

## Parliamentary Inquiries

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## Senate Committees

### Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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#### ***Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014***

Indigenous Land Corporation was set up with the Land Account 'to enable Indigenous people to acquire land and maintain it in a sustainable way to provide economic, social and cultural benefits for themselves and for future generations of their people'. The [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment \(A Stronger Land Account\) Bill 2014](#) seeks to strengthen the account by clarifying the purpose of the Land Account; provide for excess returns from Land Account investments to be equally shared between the Account and the ILC, among other measures.

The closing date for submissions was 29 August 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 4 March 2015.

### Senate Community Affairs References Committee

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#### ***Out of home care***

The Committee will examine out of home care, specifically the drivers of the increase in the number of children placed in out of home care, types of care that are increasing and demographics of the children in care, and the outcomes for children in out of home care versus staying in the home. The Committee will consider current models for out of home care, the current cost of Australia's approach to care and protection and the consistency of approach to out of home care around Australia.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 31 October 2014.

The Committee is due to report by the second sitting week in February 2015.

#### ***Adequacy of existing residential care arrangements available for young people with severe physical, mental or intellectual disabilities in Australia***

The Committee will examine the estimated number and distribution of young people in care in the aged care system in Australia, the health and support pathways available to young people with complex needs, the impact of the NDIS, the appropriateness of the aged care system for care of young people and alternative systems of care. The Committee will also consider the options, consequences and de-

institutionalisation of young people with serious and/or permanent mental, physical or intellectual disabilities and what Australian jurisdictions are currently doing.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions is 6 February 2015.

The Committee is due to report by 30 June 2015.

### ***Availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia***

The Committee will examine the timing and affordability of access for patients, the operation of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme in relation to such drugs, including the impact of delays in the approvals process for Australian patients and the impact on the quality of care available to cancer patient.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions is 27 February 2015.

The Committee is due to report by 26 March 2015.

### **Senate Economics Affairs Legislation Committee**

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### ***Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2013***

The Committee will examine the Private Member's bill of Senator John Madigan (DLP) and Senator Nick Xenophon, [Reserve Bank Amendment \(Australian Reconstruction and Development Board\) Bill 2013](#), which creates a specific entity tasked with examining, reconstructing and improving the financial status of the Australian agricultural sector and its associated industries and infrastructures.

As such, the Bill establishes an 'Australian Reconstruction and Development Board' (ARDB) under the Reserve Bank, with the task of forming and implementing rural reconstruction and development policy.

The closing date for submissions was 10 February 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 4 December 2014.

### ***Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2014***

The Committee will examine the [Competition and Consumer Amendment \(Misuse of Market Power\) Bill 2014](#). In undertaking the inquiry, the Committee will consider the application of the [Competition and](#)

[Consumer Act 2010](#) with particular reference to provisions relating to competition and market power. The Committee will also examine the remedies available to the Courts and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission regarding breaches of the Act and the current levels of competition in Australian markets and the impact on consumers and small businesses.

The closing date for submissions was 30 June 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 26 February 2015.

### ***Corporations Legislation Amendment (Deregulatory and Other Measures) Bill 2014***

The Committee will examine the [Corporations Legislation Amendment \(Deregulatory and Other Measures\) Bill 2014](#). The Bill amends *the Corporations Act 2001* to provide that a general meeting of a company must only be arranged if members with at least five per cent of voting shares make the request, reduce the remuneration reporting requirements and exempt certain companies limited by guarantee from the need to appoint or retain an auditor, among other things.

The closing date for submissions is 20 January 2015.

The Committee is due to report by 11 February 2015.

### **Senate Economics Affairs References Committee**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

### ***Australia's Innovation System***

The Committee will examine challenges to Australian industries and jobs posed by increasing global competition in innovation, science, engineering, research and education. In particular, the Committee will examine the need to attract new investment in innovation to secure high skill, high wage jobs and industries in Australia, as well as the role of public policy in nurturing a culture of innovation and a healthy innovation ecosystem.

It will also examine the Government's approach to innovation, especially with respect to the funding of education and research, the allocation of investment in industries, and the maintenance of capabilities across the economy. It will report on the relationship between advanced manufacturing and a dynamic innovation culture and suggest policy actions to attract, train and retain a healthy research and innovation workforce and create a seamless innovation pipeline.

The full terms of reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 31 July 2014.

The Committee is due to report by the first sitting day of July 2015.



### ***Affordable housing***

This inquiry will examine government policies to encourage home ownership and residential property investment and increase housing supply, including current taxes and levies, and the operation, effect and future of the National Rental Affordability Scheme. The inquiry will also look at the regulatory structures governing the roles of financial institutions and superannuation funds in the home lending and property sectors, and the operation and effectiveness of rent and housing assistance programs.

The inquiry is broad in scope, and will report on implications for other related changes to Commonwealth government policies and programs, including taxation policy, aged care, disability services, Indigenous affairs and for state and territory governments. Construction, building materials, sustainability and the availability of an appropriately skilled workforce will also form part of the inquiry.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 25 March 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 27 November 2014.

### ***Forestry managed investment schemes***

The Committee will examine the structure and development of forestry managed investment schemes (MIS), including the motivation and drivers that established the framework for the schemes, and the role of government, regulation and the financial services industry in MIS.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions is 15 December 2014.

The Committee is due to report by March 2015.

### ***Future of Australia's naval shipbuilding industry***

The Committee was asked to inquire into the future sustainability of Australia's strategically vital naval shipbuilding industry. The closing date for submissions for this part of the inquiry was 17 July 2014 and the Committee reported by 27 August 2014.

Part II: Broader inquiry into the future of Australia's shipbuilding industry. During the first stage, the Committee also resolved to inquire into the tender process for the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN) new supply ships as its first order of business, as part of its broader inquiry into Australia's naval shipbuilding industry.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 1 December 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 1 July 2015.

### ***Need for a national approach to retail leasing arrangements***

The Committee will inquire into the need for a national approach to retail leasing arrangements to create a fairer system and reduce the burden on small to medium businesses with associated benefits to landlords.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 28 August 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 15 March 2015.

### ***Scrutiny of financial advice***

The Committee will examine the current level of consumer protections, the role of, and oversight by, regulatory agencies in preventing the provision of unethical and misleading financial advice, whether existing mechanisms are appropriate in any compensation process relating to unethical or misleading financial advice and instances where these mechanisms may have failed, mechanisms, including a centralised register, that would ensure financial planners found to have breached any law or professional standards in their employment are transparent, for both the sector and consumers, how financial services providers and companies have responded to misconduct in the industry and any other regulatory or legislative reforms that would prevent misconduct.

The closing date for submissions was 5 December 2014.

The Committee is due to report by the first sitting day of July 2015.

### ***Digital currency***

The Committee will inquire into how to develop an effective regulatory system for digital currency that: ascertains the most appropriate definition of digital currencies under Australian tax law, promotes competition and growth of the digital currency industry, ensures ongoing stability in the financial services industry, secures protection of consumers and businesses against illegal activity, incorporates digital currencies into Australia's national security framework, and ensures the financial stability of the industry.

The Committee will also examine the potential impact of digital currency technology on the Australian economy, including the payments sector, retail sector, and banking sector. It will also consider how Australia can take advantage of digital currency technology to establish itself as a market leader in this field.

The Committee is due to report by the first sitting day of March 2015.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

### ***Tax avoidance and aggressive minimisation***

The Committee will inquire into tax avoidance and aggressive minimisation by corporations registered in Australia and multinational corporations operating in Australia, with specific reference to the adequacy of Australia's current laws. The Committee will examine whether there is any need for greater transparency to deter tax avoidance and provide assurance that all companies are complying fully with Australia's tax laws, the broader economic impacts of this behaviour, beyond the direct effect on government revenue, and the opportunities to collaborate internationally and/or act unilaterally to address the problem.

The Committee will also assess the performance and capability of the ATO to investigate and launch litigation, in the wake of drastic budget cuts to staffing numbers and the role and performance of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission in working with corporations and supporting the ATO to protect public revenue.

The Committee is due to report by the first sitting day in June 2015.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on this inquiry is available [here](#).

### ***Insolvency in the Australian construction industry***

The Committee will examine amount of money lost by secured and unsecured creditors in the construction industry and related insolvencies, the effects, including the economic and social effects, of construction industry insolvencies, the causes of construction industry insolvencies; the incidence of 'phoenix companies' in the construction industry, their operation, their effects and the adequacy of the current law and regulatory framework to curb the practice of 'phoenixing'; the impact of insolvency in the construction industry on productivity in the industry, and the incidence and nature of criminal and civil misconduct related to construction industry insolvencies.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

Submission dates have not yet been finalised.

The Committee is due to report by 11 November 2015.

### ***Forestry managed investment schemes***

The Committee will examine the motivation and drivers that established the framework for forestry managed investment schemes, the role of governments in administering and regulating these schemes, the current policy and regulatory framework for the schemes and the role of some in the financial services industry in promoting and selling the schemes.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions is 15 December 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 25 June 2015.

### **Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee**

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#### **Fair Work Amendment (Bargaining Processes) Bill 2014**

The [Fair Work Amendment \(Bargaining Processes\) Bill 2014](#) amends the *Fair Work Act 2009* to provide for an additional approval requirement for enterprise agreements that are not greenfields agreements; require the Fair Work Commission (FWC) to have regard to a range of non-exhaustive factors to guide its assessment of whether an applicant for a protected action ballot order is genuinely trying to reach an agreement and provide that the FWC must not make a protected action ballot order when it is satisfied that the claims of an applicant are manifestly excessive or would have a significant adverse impact on workplace productivity.

The Committee is due to report by 25 March 2015.

### **Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

#### ***The operation, regulation and funding of private vocational education and training (VET) providers in Australia***

The Committee will examine the access private VET providers have to Commonwealth and state public funding and the cost of education at private VET providers, the regulatory regime private VET providers operate within, the operation of VET-FEE-HELP, the quality of education provided by private VET providers, volume of learning requirements and graduate outcomes, marketing and promotional techniques employed by providers and any incidents or allegations of non-compliance with regulation and funding arrangements at private VET providers,

The closing date for submissions is 13 February 2015.

The Committee will table interim reports to the Senate on 2 March 2015 and 15 June 2015.

The Committee is due to report by 10 August 2015.

**Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

***Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014***

The Committee will examine the [Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment \(Local Content\) Bill 2014](#). In so doing, the Committee will consider the importance of local content in Australia, and the role the ABC should play in the provision of such content and the recent efficiency savings imposed on the Corporation by the Government; the centralisation of the Corporation's operations to Sydney.

The closing date for submissions is 7 January 2015.

The Committee is due to report by 25 March 2015.

***Broadcasting and Other Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2014***

The Committee will examine the [Broadcasting and Other Legislation Amendment \(Deregulation\) Bill 2014](#). The reasons for the referral are that the removal of auditing requirements for Australian content has the potential to significantly impact the amount of Australian content in the local broadcast media landscape. In addition, there are significant concerns over the legislation's changes to captioning requirements. Both have the potential to significantly impact the viewing experience of Australian television content for local audiences.

The closing date for submissions was 10 December 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 9 February 2015.

***Enhancing Online Safety for Children Bill 2014 [Provisions] and the Enhancing Online Safety for Children (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014 [Provisions]***

The Committee will consider [Enhancing Online Safety for Children \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2014](#) and related legislation. This is the first legislation of this kind proposed in the Parliament. It amends the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* to provide the Children's e-safety Commissioner with certain information gathering powers; and five Acts to make consequential amendments.

The closing date for submissions is 12 January 2015.

The Committee is due to report by 3 March 2015.

***Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2014 and Telecommunications (Industry Levy) Amendment Bill 2014 [Provisions]***

The Committee will inquire into the [Telecommunications \(Industry Levy\) Amendment Bill 2014](#) and the [Telecommunications Legislation Amendment \(Deregulation\) Bill 2014](#).



These bills contain a number of legislative changes which have the potential to significantly change the operation of the telecommunications industry. In particular, Schedule 5 will remove a requirement for telcos to divulge the number of warrantless metadata requests they receive from law enforcement agencies. In order to ensure regulatory stability in the telecommunications industry and transparency of warrantless requests, the industry and consumers must be able to provide feedback on these bills in detail.

The closing date for submissions was 10 December 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 9 February 2015

### **Senate Environment and Communications References Committee**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

#### ***Australia's environment***

The Committee will examine “the Abbott Government's attacks on Australia's environment, and their effects on our natural heritage and future prosperity.”

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 1 September 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 10 October 2014.

#### ***Environmental Biosecurity***

The Committee will examine and report on the adequacy of arrangements to prevent the entry and establishment of invasive species likely to harm Australia's natural environment. It will focus on both recent biosecurity performance with respect to exotic organisms with the potential to harm the natural environment detected since 2000 and resulting from accidental or illegal introductions from overseas and Australia's state of preparedness for new environmental incursions.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions is was 2 August 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 3 December 2014.

#### ***National Landcare Program***

The Committee will inquire and report on the history, effectiveness, performance and future of the National Landcare Program. The Committee will also examine the implications of the 2014-15 Budget for land care programs, in particular, on contracts, scope, structure, outcomes of programs and long-term impact on natural resource management.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 8 August 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 29 October 2014.

### ***The performance and management of electricity network companies***

The Committee will inquire into the manner in which electricity network companies have presented information to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) and how electricity companies have calculated the weighted average cost of capital and how this measure has changed over time. The Committee will also seek to ascertain whether state-owned network companies have prioritised their focus on future privatisation proceeds above the interests of energy users and whether the arrangements for the regulation of the cost of capital are delivering allowed rates of return above the actual cost of capital.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 21 November 2014.

The Committee is due to report by the first sitting day in March 2015.

### **Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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### ***Department of Parliamentary Services***

The Committee will examine progress in implementing the recommendations of the committee's 2012 reports into the performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS), including workplace culture and employment issues, heritage management, building maintenance and asset management issues, and contract management, the senior management structure of DPS and arrangements to maintain the independence of the Parliamentary Librarian and oversight arrangements for security in the parliamentary precincts and security policies.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 5 September 2014.

The Committee is due to report by the seventh sitting day in March 2015.

### ***Parliamentary Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2014***

The [Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2014](#) amends the Parliamentary Service Act 1999 to provide that the Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police (AFP), or a Deputy Commissioner or a senior executive AFP employee who is nominated by the Presiding Officers, may be a member of the Security Management Board.

The closing date for submissions is 30 January 2015.

The Committee is due to report by the first sitting day in March 2015.

**Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

***Domestic Violence in Australia***

The Committee will examine and report on the prevalence and impact of domestic violence in Australia as it affects all Australians and, in particular, as it affects women living with a disability and women from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds. The Committee will also examine the factors contributing to the present levels of domestic violence, the adequacy of policy and community responses to domestic violence, and the effects of policy decisions regarding housing, legal services, and women's economic independence on the ability of women to escape domestic violence. Finally the Committee will report on how the Federal Government can best support, contribute to and drive the social, cultural and behavioural shifts required to eliminate violence against women and their children.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 31 July 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 2 March 2015.

**Senate Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

***Defence Legislation Amendment (Military Justice Enhancements—Inspector-General ADF) Bill 2014***

The Committee will inquire into the [Defence Legislation Amendment \(Military Justice Enhancements—Inspector-General ADF\) Bill](#) to provide an opportunity to canvass the proposal and the benefits it brings to the Australian Defence Force in efficiency, transparency and accountability.

The closing date for submissions is 30 January 2015.

The Committee is due to report by 3 March 2015.



***Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Direct Lending and Other Measures) Bill 2014***

The Committee will inquire into the [Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment \(Direct Lending and Other Measures\) Bill 2014](#). The Bill amends the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act 1991 to expand the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation's (EFIC) powers to enable direct lending for export transactions involving all goods (not just capital goods); and require EFIC to pay a debt neutrality charge or guarantee fee, and a tax equivalent payment, in relation to all its operation

The closing date for submissions is 16 January 2015.

The Committee is due to report by 11 February 2015.

**Senate Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade References Committee**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

***The Commonwealth's treaty-making process***

The Committee will inquire into the Commonwealth's treaty-making process, particularly in light of the growing number of bilateral and multilateral trade agreements Australian governments have entered into or are currently negotiating.

The Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions is 27 February 2015.

The Committee is due to report by 18 June 2015.

***The delivery and effectiveness of Australia's bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea***

The Committee will inquire into, among other things, the political, economic and social objectives of Australia's aid, the role of multilateral and regional organisations, non-government organisations, Australian civil society and other donors, and the scope for increasing private sector involvement in sustainable economic growth and reducing poverty.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions is 27 March 2015.

The Committee is due to report by 26 November 2015.

***The potential use by the Australian Defence Force of unmanned air, maritime and land platforms***

The Committee will inquire into the potential use by the Australian Defence Force of unmanned air, maritime and land platforms, with particular reference to: their role in intelligence, reconnaissance and

surveillance operations, including in support of border security, civil emergencies and regional cooperation, their cost- and combat-effectiveness in relation to conventional military platforms and the Government's force structure review and defence capability plan.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions is 6 February 2015.

The Committee is due to report by 25 June 2015.

### **Senate Select Committee on Health**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

The Select Committee into Health will inquire into and report on health policy, administration and expenditure.

The closing date for submissions was 19 September 2014.

The Committee is due to report by June 2016.

### **Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

#### ***Criminal Code Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2013***

The [Criminal Code Amendment \(Harming Australians\) Bill 2013](#) extends existing provisions under the Criminal Code Act 1995 that make it an offence to harm Australians overseas. The original provisions were introduced in October 2002, following the Bali bombings. The aim of these provisions was to allow for prosecution of individuals who harm Australians outside Australia (either through murder or manslaughter, or through intentional or reckless behaviour) to be brought to justice.

These provisions commenced on 1 October 2002, and apply only to offences committed after this date. This Bill gives the Act retrospective operation.

The closing date for submissions was 21 January 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 4 December 2014.

#### ***Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013***

The inquiry will examine the [Criminal Code Amendment \(Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor\) Bill 2013](#), which makes it an offence for a person who is over 18 years of age to misrepresent their age to a person they reasonably believe to be under 16 years of age and applies to online communication.

The Committee is due to report by 4 December 2014.

***Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014***

The [Migration Amendment \(Protecting Babies Born in Australia\) Bill 2014](#) amends the *Migration Act 1958* to provide that a person will have been deemed not to have entered Australia by sea if they entered the migration zone and landed in an aircraft or if the person was born in the migration zone.

The closing date for submissions was 29 August 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 10 February 2015.

***Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014***

The [Guardian For Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014](#) establishes the Office of the Guardian for Unaccompanied Non-citizen Children; provides for the appointment, functions and powers of the guardian; provides for staff, consultants and reporting requirements; and amends the *Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946* and *Migration Act 1958* to make consequential amendments.

The Committee is due to report by 5 February 2015.

***Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (Improved Oversight and Resourcing) Bill 2014***

The Committee will examine [The Independent National Security Legislation Monitor \(Improved Oversight and Resourcing\) Bill 2014](#). The Bill amends the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Act 2010 to enable the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor to review proposed counter-terrorism and national security legislation; require the monitor to consider whether counter-terrorism and national security legislation is a proportionate response to the national security threat faced

The closing date for submissions was 30 October 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 5 March 2015.

**Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

***Comprehensive revision of Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979***

The Committee will undertake a comprehensive revision of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979, with regard to: the recommendations of the Australian Law Reform Commission For [Your Information: Australian Privacy Law and Practice report](#), particularly recommendation 71.2, and

recommendations relating to the Act from the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security Inquiry into [the potential reforms of Australia's National Security Legislation report](#), May 2013.

The Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 27 February 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 12 February 2015.

***The ability of Australian law enforcement authorities to eliminate gun-related violence in the community***

The Committee will examine the ability of Australian law enforcement authorities to eliminate gun-related violence in the community, with reference to the estimated number of illegal guns in Australia, the operation and consequences of the illicit firearms trade and the adequacy of current laws and resourcing to enable authorities to respond to technological advances in gun technology.

The closing date for submissions was 15 August 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 26 March 2015.

***Work undertaken by the Australian Federal Police's Oil for Food Taskforce***

The Committee will examine and report on the work undertaken by the Australian Federal Police's Oil for Food Taskforce and the level of resourcing that was provided and used by the taskforce.

The Committee is due to report by 19 March 2015.

**Senate Standing Committee on Privileges**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

***Possible imposition of a penalty on a witness before the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee***

In the context of an inquiry by the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee into aviation accident investigations and Budget estimates hearings of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee in May 2013, the Committee will examine whether disciplinary action was taken against either a witness before the committee or a person providing information to the committee and if so, whether any contempt was committed in respect of those matters.

**Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

### ***Biosecurity Bill 2014 and related Bills***

The Committee will examine the Biosecurity Bill 2014, the Biosecurity (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014, the Quarantine Charges (Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2014, the Quarantine Charges (Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2014 and the Quarantine Charges (Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2014.

Links to all the bills are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions is 16 January 2015.

The Committee is due to report by 17 March 2015.

### ***Performance of Airservices Australia***

The Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee is conducting an inquiry into the performance of Airservice Australia under Standing Order 25 (2) (a).

### **Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

### ***Airport and aviation security***

The Committee will inquire into and report on recent media reports on apparent breaches in airport and aviation security at Australian airports, the responses to those reports from the Government, regulators, airports and other key stakeholders, and the adequacy of those responses and whether there are further measures that ought to be taken to enhance airport security and the safety of the travelling public. It will also examine the findings of, and responses to, reports undertaken into airport security issues since 2000.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions is 16 January 2015.

The Committee is due to report by 26 April 2015.

### ***Aspects of road safety in Australia***

The Committee will inquire into and report on the social and economic cost of road-related injury and death, the importance of design standards on imported vehicles, as Australian vehicle manufacturing winds down, the impact of new technologies and advancements in understanding of vehicle design and road safety and the different considerations affecting road safety in urban, regional and rural areas.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).



The closing date for submissions is 27 February 2015.

The Committee is due to report by 9 September 2015.

### ***Australian Grain Networks***

The Committee will inquire into grain export networks, including the on- and off-farm storage, transport, handling and export of Australian grain, with particular reference to the principles and practices underpinning an efficient grain supply chain from farm-gate to port, grain marketing and export arrangements and their impact on farm-gate returns, competition constraints on grain transport, storage and handling services and the extent to which transport, storage and handling arrangements are transparent and accountable

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 4 June 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 3 December 2014.

### ***Current and future arrangements for the marketing of Australian sugar***

The Committee will examine the impact of proposed changes on the local sugar industry, including the effect on grower economic interest sugar. It will inquire into equitable access to essential infrastructure, foreign ownership levels in the industry and the potential to impact on the interests of the Australian sugar industry.

The committee will report on whether there is an emerging need for formal powers under Commonwealth competition and consumer laws, in particular, whether there are adequate protections for grower-producers against market imbalances.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions is 13 October 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 30 April 2015.

### ***Industry structures and systems governing the imposition of and disbursement of marketing and research and development (R&D) levies in the agricultural sector***

The Committee will inquire into industry structures and systems governing the imposition of and disbursement of marketing and research and development (R&D) levies in the agricultural sector, with particular reference to the basis on which levies are imposed, collected and used, competing pressures for finite R&D funds, the opportunities levy payers have to influence the investment of the levies and the opportunities levy payers have to approve and reapprove the imposition of levies.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).



The closing date for submissions is 20 October 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 30 June 2015.

### ***Australia's transport energy resilience and sustainability***

The Committee will examine options for introducing mandatory oil stockholdings, the role of Government in ensuring Australian energy for Australians, including maintaining refinery capability and Australia's role and responsibility regarding energy security as a member of various multilateral fora.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions is 10 November 2014.

The Committee is due to report by the first sitting day in March 2015.

### ***The current requirements for labelling of seafood and seafood products***

The Committee will examine whether the current requirements provide consumers with sufficient information to make informed choices, allow for best-practice traceability of product chain-of-custody and allow domestic seafood producers to compete on even terms with imported seafood products.

The Committee will have regard to the regulations in other jurisdictions and the need for consistent definitions and use of terms in product labelling, and will take into account Food and Agriculture Organisation guidelines and the need for labelling for cooked or pre-prepared seafood products and recommendations for the provision of consumer information.

The Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 1 August 2014.

The Committee is due to report by 18 December 2014.

### **Senate Select Committee on the National Broadband Network**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

On 14 November 2013 the Senate established a Select Committee on the National Broadband Network to inquire into and report on the Government's reviews of the National Broadband Network (NBN) and the governance of NBN Co, with interim reports as the committee sees fit and a final report on or before 10 June 2014.

On 14 May 2014, the Senate agreed to extend the date for the presentation of the final report to the last sitting day of the 44th Parliament. The committee has subsequently agreed to continue accepting submissions.

## **Senate Select Committee into the Abbott Government's Budget Cuts**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

That Committee will inquire into the effect of cuts or changes in the Commonwealth budget, with interim reports as the committee sees fit and a final report on or before 20 June 2016, with particular reference to:

- any reductions in access to services provided by the Commonwealth;
- the provision of other services, programs or benefits provided by the Government affected by the budget;
- Commonwealth – state relations and the impact of decreased Commonwealth investment on service delivery by the states;
- the fairness and efficiency of revenue raising;
- the structural budget balance over the forward estimates and the next 10 years;
- the reduced investment in scientific research and infrastructure and its impact on future productivity;
- public sector job cuts;
- the impact of the budget on retirement incomes and pensions;
- intergenerational mobility;
- the impact of the budget on young people and students; and
- the impact of the budget on households.

## **Senate Select Committee on Certain Aspects of Queensland Government Administration**

The Committee will inquire and report on the amount of Commonwealth funds paid to the State of Queensland since 26 March 2012 and the manner in which they were spent, the administration of the courts and judicial system, approval processes for development and coal seam gas projects, the extent to which Queensland State Government policies and practices are consistent with Australia's obligations under international environmental law instruments and the administration of prisons and human rights issues surrounding detention without trial.

The Committee will consist of five members but only one from the Government.

The Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The Committee is due to report by 27 March 2015.





## House Committees

### **House Standing Committee on Agriculture and Industry**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

#### ***Circumvention of anti-dumping laws***

The Committee will examine the scope, prevalence and impact of circumvention practices by foreign exporters and Australian importers, especially from the perspective of Australian businesses, the operation of the anti-circumvention framework since its introduction in June 2013 including its accessibility, use by Australian businesses, recent amendments and effectiveness to date, practices that circumvent anti-dumping measures and the models for addressing practices administered by other anti-dumping jurisdictions and areas which require further consideration or development including the effectiveness of anti-dumping measures and the range and scope of circumvention activities.

The Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The Committee has not published date for reporting.

### **House Standing Committee on Economics**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

#### ***Review of the Reserve Bank Annual Report 2014***

The Standing Committee on Economics, which can inquire into and report on any annual reports referred to it by the House of Representatives, has agreed to undertake an inquiry into the 2013 Annual Report of the Reserve Bank of Australia.

The Committee will continue to review the 2013 Annual Report.

#### ***Review of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Annual Report 2014***

The Standing Committee on Economics, which can inquire into and report on any annual reports referred to it by the House of Representatives, has agreed to undertake an inquiry into the 2013 Annual Report of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority.

### **House Standing Committee on the Environment**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

#### ***Inquiry into streamlining environmental regulation, 'green tape', and one stop shops***

The Committee will examine environmental regulation, specifically jurisdictional arrangements, regulatory requirements and the potential for deregulation, the balance between regulatory burdens

and environmental benefits areas for improved efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework and legislation governing environmental regulation, and the potential for deregulation.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 30 April 2014.

### **House Standing Committee on Health**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

#### ***Inquiry into skin cancer in Australia***

The Committee on Health will inquire into melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers and report on options to improve implementation of evidence-based best practice treatment and management, strategies to enhance early diagnosis, effective strategies for prevention and the need to increase levels of awareness in the community and among healthcare professionals.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 28 March 2014.

#### ***Inquiry into Hepatitis C in Australia***

The Standing Committee on Health will inquire into and report on Hepatitis C in Australia. In particular, the Committee will examine prevalence rates of Hepatitis C in Australia, Hepatitis C early testing and treatment options, the costs associated with treating the short term and long term impacts of Hepatitis C in the community, methods to improve prevention of new Hepatitis C infections, and methods to reduce the stigma associated with a positive diagnosis.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions is 27 February 2015.

The Committee has not published a date for reporting.

### **House Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

#### ***Inquiry into the harmful use of alcohol in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities***

The Committee will inquire into and report on the harmful use of alcohol in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The inquiry will focus on patterns of supply of, and demand for alcohol in different Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, age groups and genders, the social and

economic determinants of harmful alcohol use across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, trends and prevalence of alcohol related harm, including alcohol-fuelled violence and impacts on newborns e.g. Foetal Alcohol Syndrome and Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

The Committee will also examine best practice strategies, treatments and support for minimising alcohol misuse and alcohol-related harm, best practice strategies to minimise alcohol misuse and alcohol-related harm, and in so doing will include international and domestic comparisons.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 17 April 2014.

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

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

#### ***Inquiry into High Speed Rail Planning Authority Bill 2013***

On Thursday 12 December 2013, the House Selection Committee referred a private member's bill to the Committee for inquiry and report - *the High Speed Rail Planning Authority Bill 2013*.

On 9 December 2013 Shadow Minister for Infrastructure the Hon. Anthony Albanese MP introduced a private member's bill to protect the 1 748 kilometre rail corridor for the HSR project.

The Bill would establish the High-Speed Rail Planning Authority as a vehicle for long-term Commonwealth leadership to progress this project, made up of federal, state and industry stakeholders. The body would be similar to the High Speed Rail Advisory Group established by the former Labor Government which was abolished by the Coalition Government.

The terms of reference are the text of the bill, which can be accessed, together with the explanatory memorandum and the second reading speech, are available [here](#).

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on High Speed Rail is available [here](#).

#### ***Inquiry into the use of subsection 313(3) of the Telecommunications Act 1997 by government agencies to disrupt the operation of illegal online services***

The Committee will examine Section 313 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* which provides Australian government agencies (including state government agencies) with the ability to obtain assistance from the telecommunications industry when upholding Australian laws.

The terms of reference are available [here](#).



## **Standing Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

### ***Inquiry into whether the former Member for Dobell deliberately misled the House***

The Committee will investigate whether in the course of his statement of 21 May 2012, and having regard to the findings of the Melbourne Magistrates Court on 18 February 2014 in relation to Mr Thomson, the former Member for Dobell, Mr Craig Thomson, deliberately misled the House.

## **House Standing Committee on Procedure**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

### ***Inquiry into the maintenance of the Standing and Sessional Orders***

The Committee will inquire into and report on the maintenance of the standing and sessional orders of the House of Representatives.

### ***The role and operations of the Federation Chamber***

The Committee recommended the establishment of the Main Committee (later Federation Chamber) in its 1993 report, 'About Time', to alleviate pressure on the time of the House and enable more time for consideration of legislation. The Main Committee first met on 8 June 1994. After 20 years of operation, the Procedure Committee will examine the evolution of the Federation Chamber, its effectiveness in the current Parliament and how the role of the Federation Chamber could be enhanced.

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

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

### ***Parliamentary Inquiry into the Child Support Program***

The Committee will consider whether any problems experienced by payers or payees of child support impact on the majority of parents and other carers involved in the system, or a minority, and make recommendations accordingly.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 4 July 2014.



## **House Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

### ***Inquiry into Tax Disputes***

The Committee will report on disputes between taxpayers and the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), and will examine collecting revenues due, fair treatment and respect of taxpayers, the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency, from the perspective of both taxpayers and the ATO, and how the ATO supports the outcomes of efficiency, effectiveness and transparency through the use and publication of performance information.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

## **Joint Committees**

### **Joint Select Committee on the Australia Fund Establishment**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

The Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on the Australia Fund Establishment was established on 23 September 2014. The Committee sought submissions in relation to matters concerning the Australia Fund Establishment to support rural and manufacturing industries.

The Committee is yet to report.

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

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

### ***Inquiry into the jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity***

The Committee will inquire into the jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI).

The Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 14 May 2014.

### **Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

The Committee will inquire into and report on steps that can be taken to progress towards a successful referendum on Indigenous constitutional recognition.



A schedule of public hearings is available [here](#).

The terms of reference/outline of the role of the committee is available [here](#).

The Committee reports by 30 June each year.

### **Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

#### ***Inquiry into proposals to lift the professional, ethical and education standards in the financial services industry***

The Committee will examine the adequacy of current qualifications required by financial advisers, the implications, including implications for competition and the cost of regulation for industry participants of the financial advice sector being required to adopt professional standards or rules of professional conduct which would govern the professional and ethical behaviour of financial advisers, professional regulation of such standards or rules and the recognition of professional bodies by ASIC.

### **Joint Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

#### ***Inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relationships with countries of the Middle East***

The Committee will consider the nature of Australia's existing trade and investment relationships with countries of the Middle East and emerging and possible future trends in these relationships.

The Committee will also examine barriers and impediments to trade and investment with Middle Eastern countries for Australian businesses, including examination of supply chain costs and opportunities for deepening existing commercial and cultural links, and developing new ones, with the countries of the Middle East.

Finally, the Committee will consider the role of government, including DFAT and Austrade, in identifying new opportunities and assisting Australian companies to access existing and potential opportunities in the Middle East.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

#### ***Review of the Defence Annual Report 2013-2014***

The Committee will review the to review the [Department of Defence Annual Report 2013-2014](#) , having particular regard to submarine capability, the Defence Materiel Organisation and Capability

Development Group, asset management, the Defence Cooperation Program and air combat capability.

The closing date for submissions is 9 February 2015.

***Inquiry into the human right issues confronting women and girls in the Indian Ocean – Asia Pacific region***

The Committee will examine the barriers and impediments to enhancing the human rights of women and girls in the Indian Ocean - Asia Pacific region, especially regarding the impact of family and sexual violence, women's leadership and economic opportunities. The Committee will also review the achievements to date in advancing women and girls' human rights in these key areas and will consider the implications for economic and social development in the Indian Ocean - Asia Pacific region of promoting women and girls' human rights.

Finally the Committee will also examine the effectiveness of Australian programs to support efforts to improve the human rights of women and girls in the Indian Ocean - Asia Pacific region.

***Inquiry into the role of the private sector in promoting economic growth and reducing poverty in the Indo-Pacific region***

The Committee will examine the current role of the private sector in accelerating the pace of economic growth and in reducing poverty in poor countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

It will look at current Australian Government support for private sector development through bilateral and multilateral investments, any legislative, institutional, social and policy constraints that may reduce the ability of private sector agencies to engage in development and additional partnerships, activities or financial instruments the Australian government could use to enhance the role of the private sector in development in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Committee will also examine the role of public-private partnerships in leveraging private sector investment in developing countries and the role Australian and international businesses could play to support development and inclusive growth in partner countries.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 8 May 2014.

The last hearing was held on 1 December 2014.

***Inquiry into Government Support for Australian Defence Industry Exports***

The Committee will inquire into and report on Government support for Australian Defence industry exports, including identification of barriers and impediments to the growth of Australia's Defence exports, how Government can better engage and assist Australian Defence industry to export its products, the operations of the Defence Export Control Office and an assessment of the export support given to Defence industry by governments of comparable nations.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

## **Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence and Security**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

### ***Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill 2014***

The Committee will inquire into and report on the [Telecommunications \(Interception and Access\) Amendment \(Data Retention\) Bill 2014](#). The proposal to introduce a mandatory data retention scheme was explored in depth in the Committee's 2013 Report of the Inquiry into Potential Reforms of Australia's National Security Legislation.

The closing date for submissions is 19 January 2015.

The next hearing will be held on 17 December 2014.

The Committee is expected to table its report on 27 February 2015.

### ***Review of the listing of Al-Murabitun***

The Committee will inquire into and report on the listing of Al-Murabitun as a terrorist organisation.

Section 102.1A of the Criminal Code Act 1995 provides that the Committee may review a regulation which lists an organisation as a terrorist organisation and report its comments and recommendations to each House of the Parliament before the end of the applicable disallowance period for the House.

The closing date for submissions was 24 November 2014.

### ***Review of Administration and Expenditure No.13 (2013-2014)***

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security is required under Section 29 (1)(a) of the Intelligence Services Act 2001, to conduct an annual review of the administration, expenditure and financial statements of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS), Australian Signals Directorate (ASD-formerly the Defence Signals Directorate), Defence Intelligence Organisation (DIO), Defence Imagery Geospatial Organisation (DIGO) and the Office of National Assessments (ONA).

The closing date for submissions was 28 November 2014.



## **Joint Committee on Law Enforcement**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

### *Inquiry into financial related crime*

The committee will examine the effectiveness of current Commonwealth law enforcement legislation and administrative arrangements that target serious and organised financial related crime including money laundering and identity fraud.

The committee will examine the character, prevalence and impact of financial related crime in Australia, the methods and practices used by the perpetrators and the involvement of organised crime, the operation and effectiveness of Commonwealth legislation, administrative arrangements and law enforcement strategies, the role of the Australian Crime Commission and the Australian Federal Police in detecting financial related crime and the interaction of Commonwealth, state and territory legislation and law enforcement activity.

The Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

The closing date for submissions was 9 May 2014.

The last hearing was held on 10 September 2014.

## **Joint Standing Committee on Migration**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

### *Inquiry into the Business Innovation and Investment Programme (BIIP)*

Joint Standing Committee on Migration

The inquiry will assess whether the BIIP is meeting its intended objectives and if any adjustments are necessary, consider the conditions involved in the decline in rates of application for the BIIP, in light of rates of application for the previous Business Skills Program and evaluate the current eligibility criteria, with particular regard to the operation of the BIIP points test, and its effectiveness in selecting suitable migrants.

The inquiry will also weigh the size of the current BIIP programme against the emphasis placed on other elements of the skilled stream of the migration programme in generating economic growth.

The full Terms of Reference are available [here](#).

## **Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

### ***Review of the National Capital Authority: Biannual Public Briefings***

The Committee is empowered to inquire into the National Capital Authority (NCA) through its Resolution of Appointment which provides for the Annual Reports of the NCA to stand referred to the Committee for any inquiry the Committee may resolve to adopt. The committee is committed to holding a public hearing with the NCA every six months to canvass matters of interest.

The last briefing was held on 17 July 2014.

## **Joint Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Audit**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

### ***Review of Auditor General's Reports 42, 43, 48, 50, 52 (2013-14)***

On Thursday 25 September 2014, the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit resolved to review the following audit reports in detail:

- Audit Report No. 42 (2013-14) [Screening of International Mail](#)
- Audit Report No. 43 (2013-14) [Managing Compliance with \*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999\* Conditions of Approval](#)
- Audit Report No. 48 (2013-14) [Administration of the Australian Business Register](#)
- Audit Report No. 50 (2013-14) [Cyber Attacks: Securing Agencies' ICT Systems](#)
- Audit Report No. 52 (2013-14) [Multi-Role Helicopter Program](#)

### ***Review of Auditor-General's Report No 9 (2014-15)***

The Committee will review the Auditor-General's [Report No. 9 \(2014-15\) \*The Design and Conduct of the Third and Fourth Funding Rounds of the Regional Development Australia Fund\*](#). The Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) was established in early 2011 as a nationally competitive, merit-based grants program with discrete funding rounds. RDAF was one of the initiatives established to deliver on the then Government's September 2010 agreement with the Independent Members for Lyne and New England

The closing date for submissions is 13 February 2015.

### ***Review of the 2012-13 Defence Material Organisation Major Projects Report***

The Committee will conduct its sixth Annual Public Hearing on the 2012-13 Major Projects Report on Thursday, 20 March 2014. The report aims to provide accessible, transparent and accurate information

about the state of Australia's largest defence acquisition projects with a total approved budget of \$44.3billion. Projects reported on include the Air Warfare Destroyers, Joint Strike Fighters, Collins Class Submarines Sustainability and Reliability, MRH90 Helicopters, Armidale Class patrolboats, and Bushmaster Vehicles. A copy of the report can be accessed from the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) website.

### **Joint Standing Committee on Public Works**

[Committee homepage](#) | [Committee membership](#)

The Committee is examining the following projects:

#### [Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Finance, Australian Capital Territory](#)

**Status:** *Accepting Submissions*

**Date Referred:** *03 December 2014*

**Submissions Close:** *22 January 2015*

#### [Hamilton Island Replacement Fire Station Project](#)

**Status:** *Accepting Submissions*

**Date Referred:** *03 December 2014*

**Submissions Close:** *22 January 2015*

#### [Project AIR7000 Phase 2B - Maritime Patrol Aircraft Replacement Project](#)

**Status:** *Accepting Submissions*

**Date Referred:** *28 October 2014*

**Submissions Close:** *12 December 2014*

#### [Project AIR9000 Phase 7 - Helicopter Aircrew Training System \(HATS\) Facilities Project](#)

**Status:** *Accepting Submissions*

**Date Referred:** *28 October 2014*

**Submissions Close:** *12 December 2014*

#### [The Cox Peninsula Remediation Project](#)

**Status:** *Accepting Submissions*

**Date Referred:** *03 December 2014*

**Submissions Close:** *22 January 2015*



### **Further information**

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on Parliamentary Committees and inquiries is available [here](#).

The Hawker Britton guide to participating in Parliamentary inquiries is available [here](#).

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the new Senate from 1 July 2014 is available [here](#).

The Senate Committee homepage can be accessed [here](#).