

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 2 of 2013

28 February 2013

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Anne McEwen (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Helen Kroger (Opposition Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Carol Brown

Senator David Bushby

Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins

Senator Mitch Fifield

Secretary: Maureen Weeks
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 27 February 2013 at 7.20 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013 be ***referred immediately*** to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 June 2013 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the ***provisions*** of the Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 be ***referred immediately*** to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee, and the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 March 2013 (see appendices 2 and 3 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (c) the Small Business Commissioner Bill 2013 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 15 May 2013 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills ***not*** be referred to committees:
 - Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment Bill 2013
 - Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Dividend) Bill 2013
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2012
 - Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Finance) Bill 2013
 - Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2013
 - Higher Education Support Amendment (Asian Century) Bill 2013
 - Higher Education Support Amendment (Further Streamlining and Other Measures) Bill 2013
 - Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013
 - Royal Commissions Amendment Bill 2013
 - Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Reform of Self Managed Superannuation Funds Supervisory Levy Arrangements) Bill 2013
 - Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 1) Bill 2013
 - Tax Laws Amendment (Countering Tax Avoidance and Multinational Profit Shifting) Bill 2013.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2013 to its next meeting.

(Anne McEwen)

Chair

28 February 2013

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of Bill:

Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2013

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

In undertaking the inquiry, the Committee should consider:

1. The current levels of online crime, particularly in relation to crimes against minors
2. The prevalence of online communications between minors and adults, the purpose and content of those communications, and previous criminal offences where misrepresentation of age has occurred
3. The current offences in the *Criminal Code Act* and their effectiveness in preventing and punishing offences in relation to the evolving online environment.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Attorney-General's Department
Australian Federal Police
National Children's Commissioner
Carly Ryan Foundation
Bravehearts
Australian Law Reform Commission
State and Territory Police

Committee to which the bill is to be referred:

Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Legislation)

Possible hearing date(s):

April/May 2013

Possible reporting date:

27 June 2013

Senator Siewert

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee Member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Examination of the impact of the bill on families, individuals and young people;
examination of the social impacts of the proposed changes.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

ACOSS
The Australia Institute
Welfare Rights
Australian Institute of Family Studies
FaHCSIA
DEEWR

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

15 March 2013

Possible reporting date:

21 March 2013

Senator Siewert

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Examination of economic impacts on families; examination of broader economic impact, including on birth rate.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Bureau of Statistics
Australian Institute of Family Studies
Australian Families Association
Kids First Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

5 March 2013

Possible reporting date:

12 March 2013

Senator Fifield

(signed)

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~~Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member~~

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Small Business Commissioner Bill 2013

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- The bill has not been released in draft form; the small business sector and current Federal Small business commissioner and state small business commissioners need an opportunity to comment on it before it is debated by Parliament.
- To investigate the interaction of the powers of the office of the small business commissioner with other government agencies.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- State small business commissioners.
- Federal Government Departments/ Agencies (ACCC, ASIC)
- Small Business peak organisations (Council of Small Business of Australia)
- Business peak organisations (ACCI)

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee

Possible reporting date:

Late March to mid April 2013

Senator Siewert

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(signed)

Whip/ Selection of Bills Committee member