



PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

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MINISTERIAL COMMITTEES

The Government has established three Ministerial co-ordinating committees with functions as indicated below:

. Parliamentary Business Committee

To develop and monitor the legislative program for each Parliamentary sitting and to oversee the Parliamentary proceedings and priorities.

. Expenditure Review Committee

To examine expenditure proposals in the light of overall Cabinet budget strategy, and to advise Cabinet on budget expenditure priorities. Major expenditure proposals will be dealt with on the recommendation of the Expenditure Review Committee and in the budget context so that competing priorities can be assessed.

. Legislation Committee

Together with the Minister responsible, to review all legislation prior to introduction to ensure that its content conforms with approved drafting instructions.

Also six Ministerial functional committees have been established:

Economic Policy
Industry
Infrastructure
Social Policy
Legal and Administrative
Defence and External Relations.

As a general rule matters to be considered by Cabinet will be referred first to one of the functional committees. Matters will be referred on the basis of their essential character rather than simply by reference to the departments from which they originate.

A National and International Security Committee has also been established as a sub-committee of the Defence and External Relations Committee. This Committee will consider and report as appropriate to the Defence and External Relations Committee, the Cabinet or the Prime Minister on security sensitive matters affecting defence and international relations.

The membership of the Committees is set out in the attachment.

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES

Parliamentary Business

Prime Minister*
Mr Bowen^ø
Senator Button
Senator Grimes
Mr Willis
Mr Keating
Mr Young
Senator Evans

Expenditure Review

Prime Minister*
Mr Willis
Mr Keating^ø
Senator Walsh
Mr Dawkins

Legislation

Senator Evans*
Mr Scholes
Mr Duffy

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES

Economic Policy

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Mr Bowen
Senator Button
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Mr Keating^ø
Mr Hayden
Mr Kerin
Mr Dawkins

Industry

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Senator Button^ø
Mr Willis
Mr Keating
Senator Walsh
Mr Kerin
Mr Hurford
Mr Dawkins
Mr Jones
Mr Howe

Infrastructure

Prime Minister*
Senator Button^ø
Mr Morris
Mr Beazley
Mr Hurford
Mr Dawkins
Mr Jones
Mr Duffy
Mr Cohen
Mr Uren

Social Policy

Prime Minister*
Senator Grimes^ø
Mr West
Senator Ryan
Mr Hurford
Mr Brown
Mr Dawkins
Mr Blewett
Mr Holding
Senator Gietzelt

Legal and Administrative

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Mr Young
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Defence & External Relations

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National and International Security Sub-Committee

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