

## Legislation Committee Membership

### Committee Members – As at 03/11/2022

#### Chair

Senator Jess Walsh



Australian Labor Party, VIC – elected 2019

- **2001 PhD Thesis (Uni of Melb):** Organising the low-wage service sector: labor, community and urban politics in the United States.
- **Research Fellow:**
  - Institute for Policy Studies, John Hopkins University (USA), 1998 to 1999
  - Economic Policy Institute, Washington DC (USA), 1999 to 2000
- Worked at United Voice (trade union for hospitality and childcare workers) from 2002 to 2019, rising to Victorian Secretary of United Voice.

#### Deputy Chair

Senator Andrew Bragg



Liberal Party of Australia, NSW – elected 2019

- **Currently in the news:** In a motion lead by Bragg, last week the Senate voted 43 to 20 in favour of an inquiry into ASIC. The matter was referred to the Economics References Committee (chaired by Bragg) which will report back by the end of June 2024.
- **Degrees:** Financial Regulation (Macq); Accounting (ANU) and International Relations (ANU).
- **Public policy interest.** Worked at Financial Services Council from 2009 to 2017, rising to Director of Policy.
- Executive Director of the Business Council of Australia from 2017 to 2018.
- **Author (Connor Court Publishers):**
  - **Fit for Service: Meeting the demand of the Asian middle class**, 2017
  - Andrew wrote the modern version of the "**Scrap Iron for Japan**" essay in Paul Ritchie's *Forgotten People Updated*, 2018
  - **Bad Egg: how to fix super**, 2020
  - **Buraadja: The Liberal Case for National Reconciliation**

## Member

Senator Nick McKim



Australian Greens, TAS – elected 2016

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- **Currently in the news:** Greens Treasury spokesperson Nick McKim accused the RBA of “running cover for big corporations”, asking “why interest rate increases are the right response to supply side shocks and corporate price gouging” (Twitter) **AND** “Greens Treasury Spokesperson Nick McKim says if the government was serious about addressing inflation, they would put in place a corporate super-profits tax to discourage “rampant price gouging” from corporations.”
  - **Strong interest in education issues.**
  - **Employment history:**
    - Up to 1999: Organic market gardener, shepherd, remote area mineral exploration, fruit picker, wilderness guide.
    - 1999 to 2002: Advertising executive and public administration.
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## Member

Senator Deborah O’Neill



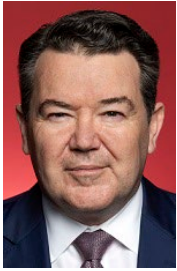
Australian Labor Party, NSW elected 2016

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- **Currently in the news:** The Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (chaired by O’Neill) on October 20 2022, launched the inquiry into Australia’s education and tourism sectors, with a focus on how to “restore” the reputation of higher education. **AND** O’Neill has reaffirmed the Albanese government’s commitment to introducing new laws in the current parliament, allowing for religious schools to preference people of that same faith in their selection of staff.
  - **O’Neill’s recent social media** has focused on ICAC/NCAC, workplace issues, care issues, gender equality and her involvement in brokering an EU-Australia trade deal.
  - **Focus on education** with post graduate degrees in teaching and previous occupations in secondary school teaching and lecturing on education at the University of Newcastle.
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## Member

Senator Dean Smith

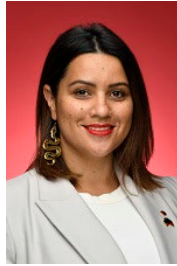


Liberal Party of Australia, WA – elected 2016

- **Smith's** recent social media has focused on criticisms of Labor's budget.
  - **Current Parliamentary appointments and positions:**
    - Member of the Advisory Council on Australian Archives from 26.7.2022.
    - Temporary Chair of Committees from 26.7.2022.
    - Shadow Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury from 5.6.2022.
  - Smith has post graduate qualifications in political science and financial services, (insurance) with a mix of positions held in the insurance industry, WA state and federal policy advisor roles and four years as the General Manager of Government Affairs at SingTel Optus from 2005 to 2009.
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## Member

Senator Jana Stewart



Australian Labor Party, VIC – elected 2022

- Labor's first Indigenous female senator for Victoria
- A Mutthi Mutthi and Wamba Wamba woman
- **Stewart's social media** has focused on indigenous and health matters

Stewart has a master's degree in clinical family therapy from La Trobe University. Prior to entering politics, Stewart worked as a family therapist, university lecturer, and policy adviser on Aboriginal affairs and child protection. She worked for Victorian state Aboriginal affairs minister Natalie Hutchins on treaty negotiations. She was a later a deputy secretary of the Victorian Department of Justice focusing on Stolen Generations reparations.

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## Substitute Member

Senator Penny Allman-Payne



Australian Greens, QLD – elected 2022

*Substitute Member to replace Senator Nick McKim for the National Energy Transition Authority Bill 2022*

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- **Committees:**

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Joint Select: Northern Australia

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- **Positions:**

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Australian Greens Spokesperson for Schools, Industry, Transition, Regional Development and Northern Australia

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Payne holds post graduate degrees in education and law.

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## Substitute Member

Senator Dorinda Cox



Australian Greens, WA – elected 2022

*Substitute Member to replace Senator Nick McKim for the Atomic Energy Amendment (Mine Rehabilitation and Closure) Bill 2022 [Provisions]*

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- Yamatji Noongar woman
  - First Indigenous woman to represent Western Australia in the Senate.
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**Currently in the news:** Cox successfully moved a motion for a Senate inquiry into missing and murdered First Nations women and children. The first hearing of the inquiry took place a month ago. Cox has also publicly voiced her objections to the federal government's commitment for a petrochemicals and gas carbon capture and storage hub in Darwin Harbour

**Interest** in indigenous matters, social issues (particularly family violence issues), policy and advocacy work.

**Parliamentary party position:** Australian Greens Spokesperson on Resources, Science, Trade and Tourism from 17.6.2022.

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## Participating Members

Senators Penny Allman-Payne, Alex Antic, Wendy Askew, Ralph Babet, Catryna Bilyk, Simon Birmingham, Slade Brockman, Ross Cadell, Matthew Canavan, Michaelia Cash, Claire Chandler, Raff Ciccone, Richard Colbeck, Dorinda Cox, Perin Davey, Patrick Dodson, Jonathon Duniam, Mehreen Faruqi, David Fawcett, Nita Green, Karen Grogan, Pauline Hanson, Sarah Hanson-Young, Sarah Henderson, Hollie Hughes, Jane Hume, Kerryne Liddle, Susan McDonald, James McGrath, Bridget McKenzie, Andrew McLachlan, Jim Molan, Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, Matt O'Sullivan, James Paterson, Fatima Payman, Marise Payne, Barbara Pocock, David Pocock, Helen Polley, Louise Pratt, Gerard Rennick, Linda Reynolds, Janet Rice, Malcolm Roberts, Anne Ruston, Paul Scarr, Tony Sheldon, David Shoebridge, Marielle Smith, Jordon Steele-John, Glenn Sterle, Lidia Thorpe, Anne Urquhart, David Van, Larissa Waters, Peter Whish-Wilson, Linda White