

## Parliamentary Committee Inquiries

March 2013

Parliamentary Committees are an integral part of the work of Parliament. The committees' relatively small size combined with considerable powers enable them to undertake investigations into specific matters of policy or government administration more effectively than in the formal environment of either chamber of Parliament.

A list of current Parliamentary inquiries is available at [Appendix A](#).

### Background

Parliamentary committees assist the quality of policy development in Parliament by enabling the members to engage with experts and provide a forum where stakeholders can present their views on a particular issue.

Committees usually consist of members from the various parties in Parliament in proportion to their numerical strength in the House and/or Senate.

Significant powers are given to investigatory committees, such as the power to order people to attend by summons to give evidence and produce documents. In order to enforce such powers, each House is able to punish offences that obstruct the committee from carrying out its responsibilities. Not appearing before a committee when summoned or otherwise misleading a committee can be punished by reprimand, fine or imprisonment. However, these powers are rarely used as most people summoned to give evidence see it as an opportunity to give their input the policy process.

Each inquiry referred to a committee has its scope and purpose set out in the terms of reference. In most cases committees invite relevant stakeholders to lodge submissions, and in some cases stakeholders are invited to public hearings to discuss their submission and answer questions. In the end of the process the committee prepares a report setting out findings, conclusions and making recommendation for policy development. The report is then presented to the House under which the committee is serving, or to both Houses in case of a joint committee.

There are a range of different types of Parliamentary committees, the most significant of them includes:

- **Standing committees** - have a ongoing role in Parliament, as they are customarily re-established after every election.
- **Select committees** – established as the need arises, for a specific purpose. Once a select committee has presented its final report the committee is dissolved.
- **Joint committees** – draw their membership from both Houses, as well as they report to both the House of Representatives and the Senate.
- **Statutory committees** - established by Act of Parliament. All existing statutory committees are joint committees



The current Parliament, the 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament, has seen a significant increase in inquiries into bills by House committees. This is a result of the establishment of a Selection Committee which only require one members vote to refer a bill to a standing House or joint committee. The establishment of the Selection Committee was part of the Governments agreement with the independents after the 2010 election. Less than a year after the establishment of the Selection Committee 26 bills had been referred by the committee compared to 16 between 1994 and 2010.

More information about the Selection Committee is available [here](#)

More information about Parliamentary Committees in general is available [here](#)

## Appendix A: Current Parliamentary Inquiries as at Thursday 28 March 2013.

### Senate legislative and general purpose Committees

#### Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

- Inquiry into the *Aged Care (Living Longer Living Better) Bill 2013*; *Australian Aged Care Quality Agency Bill 2013*; *Australian Aged Care Quality Agency (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013*; *Aged Care (Bond Security) Amendment Bill 2013*; *Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Amendment Bill 2013*, referred on 14 March 2013  
Submissions due by 22 April 2013; Report due on 17 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=clac\\_ctte/aged\\_care/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=clac_ctte/aged_care/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Aboriginal Land Rights and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 3 May 2013; Report due on 25 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=clac\\_ctte/and\\_rights/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=clac_ctte/and_rights/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the impacts on health of air quality in Australia, referred on 28 November 2012  
Submissions due by TBA; Report due on 16 May 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=clac\\_ctte/air\\_quality/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=clac_ctte/air_quality/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2013 Measures No. 1) Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 3 May 2013; Report due on 17 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=clac\\_ctte/therapeutic\\_goods/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=clac_ctte/therapeutic_goods/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the supply of chemotherapy drugs such as Docetaxel, referred 7 February 2013  
Submissions due by 20 March 2013; Report due on 22 April 2013.  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=clac\\_ctte/chemotherapy\\_drugs/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=clac_ctte/chemotherapy_drugs/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD), referred on 28 February 2013  
Submissions due by 3 May 2013; Report due on 26 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=clac\\_ctte/dementia/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=clac_ctte/dementia/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the involuntary or coerced sterilisation of people with disabilities in Australia, referred on 20 September 2012  
Submissions due by TBA; Report due on 24 April 2013  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=clac\\_ctte/forced\\_sterilisation/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=clac_ctte/forced_sterilisation/index.htm)

#### Senate Standing Committee on Economics

- Inquiry into the *Exposure Draft of Australian Jobs Bill 2013*, referred 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 19 April 2013; Report due on 14 May 2013.  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=economics\\_ctte/jobs\\_bill\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=economics_ctte/jobs_bill_2013/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Insurance Contracts Amendment Bill 2013*, referred 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 19 April 2013; Report due on 25 June 2013.  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=economics\\_ctte/insurance\\_contracts\\_amendment\\_bill\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=economics_ctte/insurance_contracts_amendment_bill_2013/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Small Business Commissioner Bill 2013*, referred 28 February 2013  
Submissions due by 22 March 2013; Report due on 15 May 2013.

[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=economics\\_ctte/small\\_business\\_comm\\_bill\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=economics_ctte/small_business_comm_bill_2013/info.htm)

- Inquiry into the *Tax Laws Amendment (Countering Tax Avoidance and Multinational Profit Shifting) Bill 2013*, referred 14 March 2013  
Submissions due by 5 April 2013; Report due on 14 May 2013.  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=economics\\_ctte/tlab\\_countering\\_tax\\_avoidance\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=economics_ctte/tlab_countering_tax_avoidance_2013/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the Development and Operation of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax, referred 26 February 2013  
Submissions closed March 2013; Report due on 6 May 2013.  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=economics\\_ctte/mrrt\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=economics_ctte/mrrt_2013/info.htm)

#### **Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**

- Inquiry into the *Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 15 April 2013; Report due on 14 May 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=eet\\_ctte/asbestos\\_safety/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=eet_ctte/asbestos_safety/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Fair Work Amendment Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 15 April 2013; Report due on 14 May 2013.  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=eet\\_ctte/fair\\_work\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=eet_ctte/fair_work_2013/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Student Identifiers Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 30 April 2013; Report due on 18 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=eet\\_ctte/student\\_identifiers/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=eet_ctte/student_identifiers/info.htm)
- Inquiry into teaching and learning (maximising our investment in Australian schools), referred on 11 September 2012  
Submissions closed October 2012; Report due on 21 March 2013.  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=eet\\_ctte/teaching\\_learning/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=eet_ctte/teaching_learning/index.htm)
- Inquiry into the conditions of employment of state public sector employees and the adequacy of protection of their rights at work as compared with other employees, referred on 28 November 2012  
Submissions closed February 2013; Report due on 17 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=eet\\_ctte/public\\_sector\\_employees/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=eet_ctte/public_sector_employees/index.htm)

#### **Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communication**

- Inquiry into the *Broadcasting Services Amendment (Material of Local Significance) Bill 2013*, referred on 13 March 2013  
Submissions due by 28 March 2013; Report due on 30 April 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=ec\\_ctte/bs\\_amendment\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=ec_ctte/bs_amendment_2013/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the effectiveness of threatened species and ecological communities' protection in Australia, referred on 31 October 2012  
Submissions closed December 2012; Report due on 15 May 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=ec\\_ctte/threatened\\_species/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=ec_ctte/threatened_species/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]*, referred on 14 March 2013  
Submissions due by 4 April 2013; Report due on 14 May 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=ec\\_ctte/epbc\\_amendment\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=ec_ctte/epbc_amendment_2013/info.htm)

- Inquiry into the *Water Efficiency Labeling and Standards (Registration Fees) Bill 2013 and Water Efficiency Labeling and Standards Amendment (Registration Fees) Bill 2013 [Provisions]*, referred on 14 March 2013.  
Submissions due by 11 April 2013; Report due on 17 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=ec\\_ctte/water\\_bills\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=ec_ctte/water_bills_2013/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Great Barrier Reef) Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 15 April 2013; Report due on 16 May 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=ec\\_ctte/great\\_barrier\\_reef\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=ec_ctte/great_barrier_reef_2013/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Consumer Protection) Bill 2013 [Provisions]*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 2 May 2013; Report due on 17 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=ec\\_ctte/telecommunications\\_consumer\\_protection/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=ec_ctte/telecommunications_consumer_protection/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events, referred on 28 November 2012  
Submissions closed January 2013; Report due on 26 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=ec\\_ctte/extreme\\_weather/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=ec_ctte/extreme_weather/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the feasibility of a prohibition on charging fees for an unlisted number service, referred on 28 February 2013  
Submissions due by 28 March 2013; Report due on 15 May 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=ec\\_ctte/unlisted\\_numbers/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=ec_ctte/unlisted_numbers/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the effectiveness of current regulatory arrangements in dealing with the simultaneous transmission of radio programs using the broadcasting services bands and the Internet ('simulcast'), referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 26 April 2013; Report due on 1 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=ec\\_ctte/simulcast\\_regulation/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=ec_ctte/simulcast_regulation/info.htm)

#### **Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

- Inquiry into the *Citizen Initiated Referendum Bill 2013*, referred on 14 March 2013  
Submissions due by 19 April 2013; Report due on 24 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=fapa\\_ctte/citizen\\_initiated\\_ref\\_bill\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fapa_ctte/citizen_initiated_ref_bill_2013/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 24 April 2013; Report due on 25 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=fapa\\_ctte/health\\_insur\\_amend\\_bill\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fapa_ctte/health_insur_amend_bill_2013/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Pharmaceutical Transparency) Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 19 April 2013; Report due on 17 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=fapa\\_ctte/therap\\_goods\\_amend\\_bill\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fapa_ctte/therap_goods_amend_bill_2013/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 1999 Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance, referred on 29 November 2012  
Submissions due by 17 February 2013; Report due on 10 May 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=fapa\\_ctte/jetacar/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fapa_ctte/jetacar/info.htm)

#### **Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**

- Inquiry into the Indian Ocean region and Australia's foreign, trade and defence policy, referred on 24 November 2011  
Submissions closed April 2012; Report due on 16 May 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=fadt\\_ctte/indianocean/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fadt_ctte/indianocean/index.htm)
- Inquiry into the report of the review of allegations of sexual and other abuse in Defence, conducted by DLA Piper, and the response of the Government to the report, referred on 10 October 2012  
Submissions closed November 2012; Report due on 16 May 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=fadt\\_ctte/dla\\_piper/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fadt_ctte/dla_piper/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the Implementation of the Defence Trade Controls Legislation, referred on 11 October 2011  
Submissions due by TBA; Report due on TBA.  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=fadt\\_ctte/trade\\_implementation/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fadt_ctte/trade_implementation/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the Administration, Management and Objective of Australia's Overseas Development Programs in Afghanistan in the Context of the 'Transition Decade', referred on 29 June 2012  
Submissions closed September 2012; Report due on 16 May 2013.  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=fadt\\_ctte/afghanistan/info.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fadt_ctte/afghanistan/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (New Mandate and Other Measures) Bill 2013* [Provisions], referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 18 April 2013; Report due on 14 May 2013.  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=fadt\\_ctte/efic\\_bill\\_2013\\_43/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fadt_ctte/efic_bill_2013_43/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Amendment Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2012  
Submissions due by 18 April 2013; Report due on 25 June 2013.  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=fadt\\_ctte/international\\_orgs\\_bill\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fadt_ctte/international_orgs_bill_2013/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Military Compensation Review and Other Measures) Bill 2013* [Provisions], referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 18 April 2013; Report due on 14 May 2013.  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=fadt\\_ctte/military\\_rehab\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fadt_ctte/military_rehab_2013/info.htm)

#### **Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs**

- Inquiry into the *Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013*, referred on 28 February 2013  
Submissions due by 26 April 2013; Report due on 27 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=legcon\\_ctte/criminal\\_code\\_misrepresentation/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctte/criminal_code_misrepresentation/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Marriage Amendment (Celebrant Administration and Fees) Bill 2013 and the Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 26 April 2013; Report due on 18 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=legcon\\_ctte/marriage\\_celebrants/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctte/marriage_celebrants/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 26 April 2013; Report due on 25 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=legcon\\_ctte/public\\_interest\\_disclosure/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctte/public_interest_disclosure/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Sex Discrimination Amendment (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Intersex Status) Bill 2013*, referred on the 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 26 April 2013; Report due on 17 June 2013

[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=legcon\\_ctt\\_e/sex\\_discrim\\_sexual\\_orientation/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctt_e/sex_discrim_sexual_orientation/info.htm)

- Inquiry into the *Migration and Security Legislation Amendment (Review of Security Assessments) Bill 2012*, referred on 11 October 2012  
Submissions closed December 2012; Report due on 30 April 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=legcon\\_ctt\\_e/security\\_assessments/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctt_e/security_assessments/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the Framework and operation of subclass 457 visas, Enterprise Migration Agreements and Regional Migration Agreements, referred on 20 March 2012  
Submissions due by 26 April; Report due on 3 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=legcon\\_ctt\\_e/457\\_visas/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctt_e/457_visas/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the Impact of federal court fee increases since 2010 on access to justice in Australia, referred on 27 February 2013  
Submissions due by 12 April 2013; Report due on 6 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=legcon\\_ctt\\_e/court\\_fees/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctt_e/court_fees/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the value of a justice reinvestment approach to criminal justice in Australia, referred on 26 November 2012  
Submissions closed March 2013; Report due on 16 May 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=legcon\\_ctt\\_e/justice\\_reinvestment/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctt_e/justice_reinvestment/index.htm)

#### **Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

- Inquiry into the *Biosecurity Bill 2012* and the *Inspector-General of Biosecurity Bill 2012*, referred on 29 November  
Submissions closed December 2012; Report due on 24 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=rrat\\_ctte/biosecurity\\_2012/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/biosecurity_2012/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the Examination of the Foreign Investment Review Board National Interest Test, referred on 06 July 2011  
Submissions closed September 2011. Report due in 15 May 2013.  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=rrat\\_ctte/firb\\_2011/info.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/firb_2011/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the effect on Australian pineapple growers of importing fresh pineapple from Malaysia, referred 20 June 2012  
Submissions closed July 2012; Report due on 24 June 2013.  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=rrat\\_ctte/pineapples\\_2012/info.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/pineapples_2012/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the proposed importation of potatoes from New Zealand, referred on 12 September 2012  
Submissions closed October 2012; Report due on 24 June 2013.  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=rrat\\_ctte/potatoes\\_2012/info.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/potatoes_2012/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the Aviation Accident Investigations (Pel-Air), referred 13 September 2012  
Submissions closed October 2012; Report due on 30 April 2013.  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=rrat\\_ctte/pel\\_air\\_2012/info.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/pel_air_2012/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the performance of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Agencies  
Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=rrat\\_ctte/daff\\_so25a/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/daff_so25a/index.htm)
- Inquiry into the effect on Australian ginger growers of importing fresh ginger from Fiji, referred on the 19 September 2012



Submissions closed October 2012; Report due on 24 June 2013.

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=rrat\\_ctte/ginger\\_2012/info.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/ginger_2012/info.htm)

- Inquiry into *the Australia Council Bill 2013 and related Bill*, referred on 21 March  
Submissions due by TBA; Report due on 9 May 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=rrat\\_ctte/austr\\_council\\_bills\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/austr_council_bills_2013/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the Beef Imports into Australia, referred on 27 February 2013  
Submissions due by 8 April 2013; Report due on 17 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=rrat\\_ctte/beef\\_imports/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/beef_imports/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the Review of the Citrus Industry in Australia, referred on 28 February 2013  
Submissions due by 12 April 2013; Report due on 20 June 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=rrat\\_ctte/citrus\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/citrus_2013/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the Auditor General's reports on Tasmanian Forestry Grants Programs, referred on 19 March 2013  
Submissions due by 9 April 2013; Report due on 6 May 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=rrat\\_ctte/nao\\_tas\\_forests\\_reports/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/nao_tas_forests_reports/info.htm)

## Joint Committees administered by the Senate

### Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

- Integrity of overseas Commonwealth law enforcement operations, referred on 6 December 2011  
Submissions closed February 2012; Report due on TBA  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=aclei\\_ctte/integrity\\_international\\_operations/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=aclei_ctte/integrity_international_operations/index.htm)

### Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement

- Inquiry into the gathering and use of criminal intelligence, referred on 30 May 2012  
Submissions closed August 2012; Report due on TBA  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=le\\_ctte/criminal\\_intelligence/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=le_ctte/criminal_intelligence/index.htm)

### Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services

- Inquiry into the *Corporations and Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by TBA; Report due on 15 May 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=corporations\\_ctte/corps\\_fin\\_sector\\_bill\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=corporations_ctte/corps_fin_sector_bill_2013/info.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Corporations Amendment (Simple Corporate Bonds and Other Measures) Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by TBA; Report due on 15 May 2013  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=corporations\\_ctte/simplecorporatebonds\\_2013/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=corporations_ctte/simplecorporatebonds_2013/info.htm)

## Joint Select Committees administered by the Senate

### Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform

- Inquiry into the Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012, referred on 1 November 2012  
Report due on 28 June 2013



[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate\\_Committees?url=gamblingreform\\_ctte/anti\\_money\\_laundering/info.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=gamblingreform_ctte/anti_money_laundering/info.htm)

## House Standing Committees

### Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

- Inquiry into the contribution of sport to Indigenous wellbeing and mentoring, referred 19 September 2012  
Submissions closed October, Report due on TBA  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/parliamentary\\_business/committees/house\\_of\\_representatives\\_committees?url=atsia/sport/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/parliamentary_business/committees/house_of_representatives_committees?url=atsia/sport/index.htm)

### Standing Committee on Climate Change, Environment and the Arts

- Inquiry into *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2013*, referred on 14 March 2013  
Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=ccea/epbc/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=ccea/epbc/index.htm)

### Standing Committee on Economics

- Inquiry into the *Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 2) Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 5 April 2013; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=economics/taxsuper2013/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=economics/taxsuper2013/index.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Minerals Resource Rent Tax Amendment (Protecting Revenue) Bill 2013*, referred on 14 February  
Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=economics/mrrt2/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=economics/mrrt2/index.htm)

### Standing Committee on Education and Employment

- Inquiry into the *Fair Work Amendment Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 18 April 2013; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=ee/fairwork13/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=ee/fairwork13/index.htm)
- Inquiry into the role of Technical and Further Education system and its operation, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 18 April 2013; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=ee/tafe/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=ee/tafe/index.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Higher Education Support Amendment (Asian Century) Bill 2013*, referred on 14 February 2013  
Submissions closed March 2013; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=ee/esaasiancentury/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=ee/esaasiancentury/index.htm)
- Inquiry into the Australian Education Bill 2012, referred on 29 November 2012  
Submissions closed February 2013; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=ee/auzeducation/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=ee/auzeducation/index.htm)
- Inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Tackling Job Insecurity) Bill 2012, referred on 29 November 2013  
Submissions due by 28 March 2013; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=ee/fairwork/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=ee/fairwork/index.htm)

#### **Standing Committee on Health and Ageing**

- Inquiry into Adult Dental Services in Australia, referred on 11 February 2013  
Submissions closed March 2013; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=haa/dental/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=haa/dental/index.htm)
- Inquiry into Dementia: Early diagnosis and Intervention, referred on 20 March 2012  
Submissions closed May 2012; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=haa/dementia/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=haa/dementia/index.htm)

#### **Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications**

- Inquiry into IT Pricing, referred on 24 May 2012  
Submissions closed July 2012; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=ic/itpricing/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=ic/itpricing/index.htm)
- Inquiry into Smart Infrastructure  
Submissions closed; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=ic/smartinfrastructure/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=ic/smartinfrastructure/index.htm)

#### **Standing Committee on Procedure**

- Inquiry into electronic voting, referred on 7 October 2012  
Submissions due by 22 April 2013; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=proc/e\\_voting/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=proc/e_voting/index.htm)

#### **Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs**

- Inquiry into the Arrangements Surrounding Crimes Committed at Sea, referred on 11 September 2012  
Submissions due by 23 November 2012; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=spla/crimes%20at%20sea/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=spla/crimes%20at%20sea/index.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Submissions due by 19 April 2013; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=spla/bill%202013%20public%20interest%20disclosure/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=spla/bill%202013%20public%20interest%20disclosure/index.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Sex Discrimination Amendment (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Intersex Status) Bill 2013*, referred on 21 March 2013  
Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=spla/bill%20sex%20discrimination/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=spla/bill%20sex%20discrimination/index.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Bill 2012* and the *Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012*, referred on 1 November 2012  
Submissions due on 23 November; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=spla/bill%20public%20interest%20disclosure/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=spla/bill%20public%20interest%20disclosure/index.htm)
- Inquiry into the *Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2011*, referred on 24 November 2011  
Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=spla/bill%20wildrivers/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=spla/bill%20wildrivers/index.htm)

## Joint Select Committees administered by the House

### Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety

- Inquiry into Cyber-safety for Senior Australians, referred on 23 November 2011  
Open for submissions; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=jsc/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jsc/index.htm)

## Joint Committees administered by the House

### Joint Select Committee on Broadcasting Legislation

- Inquiry into potential areas for further reform of Australia's broadcasting legislation, referred on 14 March 2013  
Submissions due by 5 April 2013; Report due 17 June 2013  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=jscbl/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jscbl/index.htm)

### Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

- Inquiry into Australia's relationship with Timor-Leste, referred on 6 February 2013  
Submissions due by 28 March 2013; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=jfadt/timor\\_lest\\_2013/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jfadt/timor_lest_2013/index.htm)
- Inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea, referred on 21 April 2011  
Submissions closed July 2011; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=jfadt/japanandkoreatrade/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jfadt/japanandkoreatrade/index.htm)
- Inquiry into Slavery, Slavery-like conditions and People Trafficking, referred on 13 August 2012  
Submissions due by 28 September 2012; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=jfadt/slavery\\_people\\_trafficking/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jfadt/slavery_people_trafficking/index.htm)
- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2011-2012  
Submissions closed February 2013; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=jfadt/defenceannualreport\\_2011\\_2012/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jfadt/defenceannualreport_2011_2012/index.htm)
- Inquiry into the Care of ADF Personnel Wounded and Injured on Operations, referred on 15 June 2012  
Submissions closed August 2012; Report due on TBA  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=jfadt/wounded\\_injured/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jfadt/wounded_injured/index.htm)

### Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network

- Inquiry into the rollout of the NBN project until the NBN is operational  
[http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=jcnbn/index.htm](http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jcnbn/index.htm)