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Dr Patrick Hodder
Secretary
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Hodder

Budget estimates hearings – Department of the Senate

In accordance with the usual practice, I attach statistics (updated as of 28 October) about the operations of committees supported by the Senate Committee Office.

It is my intention to provide the committee with information about the level of committee activity from the commencement of the 47th Parliament for this round of estimates, and the next. Statistical information that compares the level of committee activity in the 47th Parliament with the level of activity in previous Parliaments will be provided in preparation for Budget Estimates 2023.

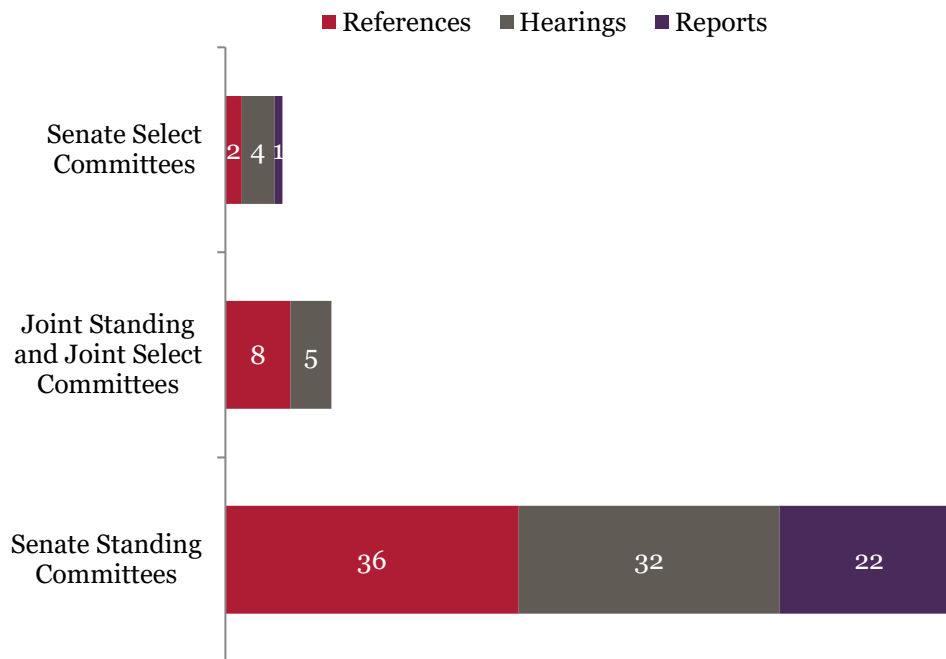
The Senate Committee Office currently supports the eight paired legislation and references standing committees, two select committees, two joint select committees and four joint standing committees. If the committee would like additional information, I would be happy to provide it.

Yours sincerely

(Richard Pye)
Clerk

Senate committee activity in the 47th Parliament

(Summary as at 28 October 2022)

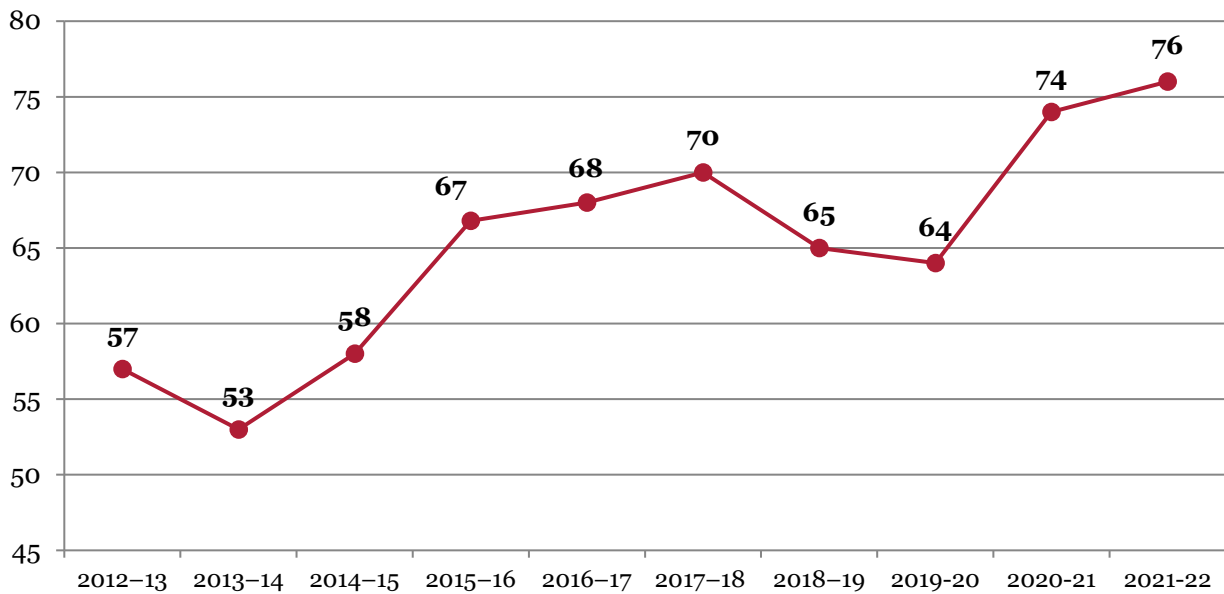


Staffing

Staffing: At the end of the 2021-2022 financial year, there was an average of 76 full time equivalent staff (FTE), compared with an average FTE of 74 in the 2020-21 completed financial year. The current staffing level in the Committee Office reflects the ongoing trend of increased committee activity. The following chart shows changes in average staffing levels over time.

Senate Committee Office

Average Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing levels by completed financial year



Administration

The current annual budget for the Committee Office is approximately \$9.6 million. This includes employee expenses of \$9.4 million and administrative expenses of \$0.2 million. So far in the 2022-23 financial year (as at 30 September 2022), the Committee Office actual expenditure was \$2.4 million.

Expenditure by completed financial year

