

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 1 OF 2019

14 February 2019

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 13 February 2019 at 7.15 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Australian Business Securitisation Fund Bill 2019 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Bill 2019 be ***referred immediately*** to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 March 2019 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the Banking System Reform (Separation of Banks) Bill 2019 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 May 2019 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Commonwealth Registers Bill 2019, Treasury Laws Amendment (Registries Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2019, Business Names Registration (Fees) Amendment (Registries Modernisation) Bill 2019, Corporations (Fees) Amendment (Registries Modernisation) Bill 2019, and the National Consumer Credit Protection (Fees) Amendment (Registries Modernisation) Bill 2019 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (e) contingent upon introduction in the Senate, the Environment Legislation Amendment (Protecting Dugongs and Turtles) Bill 2019 be ***referred immediately*** to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (f) the Export Control Amendment (Banning Cotton Exports to Ensure Water Security) Bill 2019 be ***referred immediately*** to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 August 2019 (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (g) the reporting date for the referral of the *provisions* of the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Infrastructure Financing) Bill 2019, which was referred by the Senate to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee pursuant to the adoption of 15th Report of 2018 be amended to 26 March 2019 (see appendix 7 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (h) the *provisions* of the Fair Work Amendment (Right to Request Casual Conversion) Bill 2019 be ***referred immediately*** to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019 (see appendix 8 for a statement of reasons for referral);

- (i) the *provisions* of the Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management and Cashless Welfare) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 April 2019 (see appendix 9 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (j) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019, and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Supporting Craft Brewers) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019 (see appendix 10 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (k) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Reforms No. 1) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 April 2019 (see appendix 11 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (l) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Illegal Phoenixing) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019 (see appendix 12 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (m) the Water Amendment (Purchase Limit Repeal) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2019 (see appendix 13 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Audio Description) Bill 2019
 - Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2018
 - Major Sporting Events (Indicia and Images) Protection Amendment Bill 2018
 - Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Single Treatment Pathway) Bill 2019
 - Murray-Darling Basin Commission of Inquiry Bill 2019
 - National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Worker Screening Database) Bill 2019 (Notwithstanding the adoption of the Committee's 15th Report of 2018)
 - National Integrity Commission Bill 2018 (No. 2)
 - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Regulations References) Bill 2018, and the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment (Regulations References) Bill 2018
 - Parliamentary Service Amendment (Post-election Report) Bill 2018
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Overseas Welfare Recipients Integrity Program) Bill 2019
 - Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2018
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Increasing the Instant Asset Write-Off for Small Business Entities) Bill 2019
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Mutual Reforms) Bill 2019
 - Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Bill 2019
 - Treatment Benefits (Special Access) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019

- Wine Australia Amendment (Trade with United Kingdom) Bill 2019.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Aged Care Amendment (Movement of Provisionally Allocated Places) Bill 2019
 - Australian Cannabis Agency Bill 2018
 - Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia's Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019
 - Combatting Child Sexual Exploitation Legislation Amendment Bill 2019
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019
 - Customs Amendment (Immediate Destruction of Illicit Tobacco) Bill 2019
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Craft Beer) Bill 2019
 - Customs Amendment (Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2018
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 - Governor-General Amendment (Salary) Bill 2019
 - Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Voluntary Student Services and Amenities Fee) Bill 2019
 - Human Services Amendment (Photographic Identification and Fraud Prevention) Bill 2019
 - Ministers of State (Checks for Security Purposes) Bill 2019
 - National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2019
 - National Sports Tribunal Bill 2019
 - National Sports Tribunal (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019
 - Sex Discrimination and Marriage Legislation Amendment (Protecting Supporters of Traditional Marriage) Bill 2018
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018
 - Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019.
5. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
- Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2019 (see appendix 14 for a statement of reasons for referral).

(Dean Smith)

Chair

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