



STANDING COMMITTEES

In order to properly hold the government of the day accountable and to better inform the House 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 Committee that might be established for the purposes of an ad hoc inquiry. The Standing Committees are established under the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1991*.

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);
- The Committee's own motion; or
- A direction from the Governor.

The *Parliamentary Committees Act* provides for nine Standing Committees, five are administered by the House of Assembly and four by the Legislative Council.

ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Economic and Finance Committee inquires 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 inquires into and may report on any matter concerned with the environment, the conservation and utilization of the resources of the State, and planning, land use and transportation. 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.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION (PCOSRC)

The PCOSRC is required to keep the *Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act 1986* and the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1986* under review. 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.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Committee must inquire and report on any public work referred to it. The Committee comprises five Members of the House of Assembly and is administered by the House of Assembly.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Natural Resources Committee may require into and report on the protection, improvement and enhancement of the natural resources of the State and in particular 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.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Legislative Review Committee may inquire into any aspect of legal, constitutional or parliamentary reform or the administration of justice. The Committee is required to consider all sub-ordinate legislation (regulations, rules and by-laws) and 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.

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 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. The Committee comprises six Members, three from the House of Assembly and three from the Legislative Council and is administered by the Legislative Council.

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

A Committee has the same powers, privileges and immunities as the House(s) that established them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All reports of the Standing Committees are tabled in their appointing House(s) and are available from each Committee's page on the Parliament of South Australia website or by contacting the House of Assembly's Bills and Papers Office or the Legislative Council's Papers Office.

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Parliamentary Committee on Occupational Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation	Tel (08) 8237 9223
Legislative Review Committee	Tel (08) 8237 9415
Social Development Committee	Tel (08) 8237 9416 Email sdc@parliament.sa.gov.au
National Resources Committee	Tel (08) 8237 9233 Email NRC.Assembly@parliament.sa.gov.au
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