

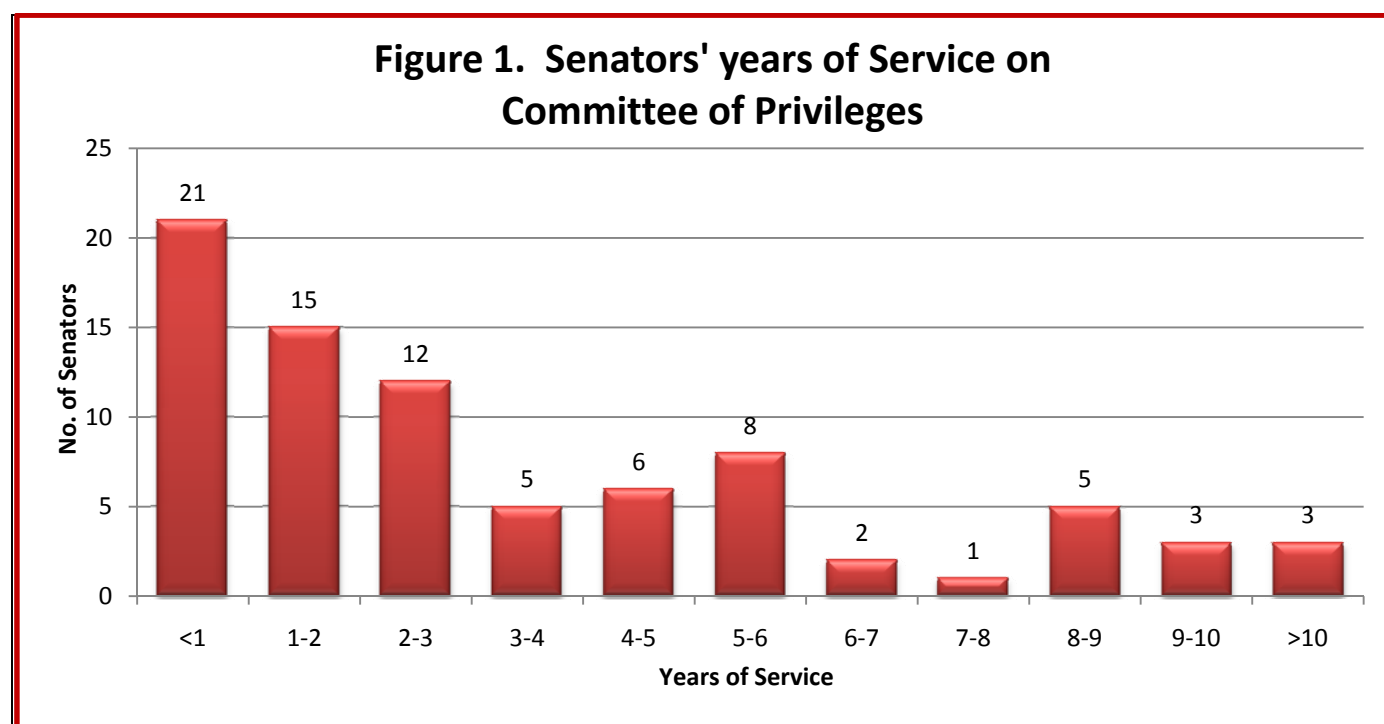
Membership of the Committee of Privileges, 1967-2011

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Standing Order 18(3), previously Standing Order 33A, states that the Committee of Privileges shall consist of seven senators, four nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and three by the Leader of the Opposition.

There have been 81 members of the Committee of Privileges, 67 men and 14 women. Thirty seven represented the Australian Labor Party, thirty three the Liberal Party, seven the Country Party, the National Country Party or the National Party, and four the Australian Democrats. Of the 14 women members seven (Senators Bilyk **, Collins, Giles, Hurley, Lundy, McLucas and Reynolds) represented the Australian Labor Party, four (Senators Coonan, Knowles, Payne and Reid) represented the Liberal Party, and three (Senators Bourne, Kernot and Powell) represented the Australian Democrats. Senator Kernot was appointed as a non-voting member for the purposes of the committee's examination of her private member's bill, the Parliamentary Privileges Amendment (Enforcement of Lawful Orders) Bill 1994.

The average duration of service of full committee members, to the end of May 2011, was three years and six months. The member with the shortest term of service was Senator MacGibbon, who replaced Senator Lewis for five weeks in 1990. The longest-serving member is Senator Ray, who was with the committee for more than 17 years. As Figure 1 shows, several others have also shown remarkable staying power in the face of an increasing workload.



The 22 senators with five or more years of service on the committee are reasonably equally divided in party political and geographic terms, with each state except Queensland being represented by at least one long-serving member.

In terms of their geographic distribution, 18 members came from Western Australia, 14 from Tasmania, 13 from Victoria, 12 from Queensland, 11 from New South Wales, five from South Australia, three from the Australian Capital Territory and one from the Northern Territory.

Privileges committee members and their terms of service

Note: Since 1966 the committee has been appointed at the beginning of each Parliament. Where a Parliament has been prorogued, the committee is assumed to have remained in existence until the day before the opening of the following Parliament. In the case of the dissolution of the Senate, the committee terminates at the dissolution. However, members who were appointed to successive committees are shown as having unbroken service and the period between the end of one committee and the appointment of the next is not shown.

Name	State	Party	Term(s) of Service
Archer, Brian Roper	TAS	Lib	19/08/93-31/01/94
Aulich, Terrence Gordon	TAS	ALP	11/09/85-05/06/87
Bilyk, Catryna Louise	TAS	ALP	30/09/10- 23/06/11
Black, John	QLD	ALP	24/09/87-08/05/90
Bolkus, Nick	SA	ALP	25/08/81-15/06/84; 29/05/85-05/06/87
Bourne, Vicki Worrall	NSW	AD	01/07/90-29/04/92
Brandis, George **	QLD	Lib	13/02/08-14/05/10; 23/06/2011-
Branson, George Howard	WA	Lib	05/04/67-14/05/71
Button, John Norman	VIC	ALP	18/07/74-15/06/84
Cameron, Douglas Niven	NSW	ALP	30/09/10-23/06/11
Cant, Hartley Gordon James	WA	ALP	05/04/67-03/03/70; 1/05/73-18/05/74
Childs, Bruce Kenneth	NSW	ALP	04/05/83-24/02/88; 18/03/88-04/09/97
Coates, John	TAS	ALP	15/06/84-29/05/85; 24/09/87-20/08/96
Collard, Stanley James	QLD	NCP	25/08/81-05/03/83
Collins, Jacinta	VIC	ALP	14/05/08-14/05/10
Collins, Robert	NT	ALP	04/09/97-03/03/98
Cook, Peter Francis Salmon	WA	ALP	15/06/84-11/09/85
Coonan, Helen	NSW	Lib	01/07/96-31/08/99
Cooney, Bernard Cornelius	VIC	ALP	24/09/87-18/03/88; 11/05/90-30/06/93; 01/09/96-24/11/98
Cormack, Magnus Cameron	VIC	Lib	05/04/67-21/08/68
Devitt, Donald Michael	TAS	ALP	01/05/73-11/11/75

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Drake-Brockman, Thomas Charles	WA	CP	05/04/67-24/11/69; 29/09/70-26/02/73; 18/07/74-22/07/75; 04/03/76-30/06/78
Durack, Peter Drew	WA	Lib	24/09/87-11/09/90
Eggleston, Alan	WA	Lib	13/02/97-21/08/02
Ellison, Christopher Martin	WA	Lib	18/08/93-30/09/97
Evans, Christopher Vaughan	WA	ALP	24/11/98-15/11/04; 28/11/05-11/12/05
Everett, Mervyn George	TAS	ALP	18/07/74-11/11/75
Farrell, Donald Edward	SA	ALP	13/08/09-27/09/10
Faulkner, John Philip **	NSW	ALP	18/11/04-11/02/08; 30/09/10-
Gibson, Brian Francis	TAS	Lib	15/03/94-04/05/94
Gallacher, Alexander McEachian **	SA	ALP	23/06/11-
Giles, Patricia Jessie	WA	ALP	24/02/88-30/06/93
Greenwood, Ivor John	VIC	Lib	21/08/68-11/11/75
Herron, John Joseph	QLD	Lib	19/08/92-18/08/93
Humphries, Gary John Joseph	ACT	Lib	20/03/03-11/02/08
Hurley, Annette	SA	ALP	14/02/08-13/08/09
Hutchins, Steve	NSW	ALP	07/09/05-28/11/05
Jessop, Donald Scott	SA	Lib	04/03/76-15/06/84
Johnston, David Abbott Lloyd **	WA	Lib	01/07/02-23/03/07; 24/06/09-03/02/10; 14/05/10-
Kemp, Charles Roderick (Rod)	Vic	Lib	23/03/07-10/09/07
Kernot, Cheryl*	QLD	AD	12/05/94-01/03/95
Knowles, Susan Christine	WA	Lib	02/05/96-22/08/03; 22/12/03-30/06/05
Lewis, Austin William Russell	VIC	Lib	11/09/90-13/11/90; 18/12/90-19/08/92
Lundy, Kate	ACT	ALP	15/09/08-12/12/08
MacGibbon, David John	QLD	Lib	13/11/90-18/12/90

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Macklin, Michael John	QLD	AD	04/05/83-05/06/87
Maunsell, Charles Ronald	QLD	CP	01/04/81-30/06/81
McGauran, Julian	VIC	Lib	31/08/99-30/06/02; 22/08/03-22/12/03; 13/02/08-24/06/09; 03/02/10-30/06/11
McKellar, Gerald Colin	NSW	CP	25/11/69-13/04/70
McKiernan, James Philip	WA	ALP	01/07/93-29/04/96
McLucas, Jan	QLD	ALP	14/02/08-27/09/10
Missen, Alan Joseph	VIC	Lib	01/04/81-15/06/84; 29/05/85-30/03/86
Morris, Kenneth James	QLD	Lib	05/04/67-30/06/68
Mulvihill, James Anthony	NSW	ALP	19/08/75-11/11/75
Murphy, Lionel Keith	NSW	ALP	25/11/69-09/02/75
O'Brien, Kerry	TAS	ALP	14/02/08-15/09/08; 12/12/08-27/09/10
O'Byrne, Justin	TAS	ALP	06/05/71-11/04/74; 04/03/76-30/06/81
Panizza, John	WA	Lib	01/07/96-31/01/97
Payne, Marise**	NSW	Lib	30/09/97-
Poke, Albert George	TAS	ALP	05/04/67-24/11/69
Powell, Janet	VIC	AD	24/09/87-30/06/90; 29/04/92-30/06/93
Rae, Peter Elliot	TAS	Lib	21/08/68-26/02/73; 15/06/84-29/05/85
Ray, Robert	VIC	ALP	25/08/81-05/06/87; 2/05/96-07/09/05; 11/12/05-05/05/08
Reid, Margaret Elizabeth	ACT	Lib	21/08/02-04/02/03
Reynolds, Margaret	QLD	ALP	01/07/93-29/04/96
Rocher, Alan Charles	WA	Lib	19/09/78-10/02/81
Ronaldson, Michael John Clyde	VIC	Lib	01/07/05-11/02/08
Scott, Douglas Barr	NSW	NCP	17/08/78-21/02/80
Sheil, Glenister	QLD	NCP	21/02/80-06/02/81

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Sherry, Nick	TAS	ALP	03/03/98-11/02/08
Sterle, Glenn **	WA	ALP	26/10/10-
Teague, Baden Chapman	SA	Lib	24/09/87-30/06/96
Thomas, Andrew Murray	WA	Lib	04/03/76-04/02/83
Urquhart, Anne Elizabeth **	TAS	ALP	23/6/11-
Watson, John	TAS	Lib	10/09/07-11/02/08
Webster, James Joseph	VIC	CP	22/07/75-11/11/75
Wheeldon, John Murray	WA	ALP	05/04/67-06/05/71
Willesee, Donald Robert	WA	ALP	25/11/69-26/02/73
Withers, Reginald Greive	WA	Lib	14/05/71-19/08/75; 15/06/84-29/05/85
Woods, Robert Leslie	NSW	Lib	04/05/94-29/04/96
Wriedt, Kenneth Shaw	TAS	ALP	18/02/75-19/08/75
Wright, Reginald Charles	TAS	Lib	19/08/75-30/06/78

* Non-voting member for the purposes of the committee's examination of the Parliamentary Privileges (Enforcement of Lawful Orders) Amendment Bill 1994

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