

Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 On 19 March 2014, the Omnibus Repeal (Autumn 2014) Bill 2014 (the bill) was introduced into the House of Representatives by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP.¹ The bill was passed by the House of Representatives on 26 March 2014.²

1.2 On 27 March 2014, the Senate referred the provisions of the bill to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (committee) for inquiry and report by 14 May 2014.³ Later the same day the bill was introduced into the Senate.⁴

Purpose of the bill

1.3 The bill seeks to amend or repeal legislation across ten portfolios. It also proposes the repeal of redundant and spent Acts and provisions in Commonwealth Acts. The bill is one of three bills⁵ designed to rationalise regulation, with this bill repealing redundant legislation.⁶

1.4 The Explanatory Memorandum provides the following reason for the bill:

The Bill brings forward measures to reduce regulatory burden for business, individuals and the community sector that are not the subject of individual stand-alone bills.⁷

Conduct of the inquiry

1.5 Details of the inquiry, including links to the bill and associated documents, were placed on the committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/senate_fpa.

1.6 The committee also directly contacted a number of relevant organisations and individuals to notify them of the inquiry and invite submissions by 11 April 2014. Submissions received by the committee are listed at Appendix 1.

1.7 The committee decided to prepare its report on the basis of submissions received and available information. The committee thanks those who assisted by providing submissions to the inquiry.

1 *Votes and Proceedings*, No. 29, 19 March 2014, p. 387.

2 *Votes and Proceedings*, No. 33, 26 March 2014, p. 432.

3 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 26, 27 March 2014, p. 741.

4 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 26, 27 March 2014, p. 750.

5 The other bills being the Statute Law Revision Bills (No.1) 2014 and the Amending Acts 1901 to 1969 Repeal Bill 2014.

6 EM, p. 1.

7 EM, p. 1.

