

Parliament of Victoria

An overview of Parliamentary Committees



The Committee process

Including different types of Committees and recent inquiries

The Committee Inquiry Process



1 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The instructions and guidelines for which a committee must conduct their inquiry.



2 CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The inquiry is advertised. The public and interested parties can make submissions to the committee. The committee may also contact people or organisations with specialist knowledge to request a submission.



3 RESEARCH

The committee may also conduct research on specific parts of the inquiry or commission the research from expert sources.

4 PUBLIC HEARINGS

The committee meet with people to explore areas of interest or concern. Most of the time these hearings are public, but occasionally the evidence may be taken in private.



5 REPORTING TO THE PARLIAMENT

Once the committee has gathered all information, they release and table a report to Parliament, and this also becomes publicly available.

6 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

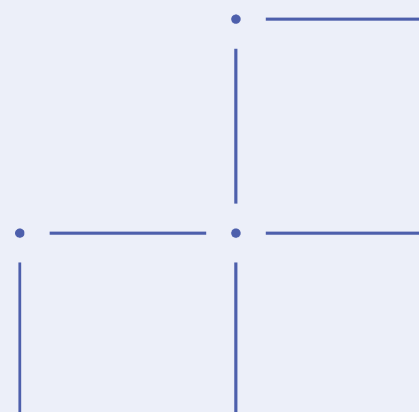
Once a report has been tabled in Parliament, the government has six months to respond. The response must indicate whether the government supports any recommendations in the report.





The Four Types of Committees

- **Joint Investigatory Committee:**
This includes MPs from both the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council.
- **Standing Committees:**
These committees are specific to each of the Houses. There are 3 Standing Committees in the Legislative Assembly and 3 Standing Committees in the Legislative Council.
- **Select Committee:**
Select Committees are not common as they are established to look into a really specific issue, and they dissolve at the end of the inquiry.
- **Domestic Committee:**
The Domestic Committees focus on the operation of Parliament.



Recent Committee Inquiries

For recent Inquiries visit <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/committees>

The site for each committee inquiry will include an overview, terms of reference, submissions, hearings and transcripts, Parliament media releases, the committee report, and the government response. Details will be provided if the committee is still in progress or reports or responses are being prepared.

Inquiry	Committee	Status (July 2021)
Inquiry into Victoria's criminal justice system https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/lpic-lc/inquiry/1003	Legal and Social Issues Committee	Inquiry open for submissions
Inquiry into the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program (MPTP) https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/eic-lc/inquiry/1011	Economy and Infrastructure Committee	Inquiry open for submissions
Inquiry into the use of school buses in rural and regional Victoria https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/eic-lc/article/4616	Economic and Infrastructure Committee	Committee conducting public hearings
Inquiry into the impact of social media on elections and electoral administration https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/emc/inquiries/inquiry/998	Electoral Matters Committee	Committee report being prepared
Inquiry into environmental infrastructure for growing populations https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/epc-la/inquiries/inquiry/968	Environment and Planning Committee	Committee report being prepared
Inquiry into the increase in Victoria's road toll https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/eic-lc/article/4296	Economic and Infrastructure Committee	Committee report tabled on 18 February 2021

Inquiry	Committee	Status (July 2021)
Inquiry into anti-vilification protections https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/l sic-la/article/4335	Legal and Social Issues Committee	Committee report tabled 3 March 2021
Report on e-petitions, responding to statements made in the Legislative Council and supplementary questions https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/la-standing-orders/article/4739	Legislative Assembly, Standing Orders Committee	Committee report tabled on 23 June 2021
Inquiry into homelessness in Victoria https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/l sic-lc/article/4662	Legal and Social Issues Committee	Interim Government response available
Inquiry into the Victorian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/paec/article/4606	Public Accounts and Estimates	Interim Government response available
Inquiry into early childhood engagement of CALD communities https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/l sic-la/article/4236	Legal and Social Issues Committee	Government response tabled 4 May 2021
Inquiry into sustainable employment for disadvantaged jobseekers https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/eic-la/article/4185	Economic and Infrastructure Committee	Government response tabled 30 April 2021