

**Select Committees
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Senate Committee Office
1 July 2021–31 December 2021**

**Australia as a Technology
and Financial Centre**

formerly Financial Technology
and Regulatory Technology

Australia as a Technology and Financial Centre

1 July 2021 - 20 October 2021

	Matters current as at 1 July 2021	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2021
Select Committee	1	0	1	0

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	3	11:44	0	0:00	6	1:04	0	0:00	9	12:48

Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Select Committee	9	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses					
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Select Committee	3	0	0	69	48

Select Committee on Australia as a Technology and Financial Centre

(formerly Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology)¹
1 July 2021 to 20 October 2021

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 11 September 2019 and amended on 18 March 2021

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 19.09.2019)</i>	11.09.2019
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair 18.05.2021)</i>	13.05.2021
Senator Susan McDonald (QLD, NATS)	11.09.2019
Senator Rex Patrick (SA, IND)	19.09.2019
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP)	11.09.2019
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	19.09.2019
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 09.10.2020–13.05.2021)</i>	08.10.2020–13.05.2021
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP) <i>(Deputy Chair 19.09.2019–08.10.2020)</i>	19.09.2019–08.10.2020

¹ See *Journals of the Senate*, No. 96—18 March 2021, pp. 3366–3367

Inquiries*As at 01.07.2021*

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2021–20.10.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2021
Australia as a Technology and Financial Centre (formerly Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology) (See <i>Journals of the Senate</i> , No. 96—18 March 2021, pp. 3366–3367)	11.09.2019	06.08.2021—Canberra 27.08.2021—Canberra 08.09.2021—Canberra	Final report tabled 20.10.2021	No

New References*01.07.2021–20.10.2021*

Nil

Government Responses*01.07.2021–20.10.2021*

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

Autism

Autism

1 July 2021 - 31 December 2021

	Matters current as at 1 July 2021	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2021
Select Committee	1	0	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	0	0	0:00	1	0:01	0	0:00	1	0:01

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Select Committee	1	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses					
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	No of Submissions	Government Responses
Select Committee	0	0	0	0	0

Select Committee on Autism

1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 27 November 2019

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Hollie Hughes (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 05.12.2019)</i>	28.11.2019
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 25.02.2021)</i>	05.12.2019
Senator Jim Molan (NSW, LP)	28.11.2019
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP)	13.05.2021
Senator Jordon Steele-John (WA, AG)	27.11.2019

Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	08.10.2020–13.05.2021
Senator Stirling Griff (SA, CA) <i>(Deputy Chair 27.11.2019–24.02.2021)</i>	27.11.2019–24.02.2021
Senator Marielle Smith (SA, ALP)	05.12.2019–08.10.2020

Inquiries*As at 01.07.2021*

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2021–31.12.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2021
Services, support and life outcomes for autistic people in Australia and the associated need for a National Autism Strategy	27.11.2019	Nil	Nil	Yes

New References*01.07.2021–31.12.2021*

Nil

Government Responses*01.07.2021–31.12.2021*

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

COVID-19

COVID-19

1 July 2021 - 31 December 2021

	Matters current as at 1 July 2021	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2021
Select Committee	1	0	0 + (1**)	1

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	8	0	0:00	3	0:15	0	0:00	11	26:43

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Select Committee	11	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Select Committee	8	0	101	2

**Interim report

Select Committee on COVID-19

1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 8 April 2020	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Katy Gallagher (ACT, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 09.04.2020)</i>	08.04.2020
Senator James Paterson (VIC, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 09.04.2020)</i>	08.04.2020
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS)	08.04.2020
Senator Jacqui Lambie (TAS, JLN)	08.04.2020
Senator Sheldon (NSW, ALP)	21.10.2021
Senator Jordan Steele-John (WA, AG) ¹	26.08.2021
Senator Murray Watt (QLD, ALP)	08.04.2020
Former members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally (NSW, ALP)	08.04.2020–21.10.2021
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	08.04.2020–06.09.2021
Former substitute members	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP) ²	23.07.2021–23.07.2021
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ³	22.09.2020–22.09.2020
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ⁴	24.09.2020–24.09.2020
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ⁵	29.09.2020–29.09.2020
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) ⁶	11.03.2021–11.03.2021
Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP) ⁷	30.07.2021–30.07.2021

¹ Contingent on the resignation of Senator Siewert as a senator

² Replaced Senator Paterson on 23 July 2021

³ Replaced Senator Paterson on 22 September 2020

⁴ Replaced Senator Paterson on 24 September 2020

⁵ Replaced Senator Paterson on 29 September 2020

⁶ Replaced Senator Paterson on 11 March 2021

⁷ Replaced Senator Paterson on 30 July 2021

Senator Paul Scarr (QLD, LP) ⁸	21.09.2021–21.09.2021
Senator Amanda Stoker (QLD, LP) ⁹	15.09.2020–15.09.2020
Senator Amanda Stoker (QLD, LP) ¹⁰	17.09.2020–17.09.2020

⁸ Replaced Senator Paterson on 21 September 2021

⁹ Replaced Senator Paterson on 15 September 2020

¹⁰ Replaced Senator Paterson on 17 September 2020

Inquiries*As at 01.07.2021*

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2021–31.12.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2021
Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and any related matters	08.04.2020	The following hearings were held in Canberra: 23.07.2021 30.07.2021 21.09.2021 28.09.2021 30.09.2021 14.10.2021 16.11.2021 07.12.2021	Third interim report: Public interest immunity claims tabled 01.12.2021	Yes

New References*01.07.2021–31.12.2021*

Nil

Government Responses*01.07.2021–31.12.2021*

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

**Foreign Interference through
Social Media**

Foreign Interference through Social Media

1 July 2021 - 31 December 2021

	Matters current as at 1 July 2021	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2021
Select Committee	1	0	0 + (1**)	1

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	1	0	0:00	3	0:48	0	0:00	4	8:33

Meetings By State						
ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	QLD
Select Committee	4	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Select Committee	1	0	10	0

**Interim report

Select Committee on Foreign Interference through Social Media

1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 5 December 2019

Current members

Date of appointment

Senator Jenny McAllister (NSW, ALP)

(elected Chair on 10.12.2019)

05.12.2019

Senator Jim Molan (NSW, LP)

(elected Deputy Chair on 10.12.2019)

05.12.2019

Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)

06.10.2020

Senator Kimberley Kitching (VIC, ALP)

05.12.2019

Senator David Van (VIC, LP)

05.12.2019

Inquiries*As at 01.07.2021*

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2021–31.12.2021</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2021</i>
Risk posed to Australia's democracy by foreign interference through social media	05.12.2019	30.07.2021—Canberra	First interim report presented OOS 17.12.2021	Yes

New References*01.07.2021–31.12.2021*

Nil

Government Responses*01.07.2021–31.12.2021*

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

Job Security

Job Security

1 July 2021 - 31 December 2021

	Matters current as at 1 July 2021	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2021
Select Committee	1	0	0 + (2**)	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	16	86:01	0	0:00	24	5:51	0	0:00	40	91:52

Meetings By State						
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	WA	QLD
Select Committee	37	3	0	0	0	0

Witnesses					
	Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Select Committee	16	0	0	247	0

**Interim reports

Select Committee on Job Security

1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 10 December 2020

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Tony Sheldon (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 17.12.2020)</i>	10.12.2020
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (QLD, NATS) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 17.12.2020)</i>	10.12.2020
Senator Mehreen Faruqi (NSW, AG)	10.12.2020
Senator Ben Small (WA, LP)	10.12.2020
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	10.12.2020

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2021–31.12.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2021
Impact of insecure or precarious employment on the economy, wages, social cohesion and workplace rights and conditions	10.12.2020	13.07.2021—Canberra 14.07.2021—Canberra 26.07.2021—Canberra 27.07.2021—Canberra 28.07.2021—Canberra 27.08.2021—Canberra 14.09.2021—Canberra 15.09.2021—Canberra 16.09.2021—Canberra 11.10.2021—Canberra 13.10.2021—Canberra 03.11.2021—Canberra 04.11.2021—Canberra 06.12.2021—Newcastle 07.12.2021—Newcastle 08.12.2021—Canberra 08.12.2021—Canberra (previously in-camera session)	Second interim report: insecurity in publicly-funded jobs tabled 19.10.2021 Third interim report: labour hire and contracting tabled 30.11.2021	Yes

New References

01.07.2021–31.12.2021

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2021–31.12.2021

Nil

OOS (Out of session)

**Multi-Jurisdictional Management and
Execution of the Murray Darling
Basin Plan**

Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan

1 July 2021 - 30 September 2021

	Matters current as at 1 July 2021	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2021
Select Committee	2	0	1 + 1 [^]	0

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	0	0:00	0	0:00	2	0:40	0	0:00	2	0:40

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Select Committee	0	0	0	0

[^]Final report discharged both inquiries

Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan

1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021

Method of appointment	
Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 23 July 2019	
Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Slade Brockman (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 02.08.2019)</i>	24.07.2019
Senator Rex Patrick (SA, IND) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 02.08.2019)</i>	23.07.2019
Senator Perin Davey (NSW, NATS)	24.07.2019
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	29.07.2019
Senator Deborah O'Neill (NSW, ALP)	31.07.2019
Former member	<i>Term of appointment</i>
Senator Alex Gallacher (SA, ALP)	31.07.2019–29.08.2021

Inquiries

As at 01.07.2021

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings 01.07.2021–30.09.2021	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry As at 31.12.2021
Multi-jurisdictional management and execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan	23.07.2019	Nil	Final report presented OOS 30.09.2021; tabled 18.10.2021	No
Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019	12.09.2019 (SB)	Nil	Report on Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019 presented OOS 30.09.2021; tabled 18.10.2021	No

New References

01.07.2021–30.09.2021

Nil

Government Responses

01.07.2021–30.09.2021

Nil

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

Temporary Migration

Temporary Migration

1 July 2021 - 1 September 2021

	Matters current as at 1 July 2021	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2021
Select Committee	1	0	1	0

Number and Hours of Meeting									
Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	1	0	0:00	0	0:00	0	0:00	1	2:45

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

Witnesses				
Broadcast Hearings	Estimates	Bills	General	Government Responses
Select Committee	0	0	7	0

Select Committee on Temporary Migration

1 July 2021 to 1 September 2021

Method of appointment

Pursuant to a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 5 December 2019

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Raff Ciccone (VIC, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 12.12.2019)</i>	05.12.2019
Senator Claire Chandler (TAS, LP) <i>(elected Deputy Chair on 16.12.2019)</i>	05.12.2019
Senator Andrew Bragg (NSW, LP)	05.12.2019
Senator Jess Walsh (VIC, ALP)	05.12.2019

Inquiries*As at 01.07.2021*

Inquiry Name	Date Referred	Public Hearings <i>01.07.2021–01.09.2021</i>	Reports Tabled	Current Inquiry <i>As at 31.12.2021</i>
Impact temporary migration has on Australia's economy, wages and jobs, social cohesion and workplace rights and conditions	05.12.2019	28.07.2021—Canberra	01.09.2021	No

New References*01.07.2021–01.09.2021*

Nil

Government Responses*01.07.2021–01.09.2021*

Nil

OOS (Out of session)