

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 7 of 2009

4 June 2009

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Kerry O'Brien (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Stephen Parry (Opposition Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (The Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Steve Fielding (The Family First Party Whip)

Senator Judith Adams

Senator David Bushby

Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig

Senator Anne McEwen

Secretary: Maureen Weeks
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1. The committee met in private session on Thursday, 4 June 2009 at 7 pm to consider proposals relating to the order of 14 May 2009 pertaining to the referral of certain budget-related bills to committees (“the order of 14 May 2009”).
2. The committee agreed to reconsider the Higher Education Support Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 and resolved to recommend that the bill be *referred immediately* to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 July 2009 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons that the bill be referred on different terms).

The committee recommends accordingly and reports to the President.

3. The committee considered a proposal to not refer the following bills to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee but draws the committee’s attention to paragraph (4) of the order of 14 May 2009:

- Family Assistance Amendment (Further 2008 Budget Measures) Bill 2009
- Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2009.

(see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons that the bills not be referred)

The committee makes no further recommendation in respect of the bills.

4. The committee also reconsidered a proposal relating to the Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 and two related bills. The committee noted the Opposition members of the committee prefer a reporting date of 5 August 2009 but as no agreement could be reached the bills continue to stand referred to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 June 2009 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons that the bills be referred on different terms).
5. The committee notes that the following bills stand referred to committees to report by 16 June 2009, in accordance with the order of 14 May 2009:
 - Guarantee of State and Territory Borrowing Appropriation Bill 2009, to the Economics Legislation Committee; and
 - Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Bill 2009, to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee.

(Kerry O’Brien)

Chair

4 June 2009

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Proposal - Bill to not be referred or referred on different terms

Name of bill: Higher Education Support Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009

Bill to be referred: Yes / No (circle one)

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

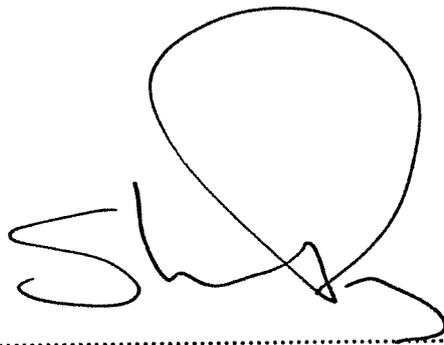
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

Proposed reporting date: 22 July 2009

Reasons for differing terms:

Schedule 1, Item 5 of bill to be examined specifically.

Bill start date is 1 January 2010 - not 'urgent'.

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(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal - Bill to not be referred or referred on different terms

Name of bill:

Family Assistance Amendment (Further 2008 Budget Measures) Bill 2009
Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2009

Bill to be referred: Yes / No (circle one)

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Proposed reporting date:

Reasons for differing terms:

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(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal - Bill to not be referred or referred on different terms

Name of bills:

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2009

Bill to be referred: Yes / No (circle one)

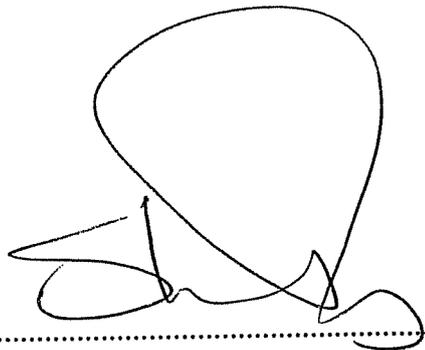
Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Proposed reporting date: 5 August 2009

Reasons for differing terms:

According to the Government's announcement, this package does not commence until 1 July 2010 therefore it is not essential for consideration before 1 July 2009.

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

Variation of Selection of Bills recommendation

(amendment to motion to adopt report)

Senator Parry

I move the following amendment—at the end of the motion, add:

but, in respect of the Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 and two related bills:

- (a) the reference of the bills to the Economics Legislation Committee be transferred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 August 2009; and
- (b) in considering this matter, the Community Affairs Legislation Committee may consider the relevant evidence and records of the Economics Legislation Committee.