.2023—Cloncurry, QLD	Nil	Yes
Adequacy of Australia’s preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games	30.03.2023	18.05.2023—Ingham, QLD Nil	Nil	Yes

Government Responses
01.01.2023–30.06.2023

Nil

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OOS (Out of session)*