

Parliamentary Committee Inquiries

December 2012

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 43rd 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 Friday 14 December 2012.

Senate legislative and general purpose Committees

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

- Inquiry into the *Private Health Insurance Amendment (Lifetime Health Cover Loading and Other Measures) Bill 2012*, referred on 28 November 2012
Submissions due by TBA; Report due on 12 March 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=clac_ctte/private_health_insurance/info.htm
- Inquiry into the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill 2012*, referred on 28 November 2012
Submissions due by TBA; Report due on 13 March 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=clac_ctte/ndis/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
- Inquiry into Australia's domestic response to the World Health Organization's (WHO) Commission on Social Determinants of Health report "Closing the gap within a generation", referred 22 August 2012
Submissions due by 04 October 2012; Report due on 27 March 2013.
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=clac_ctte/social_determinants_of_health/index.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

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

- Inquiry into the car fringe benefits arrangements, referred 23 June 2011
Submissions due by 12 November 2012; Report due on 27 June 2013.
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=economics_ctte/car_fringe_benefits/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Minerals Resource Rent Tax Amendment (Protecting Revenue) Bill 2012*, referred on 22 October 2012
Submissions due by 30 January 2013; Report due on 21 March 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=economics_ctte/mrrt_protecting_revenue_bill_2012/info.htm

Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

- Inquiry into the provisions of the *Australian Education Bill 2012*, referred on 29 November 2012
Submissions due by 8 February 2013; Report due on 13 March 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=eet_ctte/australian_education/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Fair Work Amendment (Small Business-Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012*, referred on 23 August 2012
Submissions due by 20 September 2012; Report due on 12 March 2013.

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=eet_ctte/penalty_rates/index.htm

- Inquiry into the *Protecting Local Jobs (Regulating Enterprise Migration Agreements) Bill 2012 [Provisions]*, referred on 23 August 2012
Submissions closed September 2012; Report due on 12 March 2013
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=eet_ctte/enterprise_migration_agreements/index.htm
- Inquiry into teaching and learning (maximising our investment in Australian schools), referred on 11 September 2012
Submissions due by 26 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
- Inquiry into the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Towards Transparency) Bill 2012*, referred on 29 November 2012
Submissions due by 8 February 2013; Report due on 12 March 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=eet_ctte/towards_transparency/info.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 due by 15 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

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communication

- Inquiry into the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Retaining Federal Approval Powers) Bill 2012*, referred on 28 November 2012
Submissions due by 18 January 2013; Report due on 25 February 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=ec_ctte/epbc_federal_powers/index.htm
- Inquiry into the effectiveness of threatened species and ecological communities' protection in Australia, referred on 31 October 2012
Submissions due by 14 December 2012; Report due on 28 February 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=ec_ctte/threatened_species/index.htm
- Inquiry into the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's commitment to reflecting and representing regional diversity, referred on 27 November 2012.
Submissions due by 18 January 2013; Report due on 14 March 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=ec_ctte/abc_production/index.htm
- Inquiry into the recent trends in and preparedness for extreme weather events, referred on 28 November 2012
Submissions due by 18 January 2013; Report due on 20 March 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=ec_ctte/extreme_weather/index.htm

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

- Inquiry into the *Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2012*, referred on 29 November 2012
Submissions due by 17 December 2012; Report due on 5 February 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fapa_ctte/PSA_Bill2012/index.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 21 March 2013



http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fapa_ctte/etacar/index.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 due by 5 April 2012; Report due on 16 May 2013
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 due by 22 November 2012; Report due on 1 March 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fadt_ctte/dla_piper/index.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
- 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 due by 17 September 2012; Report due on 31 December 2012.
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=fadt_ctte/afghanistan/index.htm

Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

- Inquiry into the *Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Bill 2012*, referred on 1 November 2012
Submissions due by 17 December 2012; Report due on 25 February 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctt/courts_tribunals_2012/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Organised Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2012*, referred on 29 November 2012
Submissions due by 31 January 2013; Report due on 13 March 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctt/organised_crime_2012/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Customs Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2012*, referred on 29 November 2012
Submissions due by 31 January 2013; Report due on 13 March 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctt/customs_miscellaneous_measures/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Exposure Draft of Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012*, referred on the 21 November 2012
Submissions due by 21 December 2012; Report due on 18 February 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctt/anti_discrimination_2012/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Migration and Security Legislation Amendment (Review of Security Assessments) Bill 2012*, referred on 11 October 2012
Submissions due by 14 December 2012; Report due on 12 March 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctt/security_assessments/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals and Other Measures) Bill 2012*, referred on 1 November 2012.
Submissions due by 17 December 2012; Report due on 25 February 2013

- http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctt_e/unauthorised_maritime_arrivals/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Native Title Amendment Bill 2012*, referred on 29 November 2012
Submissions due by 31 January 2013; Report due on 13 March 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctt_e/native_title_2012/index.htm
- Inquiry into the value of a justice reinvestment approach to criminal justice in Australia, referred on 26 November 2012
Submissions due by 15 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
- Inquiry into the *Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012*, referred on 28 November 2012
Submissions due by 25 January 2013; Report due on 18 March 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=legcon_ctt_e/regulatory_powers_provisions/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 due by 19 December 2012; Report due on 27 February 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/Biosecurity_2012/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2012*, referred on 29 November 2012
Submissions due by 19 December 2012; Report due on 27 February 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/ag_vet_chemicals/index.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 27 February 2013.
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/firb_2011/index.htm
- Inquiry into the Management of the Murray-Darling Basin, referred on the 28 October 2010
Submissions closed 30 June 2011, Report due on 6 February 2013
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/mdb/index.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 20 March 2013.
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/pineapples_2012/index.htm
- Inquiry into the proposed importation of potatoes from New Zealand, referred on 12 September 2012
Submissions due by 10 October 2012; Report due on 20 March 2013.
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/potatoes_2012/index.htm
- Inquiry into the Aviation Accident Investigations (Pel-Air), referred 13 September 2012
Submissions due by 12 October 2012; Report due on 27 February 2013.
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/pel_air_2012/index.htm
- Inquiry into *The Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Food Labelling) Bill 2012 (No. 2)*, referred on 20 September 2012
Submissions due by 26 October; Report due on 21 March 2013
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/food_labelling/index.htm

- Inquiry into the performance of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Agencies
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 due by 15 October 2012; Report due on 20 March 2013.
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=rrat_ctte/ginger_2012/index.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

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
- Inquiry into the *Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012*
 Submissions due by TBA; Report due on TBA
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=le_ctte/regulatory_powers/index.htm

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services

- Inquiry into Family Business in Australia, referred on 16 August 2012
 Submissions due by 31 October 2012; Report due on 27 February 2013
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=corp_orations_ctte/fam_bus/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Service Providers and Other Governance Measures) Bill 2012*, referred on 29 November 2012
 Submissions due by 17 January 2013; Report due on 4 February 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=corporations_ctte/superannuation/index.htm

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Publications

- Inquiry into Electronic distribution of the Parliamentary Papers series
 Submissions due by TBA
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/publ/edpps/index.htm>

Joint Select Committees administered by the Senate

Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform

- Inquiry into the Productivity Commission report on gambling, referred 30 September 2010
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=gamblingreform_ctte/index.htm

Joint select Committee on Constitutional Recognition on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

- Inquiry into *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition Bill 2012*, referred on 28 November 2012
Submissions due by 11 January 2013; Report due on 30 January 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=jscatsi_ctte/jscatsi/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 due by 26 October, Report due on TBA
http://www.aph.gov.au/parliamentary_business/committees/house_of_representatives_committees?url=atsia/sport/index.htm
- Inquiry into the *Native Title Amendment Bill 2012*, referred on 29 November 2012
The Committee has yet to meet to determine the format of the inquiry.
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=atsia/native%20title%20bill/index.htm

Standing Committee on Economics

- Inquiry into the *Tax Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 6) Bill 2012*, referred on 29 November 2012
Submissions due by 20 December 2012; Report due on TBA
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=economics/taxlawsno6/index.htm
- Inquiry into Australia's Oil Refinery Industry, referred on 1 November 2012
Submissions due by 19 December; Report due on TBA
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=economics/oilrefineries/index.htm
- Review of the Reserve Bank Annual Report 2012 (First Report)
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=economics/rba2012/index.htm

Standing Committee on Health and Ageing

- 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

Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications

- Inquiry into the *National Electricity Bill 2012*, referred on 1 November 2012
Submissions due by TBA; Report due on TBA
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=ic/electricity/index.htm
- 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
- 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

Standing Committee on Regional Australia

- Inquiry into the use of 'fly-in, fly-out' (FIFO) workforce practices in regional Australia, referred on 23 August 2011

http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=ra/fifodido/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
- Inquiry into the *Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Bill 2012*, referred on 1 November 2012
Open for submissions; Report due on TBA
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=spla/bill%20courts%20and%20tribunals/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
- 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

Joint Select Committees administered by the House

Joint Select Committee on the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government

- Inquiry into the majority finding (financial recognition) of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government including by amending section 96 of the Australian Constitution, referred on 1 November 2012
Submissions due by 15 February 2013; Report due in February 2013
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jsclg/index.htm

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=jscc/index.htm

Joint Committees administered by the House

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

- Inquiry into the *Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Improving Electoral Administration) Bill 2012*, referred on the 29 November 2012
Submissions due by 21 December 2012; Report due on TBA
http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=em/improvingelectoraladmin/index.htm

Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

- Inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea, referred on 21 April 2011

Submissions due by 11 July 2011; Report due on TBA

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

- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2011-2012

Submissions due on 8 February 2013; Report due on TBA

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

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

Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories

- Inquiry into the allocation of land to diplomatic missions in the Australian Capital Territory, referred on 28 November 2012

Submissions due by 1 February 2013; Report due on TBA

http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=ncet/diplomatic%20estate/index.htm

Joint Standing Committee on Migration

- Inquiry into Multiculturalism in Australia, referred on 9 February 2011

Open for Submissions; Report due on TBA

http://aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=mig/multiculturalism/index.htm