

Budget Estimates Question on Notice — May 2017

007 Senator the Hon Penny Wong: asked the President of the Senate—

President's responsibilities

1. Of how many committees, boards, advisory groups and like bodies, including parliamentary committees, is the President of the Senate a member?
2. Can a list be provided?
3. For committees where the President has appointed a delegate to represent him or attend on his behalf, please advise the title of the office-holder or individual concerned.

Answer

Standing Order 27(3) provides that the President shall not be elected to any committee other than one of which he is an ex officio member. This exclusion is also reflected in statutes establishing joint committees.

The President is an ex officio member of the following committees:

- Procedure (standing order 17)
- Appropriations, Staffing and Security Committee (Chair) (standing order 19)
- House (Chair) (standing order 21)

The resolution of appointment of the Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Library provides that the President may attend any meeting of the committee, but not as a member.

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2. Senate Appropriations, Staffing and Security Committee (Chair)
Senate Procedure Committee
Senate Leadership Group
Senate House Committee (Chair)
Joint House Committee (Co-Chair)
Broadcasting Committee (Co-Chair)
Art Advisory Committee (Co-Chair)
Historic Memorials Committee
Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Australia Group (Co-Chair)

Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) High-Level Advisory Group on Counter-Terrorism

Australian Parliament House Security Taskforce (Disbanded 15 June 2017) (Chair)

3. The President has not appointed any delegates to represent him on the committees listed above.