

The Senate

Rural and Regional Affairs and
Transport Legislation Committee

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2006)

May 2006

© Commonwealth of Australia

ISBN 0 642 71621 8

This document was produced from camera-ready copy prepared by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee, and printed by the Senate Printing Unit, Department of the Senate, Parliament House, Canberra.

Members of the Committee

Members

Senator the Hon. Bill Heffernan	LP, New South Wales	Chair
Senator Anne McEwen	ALP, South Australia	Deputy Chair
Senator Jeannie Ferris	LP, South Australia	
Senator Christine Milne	AG, Tasmania	
Senator Fiona Nash	NPA, NSW	
Senator Glenn Sterle	ALP, Western Australia	

Participating Members

Senator Abetz	Senator Evans	Senator McGauran
Senator Adams	Senator Faulkner	Senator McLucas
Senator Allison	Senator Ferguson	Senator Nettle
Senator Bartlett	Senator Fielding	Senator O'Brien
Senator Bishop	Senator Hogg	Senator Payne
Senator Boswell	Senator Hutchins	Senator Polley
Senator Brandis	Senator Joyce	Senator Ray
Senator B Brown	Senator Lightfoot	Senator Santoro
Senator G Campbell	Senator Ludwig	Senator Siewert
Senator Carr	Senator Lundy	Senator Stephens
Senator Chapman	Senator I MacDonald	Senator Trood
Senator Coonan	Senator S MacDonald	Senator Watson
Senator Crossin	Senator Mason	Senator Webber
Senator Eggleston		

Committee Secretariat

Mr Peter Hallahan, Secretary
Ms Stephanie Holden, Senior Research Officer
Ms Jenene James, Research Officer

Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

phone: (02) 6277 3511

fax: (02) 6277 5811

e-mail: rrat.sen@aph.gov.au

internet: www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/rrat_ctte/index.htm

Table of contents

<u>Members of the Committee</u>	iii
<u>Table of contents</u>	v
Chapter 1	1
Overview	1
Terms of reference.....	1
Purpose of annual reports	2
Requirements	2
Reports referred to the committee	2
Reports not examined	3
Timeliness.....	3
Quality	4
Senate remarks on annual reports.....	5
Comment on significant matters.....	5
Chapter 2	7
Annual reports of departments	7
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	7
Department of Transport and Regional Services	11
Chapter 3	15
Annual reports of statutory authorities	15
Airservices Australia	15
Australian Maritime Safety Authority.....	16
Appendix 1	19
List of annual reports referred to the committee during the period	
1 May 2005 to 31 October 2005	19
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	19
Department of Transport and Regional Services	20

Appendix 2	23
 Reports tabled after 31 October 2005.....	23