



## Standing Committees

In order to properly hold the government of the day accountable and to better inform the Houses on matters of public interest, the South Australian Parliament has established a series of Standing Committees of Members of both Houses. These committees are in addition to any Select or Joint Committees that might be established for the purposes of an ad hoc inquiry. Standing Committees are established under the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1991*, which provides for ten Standing Committees, five are administered by the House of Assembly and five by the Legislative Council.

The appointing House or Houses determines membership to these Committees and appointments are made for the life of the Parliament.

Standing Committees inquire into specific matters or areas referred to it by either of the following methods:

- a motion from the appointing House(s);
- a direction from the Governor; or
- the Committee's own motion.

### **Crime and Public Integrity Committee**

The Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee examines the performance of functions and exercise of powers by the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Ombudsman and the Office for Public Integrity; and whether the operation of the legislation has made an appreciable difference to the prevention or minimisation of corruption, misconduct or maladministration in public administration. It examines all reports on a review by the Inspector of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Ombudsman and the Office for Public Integrity, and may refer matters for review. It is to inquire into and consider the operation of the *Police Complaints and Discipline Act 2016*. It also examines the effectiveness of serious and organised crime legislation in disrupting and restricting the activities of organisations involved in serious crime and protecting members of the public from violence associated with such organisations. It is to report to both Houses on any matter of public policy arising out of an examination of a report or inquiry and may recommend change. The Committee comprises six members; three from the House of Assembly and three from the Legislative Council and is administered by the Legislative Council.

### **Economic and Finance Committee**

The Economic and Finance Committee may inquire into and may report on any matter concerned with finance or economic development; the organization and efficiency of any area of public sector operations or any publicly funded body, other than a statutory authority and any matter concerned with the regulation of business or any other economic activity. The Committee also has a number of statutory functions. The Committee comprises seven Members of the House of Assembly and is administered by the House of Assembly.

### **Environment, Resources and Development Committee**

The Environment, Resources and Development Committee may inquire into and may report on any matter concerned with the environment, the conservation and utilisation of the resources of the State and planning, land use and transportation issues. The Committee also has a number of statutory functions. The Committee comprises six Members; three from the House of Assembly and three from the Legislative Council and is administered by the House of Assembly.

### **Legislative Review Committee**

The Legislative Review Committee may inquire into aspects of legal, constitutional or parliamentary reform or the administration of justice and any Act or subordinate legislation, or part of any Act or subordinate legislation, in respect of which provision has been made for its expiry at some future time. The Committee also considers and reports on subordinate legislation referred to it by the *Legislative Instruments Act 1978*, and may inquire into, consider and report on petitions referred to it for review. The Committee is also responsible for matters concerned with inter-government relations. The Committee comprises six Members; three from the House of Assembly and three from the Legislative Council and is administered by the Legislative Council.

### **Natural Resources Committee**

The Natural Resources Committee may inquire into and report on the protection, improvement and enhancement of the natural resources of the State and the extent to which it is possible to adopt an integrated approach to the use and management of the natural resources in accordance with the principles of ecologically sustainable use, development and protection; and also the extent to which the objectives for the rehabilitation of the River Murray are being achieved pursuant to the *River Murray Act 2003*. The Committee comprises seven Members; four from the House of Assembly and three from the Legislative Council and is administered by the House of Assembly.

### **Parliamentary Committee on Occupational Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation**

This Committee is required to keep the administration and operation of the *Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act 1986*, the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1986*, and other legislation affecting occupational health, safety, welfare, occupational rehabilitation or compensation, under continuous review; and, in particular, examine regulations that may allow for the performance of statutory functions by private bodies or persons. The Committee comprises six Members; three from the House of Assembly and three from the Legislative Council. It meets on an ad hoc basis and is administered by the House of Assembly.

### **Public Works Committee**

The Public Works Committee must inquire into, consider and report on any public work referred to, including; the purpose, necessity or advisability of the work; the revenue-producing character and prospective public value; the recurrent or whole-of-life costs associated and estimated net effect on the Consolidated Account; and the efficiency and progress of construction. The Committee comprises five Members of the House of Assembly and is administered by the House of Assembly.

### **Social Development Committee**

The Social Development Committee may inquire into and report on any matter concerned with the health, welfare or education of the people of South Australia, any aspect of occupational safety or industrial relations or the arts, sport or cultural development. The Committee is also sometimes required under various legislation to inquire into certain matters. The Committee comprises six members; three from the House of Assembly and three from the Legislative Council and is administered by the Legislative Council.

### **Statutory Authorities Review Committee**

The Statutory Authorities Review Committee may inquire into and report on any aspect of the operations of statutory authorities. The Committee comprises five Members of the Legislative Council and is administered by the Legislative Council.

### **Statutory Officers Committee**

The Statutory Officers Committee is responsible for inquiring into and reporting on the suitability of any person for appointment to an office which is filled by way of a recommendation of both Houses such as the Ombudsman, Electoral Commissioner, Independent Commissioner Against Corruption and Judicial Conduct Commissioner. The Committee comprises six Members; three from the House of Assembly and three from the Legislative Council. It meets on an ad hoc basis and is administered by the Legislative Council.

## **General Information**

### **Committee Meetings**

The Standing Committees meet both in the parliamentary precinct and off-site as the need arises. The proceedings are usually open to the public when the Committee is hearing evidence but closed during the Committee's deliberations.

### **Committee Powers**

Committees are established by legislation which provides them with powers, privileges and immunities such as the power to compel witnesses and the production of documents.

### **Committee Reports**

All reports of the Standing Committees are tabled in their appointing House(s) and are available from the relevant [Committee's webpage](#). All reports tabled in the House of Assembly are also available on the House of Assembly [Tabled Papers and Petitions database](#).

# Further Information

Further information on standing committees and current inquiries can be found on the Parliament of South Australia website at [www.parliament.sa.gov.au](http://www.parliament.sa.gov.au).

Individual committees can be contacted as shown below:

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