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Advisory Report on Bills referred 22 September 2011:

- Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011
- Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Bill 2011
- Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (Tuition Protection Service) Bill 2011
- Higher Education Support Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011

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Terms of reference

The terms of reference are the text of the following bills:

- Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011;
- Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Bill 2011;
- Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment Bill 2011; and
- Higher Education Support Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011.

List of abbreviations

ACT Australian Capital Territory

DEEWR Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

ESOS Education Services for Overseas Students

HESA Higher Education Support Amendment

NSW New South Wales

PRISMS Provider Registration and International Students Management

System

TPS Tuition Protection Service

List of recommendations

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that Schedule 1, Part 1, Division 2, Subdivision A, Clause 46B of the Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protect Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011 be amended to require providers to notify the regulator within 72 hours of a provider default.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that Schedule 1, Part 1, Division 2, Subdivision B, Clause 47C of the Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protect Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011 be amended to require providers to notify the regulator within 72 hours of a student default.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the Australian Government ensures broad representation of industry stakeholders on the TPS Advisory Board reflecting high and low risk providers as well as the various sectors of the industry.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that following the passage of the Education Services for Overseas Students bills, the Australian Government ensures providers of education services to overseas students are provided with comprehensive information on an on-going basis relating to the implementation of the Tuition Protection Service arrangements.

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that the House of Representative pass the following bills:

- Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011 with recommended amendments;
- Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Bill 2011; and
- Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment Bill 2011

Recommendation 6

The Committee recommends that the House pass the Higher Education Support Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011.