

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 16 of 2008

26 November 2008

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Anne McEwen (Acting Government Whip, Acting Chair)

Senator Stephen Parry (Opposition Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (The Australian Greens Whip)

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Senator the Hon. Helen Coonan

Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig

Secretary: Maureen Weeks
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 26 November 2008 at 10.30 am.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2009 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Tax Agent Services Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 12 February 2009 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2008
 - Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax—Minor Amendments) Bill 2008.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee considered a proposal to refer the Guarantee Scheme for Large Deposits and Wholesale Funding Appropriation Bill 2008 to the Economics Committee, but **was unable to reach agreement on whether the bill should be referred** (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).

(Anne McEwen)
Acting Chair
26 November 2008

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Bill 2008

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow all stakeholders an opportunity to review the final Bill, and ensure the efficacy and transparency of the mechanisms applicable to a decision to exempt material; review of appropriate regime for such decisions, etc.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

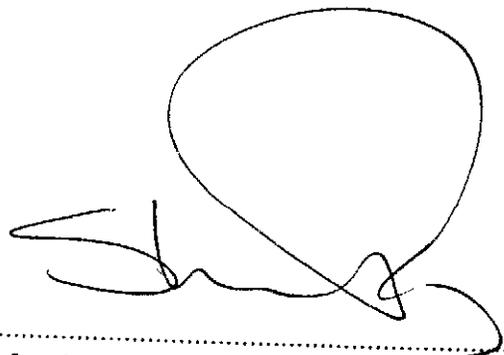
Finance and Public Administration

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

10 March 2009

(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: Tax Agent Services Bill 2008

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow all stakeholders an opportunity to review the final Bill

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

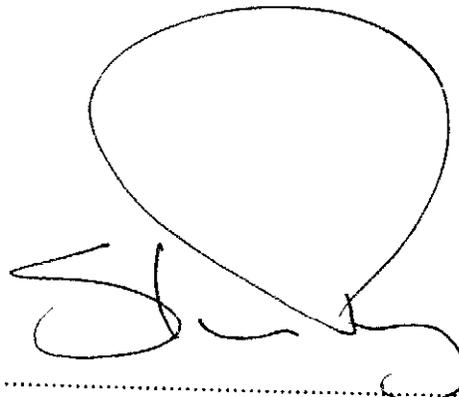
Economics

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

3 February 2009

(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: Guarantee Scheme for Large Deposits and Wholesale Funding
Appropriation Bill 2008

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

This Bill is a significant measure in the management of the Australian economy and, as such, it requires appropriate legislative scrutiny.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:
Economics

Possible hearing date(s):
December / January

Possible reporting date:
Thursday 5th February

(signed)


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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member