

## Appendix 5. Non-Royal Commission Federal Public Inquiries established since March 1983\*

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Chair of Inquiry</i>
National Human Rights Consultation	December 2008– due to report by September 2009	Brennan
Inquiry into the Case of Dr Mohamed Haneef	March 2008– November 2008	Clarke
Northern Territory Emergency Response Review Board	June 2008– September 2008	Yu
Equine Influenza Inquiry	September 2007– June 2008	Callinan
Access Card Consumer and Privacy Taskforce	May 2006– March 2008	Fels
Taskforce on Reducing the Regulatory Burden on Business	October 2005– January 2006	Banks
Biennial Review of the Medicare Provider Number Legislation	August 2005– December 2005	Phillips
Aviation Security and Policing Review	June 2005– September 2005	Wheeler
Legislation Review Committee into the Prohibition of Human Cloning Act	June 2005– December 2005	Lockhart

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\* Source for inquiries on this list that reported in 2005 and earlier: S Prasser, *Royal Commissions and Public Inquiries in Australia* (2006), Appendices 8–9.

Taskforce on Biofuels	May 2005– July 2005	O’Connell
Review of Telecommunications Interception	March 2005– June 2005	Blunn
Taskforce on Export Infrastructure	March 2005– June 2005	Ergas
Beef Quota Review Panel	February 2005– June 2005	Taylor
Inquiry into the Circumstances of the Immigration Detention of Cornelia Rau	February 2005– June 2005	Palmer
National Inquiry into the Teaching of Literacy	November 2004– December 2005	Rowe
Review of Australia’s Symphony and Pit Orchestras	May 2004– March 2005	Strong
Inquiry into Australian Intelligence Agencies	March 2004– July 2004	Flood
National Review of School Music Education	March 2004– November 2005	Seares
Expert Committee on Complementary Medicine	May 2003– August 2003	Bollen
Review of Closer Collaboration between Universities and Major Publicly Funded Research Agencies	May 2003– March 2004	McGauchie
National Bushfire Inquiry	October 2003– April 2004	Ellis
Livestock Export Review	October 2003– January 2004	Keniry

Defence Procurement Review	December 2002– August 2003	Kinnaird
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Review Panel	November 2002– November 2003	Hannaford
Review of the Role of Divisions of General Practice	November 2002– February 2003	Phillips
Independent Review of the National Institute of Clinical Studies	October 2002– n/a 2004	Owen
Review of Pricing Arrangements in Residential Aged Care	September 2002– April 2004	Hogan
Independent Review of Soccer	August 2002– May 2003	Crawford
Higher Education Bandwidth Advisory Committee	August 2002– December 2002	Sargent
Regional Telecommunications Inquiry	August 2002– November 2002	Estens
Review of Rural Veterinary Services	July 2002– January 2003	Frawley
National Corporate Governance Review	November 2002– July 2004	Uhrig
Independent Review of the Australian Greenhouse Office	May 2002– June 2002	Smith
Review of Wine Exports and Wine Tourism	May 2002– November 2002	Trebeck
Review of the Competition Provisions of the <i>Trade Practices Act 1974</i>	May 2002– April 2003	Dawson
Committee for Review of Veterans' Entitlements	February 2002– January 2003	Clarke
Independent Assessment of the Sugar Industry	February 2002– June 2002	Hildebrand

Independent Review of Energy Market Directions	September 2001– November 2002	Parer
Review of the <i>Managed Investments Act 1998</i>	July 2001– December 2001	Turnbull
Review of Impact of Trade Practices Act on Doctors in Rural and Regional Australia	August 2001– November 2002	Wilkinson
Inquiry into the Contemporary Visual Arts and Craft Sector	July 2001– May 2002	Myer
Committee of Inquiry into Fuel Taxation	July 2001– March 2002	Trebeck
National Review of Nursing Education	April 2001– September 2002	Heath
Review of Australian Defence Force Remuneration Arrangements	March 2001– October 2001	Nunn
Review of the Implementation of the Whole of Government Information Technology Outsourcing Initiative	November 2000– January 2001	Humphry
Inquiry into Definitional Issues Relating to Charitable, Religious and Community Service Not-For-Profit Organisations	September 2000– March 2001	Sheppard
Telecommunications Services Inquiry	March 2000– October 2000	Besley
Inquiry into Access to Australia's Biological Resources in Commonwealth Areas	December 1999– September 2000	Voumard
Reference Group on Welfare Reform	September 1999– March 2001	McClure
Taskforce on Industry Self-Regulation	August 1999– March 2001	Collier

Review of the Australian Blood Banking and Plasma Product Sector	July 1999– March 2001	Stephen
Intellectual Property and Competition Review Committee	July 1999– September 2000	Ergas
Independent Review Panel of the End of War List—Vietnam	May 1999– September 1999	Tanzer
Review of Service Entitlement Anomalies in Respect of South-East Asian Service 1955–1975	April 1999– March 2000	Mohr
Inquiry into Collins Class Submarine and Related Matters	March 1999– June 1999	McIntosh
Wool Industry Future Directions Taskforce	February 1999– June 1999	McLachlan
Major Performing Arts Inquiry	December 1998– December 1999	Nugent
Review of <i>Aboriginal Land Rights Northern Territory Act 1976</i>	November 1997– August 1998	Reeves
Review of Policy Advice and Support to the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs	October 1997– December 1997	Taylor
Review of the Repatriation Medical Authority and the Specialist Medical Review Council	April 1997– July 1998	Pearce
Review of the Social Security Review and Appeals System	January 1997– May 1997	Guilfoyle
Review of Higher Education	January 1997– April 1998	West
Review of Governance Arrangements for Commonwealth Government Business Enterprises	December 1996– March 1997	Humphry

Review of Business Programs	November 1996– June 1997	Mortimer
Review of Attorney-General's Legal Practice	November 1996– March 1997	Logan
Independent Review of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	November 1996– September 1997	Brown
Independent Inquiry into Urban Air Pollution	October 1996– September 1997	Stamm
Commonwealth-State Inquiry into the Tasmanian Economy; Tasmania into the 21st Century	October 1996– July 1997	Nixon
Drought Policy Review Taskforce	October 1996– February 1997	McColl
National Taskforce on Whaling	September 1996– June 1997	Puplick
Review of Rural Adjustment Scheme	September 1996– May 1997	McColl
Review of the <i>Endangered Species Protection Act</i>	November 1997– April 1998	Boardman
Review of the Australian Film Industry	July 1996– February 1997	Gonski
Review of the Role and Functions of the ABC	July 1996– January 1997	Mansfield
Information Industry Taskforce	June 1996– August 1997	Goldsworthy
Inquiry into the Manner in which DFAT has dealt with Allegations of Paedophile Activities	May 1996– May 1997	Hunt, then Shergold
Inquiry into the Financial System	May 1996– March 1997	Wallis

Small Business Deregulation Taskforce	May 1996– March 1997	Bell
Independent Inquiry into Allegations of Corruption in the Australian Federal Police	March 1996– April 1997	Harrison
National Commission of Audit	March 1996– June 1996	Officer
Commonwealth Hindmarsh Island Report	January 1996– abandoned	Matthews
Review of the Australian Maritime College	n/a 1995– October 1995	Stanley
Committee to Review Australia's Quarantine Policies and Programs	December 1995– June 1996	Nairn
Review of Regulatory Regime for Patent Attorneys	December 1995– June 1996	Johns
Review of the <i>Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976</i>	October 1995– April 1996	Fingleton
Review of the <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Act 1984</i>	October 1995– June 1996	Evatt
Independent Inquiry into Women's Artistic Gymnastics Program at the Australian Institute of Sport	September 1995– November 1995	Opie
Independent Review of s18 of the <i>Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992</i>	September 1995– April 1996	Rassaby
Review of Higher Education Management	June 1995– February 1996	Hoare
Review of the Commonwealth's New Schools Policy	March 1995– December 1995	McKinnon
Inquiry into the Conduct of the Hon Alan Griffiths MP	March 1995– February 1996	Codd

Information Technology Review Group	December 1994– March 1995	Reinecke
Review of Australian Honours and Awards: A Matter of Honour	October 1994– September 1996	Petre
Committee of Inquiry into Temporary Entry of Business People and Highly Skilled Specialists	October 1994– August 1995	Roach
Review of Better Cities Program	October 1994– November 1995	Clarke
Review of the Role and Functioning of Institutional Ethics Committees	September 1994– March 1996	Chalmers
Civic Experts Group	June 1994– December 1995	Macintyre
Review of Government Business Programs	June 1994– November 1994	Burgess
Review of the Australian Defence Force Personnel and Family Support Services	May 1994– September 1994	Pratt
Inquiry into the Winegrape and Wine Industry	April 1994– June 1995	Scales
Review of the Australian Institute of Criminology	April 1994– June 1994	Tanzer
Review of the Coal Industry	March 1994– March 1995	Taylor
Inquiry into the Law of Joint and Several Liability	February 1994– January 1995	Davis
Broadband Services Expert Group	November 1993– December 1994	Johns

Review Committee of the Bureau of Immigration and Population Research	November 1993– December 1994	Menadue
Taskforce on Urban Design	November 1993– November 1994	Mant
Inquiry into ASIO Security	October 1993– December 1994	Cook
Review of Employment Support for People with Disability	October 1993– January 1995	Baume
National Planning Transport Taskforce	October 1993– December 1994	Webber
Independent Committee of Inquiry into National Competition Policy	October 1993– August 1994	Hilmer
Access to Justice Advisory Committee	October 1993– May 1994	Sackville
Urban and Regional Development Review	September 1993– n/a 1995	Macklin
National Review of Nurse Education in the Higher Education Sector	August 1993– August 1994	Reid
Review of the National Board of Employment, Education and Training	September 1993– March 1994	Wiltshire
Review of the National Health and Medical Research Council	August 1993– January 1994	Bienenstock
Committee to Report on Development of Northern Territory and Darwin as Australia's Northern Link to East Asia	August 1993– June 1995	Wran
Review of Marine Research Organisation	July 1993– October 1994	McKinnon

Commission of Inquiry into the Shoalwater Bay Training Area	May 1993– May 1994	Woodward
Committee of Review of the Australian Customs Service	May 1993– February 1994	Conroy
Taskforce on Regional Development	May 1993– December 1993	Kelty
Independent Inquiry into the Circumstances surrounding the Non-Payment of a Deposit for Satellite Pay TV Licences and related matters	May 1993– May 1993	Pearce
International Liner Cargo Shipping Review	April 1993– January 1994	Brazil
Republic Advisory Committee	April 1993– September 1993	Turnbull
Wool Industry Review Committee	April 1993– August 1993	Garnaut
Inquiry into the Circumstances of Leo McLeay's Compensation	February 1993– April 1993	Street
Committee of Inquiry into National Savings	n/a– June 1993	Fitzgerald
Research Reactor Review	September 1992– May 1993	McKinnon
Review of the Australian Geological Survey Organisation	September 1992– July 1993	Richards
Independent Review of the Civil Aviation Authority's Tender Evaluation Process for the Australian Advanced Air Traffic System	July 1992– December 1992	McPhee
Review of the Structure of Nursing Home Funding	June 1992– February 1994	Gregory

Committee for the Review of the System for Review of Migration Decisions	February 1992– December 1992	McPhee
Review of the National Space Program	November 1991– June 1992	Curtis
Review of the Training for Aboriginals Program	September 1991– November 1992	Johnson
Independent Panel on Intractable Waste	August 1991– November 1992	Selinger
Review of the Future of Drug Evaluation in Australia	March 1991– July 1991	Baume
Industry Taskforce on Leadership and Management Skills	March 1991– April 1995	Karpin
Review of Computing Studies and Information Sciences Education	February 1991– April 1995	Hudson
Review of the Joint Coal Board	October 1990– February 1991	Kelman
Independent Review of Current Practices and Procedures for Dealing with Asbestos in Defence	August 1990– March 1991	Einfield
Review of Australian Wool Industry	July 1990– April 1991	Vines
Review Committee of Training Costs Related to Award Restructuring	June 1990– October 1990	Deveson
Review of the Institute of Advanced Studies, Australian National University	March 1990– November 1990	Stephen
Review of Agriculture in Australia's Colleges and Universities and Related Education	December 1989– April 1991	McColl

Inquiry into Industrial Property Protection for Industrial Design	December 1989– September 1991	Lahore
Building Regulations Review Taskforce	October 1989– November 1991	Nutt
Committee of Review of Commonwealth Primary Industry Statutory Marketing Authorities	August 1989– October 1990	Davis
Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Review	August 1989– June 1990	Dole
Review of the Office of the Supervising Scientist	July 1989– November 1989	Taylor
Review of Use of Civil Infrastructure in Australia's Defence—the Defence Force and the Community	May 1989– June 1990	Wrigley
Review of the Commonwealth's Free Limbs Scheme	April 1989– October 1990	Eagleson
Drought Policy Review Taskforce	April 1989– March 1990	McInnes
Review of the Accounting Discipline in Higher Education	March 1989– June 1990	Matthews
Inquiry into the Needs of Australian Merchant Mariners, Commonwealth and Allied Veterans and Allied Mariners	January 1989– September 1989	McGirr
Committee for Review of Export Market Development Grants Scheme	December 1988– June 1989	Hughes
Shipping Reform Taskforce	November 1988– April 1989	Deveson
Review of the Implications for Australia of Economic Growth and Structural Change in East Asia	November 1988– October 1989	Garnaut

Inquiry into Allegations as to the Administration of Aboriginal Affairs	November 1988– June 1989	Menzies
National Committee on Violence	October 1988– December 1989	Chappell
Independent Review of ACT Health Services	October 1988– November 1988	Kearney
Committee to Review Higher Education Research Policy	October 1988– November 1988	Smith
Review of Aboriginal Arts and Crafts Industry	October 1988– March 1989	Altman
Review of the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service	September 1988– May 1989	MacDonald
Defence Force Discipline Legislation Board of Review	September 1988– March 1989	MacDonald
Review of the Australian Bureau of Mineral Resources and Geophysics	August 1988– September 1988	Woods
Committee to Review the Role and Functions of the National Health Technology Advisory Panel	July 1988– February 1989	Smith
Review Committee on Marine Science and Technology	June 1988– February 1989	McKinnon
National Review of Teacher Education in Mathematics and Science	June 1988– February 1989	Speedy
Taskforce on Aboriginal Education Policy	April 1988– October 1988	Hughes
Social Impact study of the Casino Development Proposal for Section 19 Civic, ACT	March 1988– July 1988	Caldwell
Review of Australian Maritime College	March 1988– June 1988	Morrison

Joint Taskforce on Intractable Industrial Wastes	December 1987– January 1990	McDonnell and Thomas
Committee of Inquiry into Higher Education Funding	December 1987– April 1988	Wran
Committee of Inquiry into Tourism Shopping in Australia	November 1987– April 1988	Bradbury
Air Safety Regulation Review Taskforce	October 1987– May 1990	Lane
Consultative Group on Biotechnology Industry Development	October 1987– May 1990	Carruthers
Wool Promotion Review Committee	September 1987– January 1988	Harper
Committee to Advise on Australia's Immigration Policies	September 1987– January 1988	Fitzgerald
Review of Tender Procedures for Coastwatch Contracts	September 1987– November 1987	Menzies
Committee of Inquiry into 'Victim' Toys	August 1987– January 1988	Reynolds
Review of Australian Quarantine Arrangements for the Future	May 1987– May 1988	Lindsay
Commission of Inquiry into the Lemonthyme and Southern Forests	May 1987– May 1988	Helsham
Defence Facilities Review	February 1987– July 1988	Cooksey
Committee of Inquiry into Medical Education and the Medical Workforce	January 1987– April 1988	Doherty
Review of Civilian Transport Infrastructure	November 1986– November 1988	Abeles

Review of Engineering Education	September 1986– July 1988	Williams
Committee of Review of Standards Accreditation and Quality Control and Assurance	September 1986– October 1987	Foley
Review of National Language Policy	July 1986– May 1987	Lo Bianco
Committee of Review on Government High Technology Purchasing Arrangements	July 1986– February 1987	Inglis
Review of Alleged Entry of Suspected War Criminals into Australia	July 1986– December 1986	Menzies
Committee of Inquiry into Folklife in Australia	April 1986– August 1987	Anderson
Review of the <i>Customs Tariff Anti-Dumping Act 1975</i>	February 1986– March 1986	Lambert, then Gruen
Constitutional Review Commission	January 1986– January 1988	Byers
Australian Government Committee of Inquiry into Tourism	January 1986– December 1986	Kennedy
Committee of Review of Migrant and Multicultural Programs and Services	January 1986– November 1986	Jupp
Independent Inquiry into the Distribution of Federal Road Grants	January 1986– October 1986	Cameron
Review of the Social Security System	December 1985– n/a 1988	Cass
Independent Review of Research and Educational Requirements for Public Health and Tropical Health in Australia	December 1985– January 1986	White

Merino Export Review Committee	October 1985– May 1987	Newton
Committee to Review TAFE Funding	August 1985– April 1986	Hudson
Inquiry into Australia's Plant Breeding Needs	July 1985– April 1986	Lazenby
Inquiry into Taxation of the Gold Industry	November 1985– May 1986	Gutman
Nursing Homes and Hostels Review	July 1985– April 1986	Rees
Inquiry into the Financial and Administrative Arrangements of Grants made Under the Community Housing Expansion Programme	July 1985– August 1985	O'Donovan
Review of International Air Freight Policy Relating to Export of Primary Produce	June 1985– November 1985	Scully
Review of the <i>Australian Heritage Commission Act 1975</i>	June 1985– September 1986	Hope
Working Party on the Sugar Industry	May 1985– August 1985	Savage
Committee of Review of Adult Migrant Education Programs	April 1985– August 1985	Campbell
Independent Review of Economic Regulation of Domestic Aviation	March 1985– January 1987	May
Committee to Review Australian Studies in Tertiary Education	March 1985– June 1987	Daniels
Commission of Inquiry into the Current Health Status of the Australian Population	March 1985– October 1986	Llewellyn-Jones

Review of Australia's Defence Cooperations Programs and Policy on Export of Defence Equipment	March 1985– April 1986	Cooksey
Review of Australia's Defence Capabilities	February 1985– May 1986	Dibb
Taskforce on Repetitive Strain Injury in the Australian Public Service	December 1984– August 1985	Linehan
Committee of Review of Aboriginal Employment and Training Programs	October 1984– August 1985	Miller
Taskforce on Shore Based Shipping Costs	September 1984– July 1986	Webber
Taskforce to Review Australia's Overseas Liner Shipping Legislation	September 1984– February 1986	Rowland
Working Party to Review Objective Meat Export Trade Descriptions	September 1984– February 1985	Cameron
Inquiry into the Grape and Wine Industry including the Effect of the 10% Wine Tax	September 1984– June 1985	McKay
Taskforce to Review Australia's International Trade Policy	September 1984– abandoned	Tesse
Review of the Aboriginal Benefit Trust Account (and Related Financial Matters) in the Northern Territory Land Rights Legislation	September 1984– December 1984	Altman
Quality of Education Review Committee	August 1984– April 1985	Karmel
Taskforce on Australian Public Service and Defence Housing Programs	August 1984– January 1985	Monaghan

Taskforce to Review CSIRO's External Communication Activities	July 1984– July 1985	Myer
Review of the Schedule of Medicare Benefits	July 1984– November 1985	Layton
Inquiry into Circumstances Surrounding the Customs Declaration by the Hon M J Young at Adelaide on 5 July 1984	July 1984– August 1984	Black
Review (and Expanded Review) of Commonwealth Criminal Law	June 1984– June 1988	Watson, then Gibbs
Review of Welfare Services and Policies in the ACT	May 1984– December 1984	Vinson
Enquiry into Gambling and Amusement Machines in the ACT	June 1984– March 1985	Edmunds
Expert Committee on the Review of Data on Atmosphere Fallout Arising from Nuclear Tests in Australia	May 1984– June 1984	Kerr
Review of the Offset Policy	May 1984– November 1984	Inglis
Committee of Inquiry into the Establishment of a Manufacturing Advisory Service on Computer Assisted Manufacturing	April 1984– July 1984	Cashman
Review of the Repatriation Hospital System	March 1984– September 1985	Brand
Inquiry into Allegations of SP Gambling Against Telecom	March 1984– September 1984	Vincent
Taskforce on Aboriginal and Islander Broadcasting and Communications Policies	March 1984– August 1984	Wilmot
Independent Inquiry into Aviation Cost Recovery	February 1984– December 1984	Bosch

Panel of Review of the Proposed Incomes and Assets Test	February 1984– May 1984	Gruen
Inquiry into the Running of the ACT Legal Aid Office	February 1984– May 1984	Pryor
Inquiry into the Rights of Private Practice in Public Hospitals	January 1984– June 1984	Pennington
Inquiry into the Superannuation Fund Investment Trust	January 1984– March 1984	Monaghan
Review Committee of the Experimental Building Station at Nth Ryde, NSW	December 1983– April 1984	Ryan
Committee of Review of the Special Broadcasting Service	December 1983– March 1985	Connor
Committee of Inquiry into Labour Market Programs	December 1983– December 1984	Kirby
Taskforce on Shipbuilding	November 1983– February 1984	Somes
Committee of Review to Examine Completion of Launceston General Hospital and Hospital Development Needs of Northern Tasmania	November 1983– March 1984	Shaun
Committee of Inquiry into Homelessness and Inadequate Housing in the ACT and Surrounding Regions	November 1983– January 1984	Drake
Taskforce on Self-Government for the ACT	November 1983– March 1984	Craig
Independent Economic Inquiry into Transport Services to the Northern Territory	October 1983– December 1983	Hill

Inquiry into National Aboriginal Conference, Aboriginal Development Commission, Aboriginal Hostels, and Department of Aboriginal Affairs	October 1983– May 1984	Coombs
National Road Freight Industry Inquiry	September 1983– September 1984	May
Committee of Review of Private Overseas Student Policy	September 1983– March 1984	Goldring
Review of the Industries Assistance Commission	August 1983– January 1984	Uhrig
Copyright Law Review Committee	August 1983– October 1988	Sheppard
Committee of Review of Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs	July 1983– November 1983	Cass
Taskforce on Education and the Arts for Young People	August 1983– November 1984	Boomer
Working Party concerning Asbestos in Commonwealth Government Buildings in the ACT	July 1983– December 1983	Selinger
Panel to Review the Australian Trade Commissioner Service	July 1983– October 1983	Curran
Committee of Review into Australian Industrial Relations Law and Systems	July 1983– May 1985	Hancock
Inquiry into Aboriginal Legal Aid Services	July 1983– October 1985	Harkins
Review of the <i>Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976</i>	June 1983– December 1983	Toohy
Committee to Review the Australian Overseas Aid Program	May 1983– March 1984	Jackson

Taskforce on ACT Health Services	May 1983– September 1983	Molony
Inquiry into Australia's Financial System	May 1983– January 1984	Martin
Committee of Inquiry into Safety Standards at the CSIRO Applied Organic Chemistry and Advanced Materials Laboratories at Fishermen's Bend, Melbourne and the Death of CSIRO Employee, Dr R Bergamasco	April 1983– May 1983	Andrew
Committee of Review into the Impact of Radford College on ACT Schools	April 1983– July 1983	Anderson

