

*SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE*

*REPORT NO. 12 of 2009*

*20 August 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 Wednesday, 19 August 2009 at 7.16 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
  - (a) the order of the Senate of 18 September 2008 adopting the committee's 11<sup>th</sup> report of 2008 be varied to provide that the Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008 [No. 2] be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 19 November 2009 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (b) the *provisions* of the Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Re-registration of Providers and Other Measures) Bill 2009 be *referred immediately* to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 October 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:
  - Asian Development Bank (Additional Subscription) Bill 2009
  - Foreign States Immunities Amendment Bill 2009
  - Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures—Network Information) Bill 2009
  - Veterans' Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform) Bill 2009.

*The committee recommends accordingly.*

(Kerry O'Brien)

**Chair**

20 August 2009

## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:** Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service)  
Bill 2008 [No. 2]

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

This bill has been on the Notice Paper for some years, however, in the wake of the departure of Australian troops from Iraq the time is ripe for debate. The timeliness of this debate is also evidenced in recent media interest in the Bill. In a recent broadcast debate the head of the Australian Defence Association saw merit in a Committee referral to further examine the transparency and accountability of governments arising from involving parliamentary discussion and scrutiny of the decision to deploy Australian military forces to overseas conflicts.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

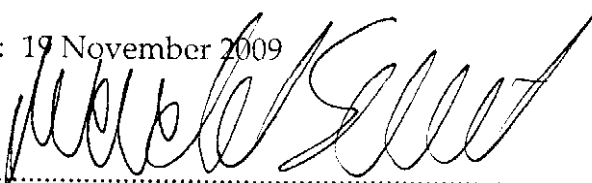
Australian Defence Association  
 Australian Red Cross  
 United Nations Association  
 RSL  
 Australian Council of Civil Liberties  
 Human Rights Council of Australia  
 Women's International League for Peace and Freedom  
 Medical Association for Prevention of War  
 Peace Organisation of Australia,  
 Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace (CCJP),  
 Australian Peace Committee (South Australia)  
 Campaign for International Cooperation and Disarmament  
 Australian Pugwash

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

**Possible hearing date(s):** October / November

**Possible reporting date:** 19 November 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:** Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Re-registration of Providers and Other Measures) Bill 2009

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

Further investigation into the regulation of education providers offering courses for international students and how this sector is policed

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

ACPET  
ACCI  
Australian Industry Group  
TAFE Directors Australia  
Skills Australia  
Group of 8  
State Chambers of Commerce and Industry  
International Education Association of Australia  
Australian Federation of International Students

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

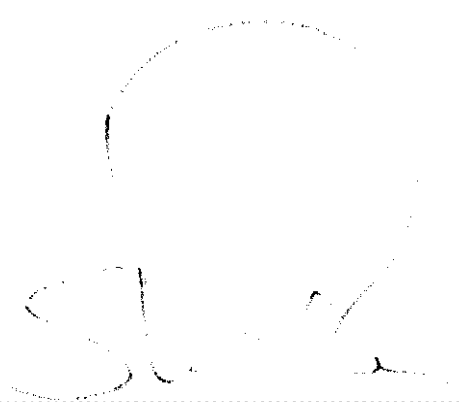
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:**

16 October 2009

(signed)

  
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member