

*SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE*

*REPORT NO. 4 of 2011*

*25 March 2011*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator Anne McEwen (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Stephen Parry (Opposition Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Steve Fielding (Family First Party Whip)

Senator Judith Adams

Senator Carol Brown

Senator Mitch Fifield

Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig

Secretary: Maureen Weeks  
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1. The committee met in private session on Thursday, 24 March 2011 at 4.06 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Bill 2011, the Carbon Credits (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011 and the Australian National Registry of Emissions Units Bill 2011 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 May 2011 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the *provisions* of the Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2011 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 June 2011 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (c) the Product Stewardship Bill 2011 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 April 2011 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the Social Security Amendment (Supporting Australian Victims of Terrorism Overseas) Bill 2011 *not* be referred to a committee.

#### *The committee recommends accordingly.*

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Air Cargo) Bill 2011
  - Child Support (Registration and Collection) Amendment Bill 2011
  - Competition and Consumer Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2011
  - ComSuper Bill 2011
  - Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011
  - Customs Amendment (Export Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2011
  - Customs Tariff Amendment (2012 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2011
  - Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further Election Commitments and Other Measures) Bill 2011
  - Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Bill 2011
  - International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2011
  - Migration Amendment (Detention of Minors) Bill 2010
  - National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Home Loans and Credit Cards) Bill 2011

- Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2011
- Remuneration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011
- Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010
- Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Job Seeker Compliance) Bill 2011
- Superannuation Legislation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011
- Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 2) Bill 2011
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Fibre Deployment) Bill 2011
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2011 Measures No. 1) Bill 2011.

(Anne McEwen)

**Chair**

25 March 2011

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

**Name of bill:**

**Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Bill**  
**Australian National Registry of Emissions Units Bill**  
**Carbon Credits (Consequential Amendments) Bill**

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

The effective legislative implementation of the Government's commitment to establish the Carbon Farming Initiative which is a voluntary carbon offset scheme for agricultural emissions, forestry, legacy waste; and sources and sinks not covered by Australia's international Kyoto Protocol obligations.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency  
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
National Farmers Federation  
National Association of Forest Industries  
A3P  
National Regional NRM National Working Group  
Landcare Australia  
CO<sub>2</sub> Group  
Greenfleet  
Greening Australia  
Carbon Conscious  
Australian Conservation Foundation  
Climate Institute  
Australian Industry Greenhouse Network  
Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists  
Voluntary Carbon Markets Association  
North Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance

Note submissions to the November 2010 consultation paper are online at <http://www.climatechange.gov.au/government/submissions/carbon-farming-initiative.aspx>

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**  
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):** 1 day mid-April (i.e. either 12, 13, 14 or 15 April)

**Possible reporting date:** 20 May 2011

(signed)

  
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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of bill:** Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2011

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**  
Significant reform to family law requires inquiry.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Women's Law Centres  
Legal Aid Commissions  
National Council for Single Mothers  
Law Council

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

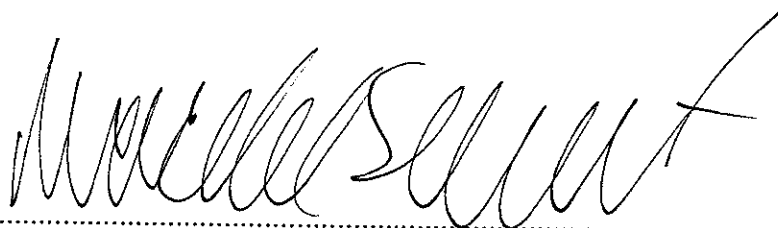
Legal and Constitutional Affairs

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:**

12/9/11

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

**Name of bill:** Product Stewardship Bill 2011

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

To assist with appropriate and timely consideration by the Senate of the Bill.


**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Environment and Communications

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:** 28 April 2011

(signed)

  
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