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## **Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Bill 2012**

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Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs

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## Terms of reference

On 1 November 2012 the Selection Committee of the House of Representatives referred the Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Bill 2012 for inquiry and report.







## List of abbreviations and acronyms

AIATSIS	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CPSU	Community and Public Sector Union
FMA Act	<i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i>
FMC	Federal Magistrates Court of Australia
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NNTT	National Native Title Tribunal
NTSCORP	Native Title Service Provider for Aboriginal Traditional Owners in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory
PBO	Parliamentary Budget Office
Skehill Review	<i>Strategic Review of Small and Medium Agencies in the Attorney-General's Portfolio</i>





## List of recommendations

### Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends the House of Representatives pass the Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Bill 2012.

### Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Attorney-General, in accordance with section 209(2) of the *Native Title Act 1993*, direct the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner to include in the yearly reports on the operation of the *Native Title Act 1993* consideration of the functioning of the National Native Title Tribunal, and in particular:

- the adequacy of tribunal resourcing to effectively fulfil its functions, and
- its effect on the exercise of the human rights of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

