

# **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 12 OF 2017**

*19 October 2017*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator David Bushby (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Anne Urquhart (Opposition Whip)

Senator Brian Burston (Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip)

Senator Derryn Hinch (Derryn Hinch's Justice Party Whip)

Senator Skye Kakoschke-Moore (Nick Xenophon Team Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

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Secretary: Rachel Callinan  
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 18 October 2017 at 7.17 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Amendment Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Housing Affordability) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 November 2017 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (c) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Banking Executive Accountability and Related Measures) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 November 2017 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017
  - Customs Amendment (Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement Amendment Implementation) Bill 2017
  - Customs Tariff Amendment (Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement Amendment Implementation) Bill 2017
  - Defence Legislation Amendment (Instrument Making) Bill 2017
  - Investigation and Prosecution Measures Bill 2017
  - Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 5) Bill 2017
  - ASIC Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Amendment Bill 2017
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 6) Bill 2017.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017
  - Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Regional Australia) Bill 2017
  - Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017
  - Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017
  - Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Carbon Capture and Storage) Bill 2017

- Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding for Proprietary Companies) Bill 2017
- Customs Amendment (Safer Cladding) Bill 2017
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2017
- Imported Food Control Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2017
- Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2017
- Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Funds) Bill 2017  
Migration (Skilling Australians Funds) Charges Bill 2017
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits – Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2017
- Parliamentary Business Resources Amendment (Voluntary Opt-out) Bill 2017
- Proceeds of Crime Amendment (Proceeds and Other Matters) Bill 2017
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017  
Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2017
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Banking Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan Base Rate Entities) Bill 2017
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Junior Minerals Exploration Incentive) Bill 2017

5. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:

- Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2017
- Family Assistance and Child Support Legislation Amendment (Protecting Children) Bill 2017

(David Bushby)

**Chair**

19 October 2017

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:**

Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Amendment Bill 2017

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

- Whether it is in Australia's national interest for Australia to have a maritime industry;
- What regulatory settings are appropriate to support coastal shipping as the base of a maritime industry;
- Whether Australia should throw open its coast in a manner not matched by comparable developed nations;
- Economic factors arising from throwing open the Australian coast;
- Environmental factors from throwing open the Australian coast (including possible Reef impacts);
- National security factors from throwing open the coast;
- Australian maritime skills and workforce impacts from throwing open the coast;
- The role of regulation in an overall package to support revitalising Australian shipping;
- Whether Australian goods should be carried unfettered around the Australian coast by foreign ships paying third world wages (Workchoices on Water);
- Effects on other freight modes from paying third world wages in coastal trading.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

- Department of Infrastructure and Transport;
- Shippers;
- Bulk industries;
- Maritime Industry Australia Ltd (MIAL) – the peak body that represents Australian-based shipping operators and other Australian-based maritime businesses;
- Maritime training organisations;
- Shipbuilders;
- Maritime unions;
- Competing freight modes.

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

Senate Rural Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee.

**Possible reporting date:**

9 February 2018.



Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:** Social Services Legislation Amendment (Housing Affordability) Bill 2017

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

The Bill requires further scrutiny

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

National Shelter, State and Territory Tenants' Unions, ACOSS, State and Territory housing authorities, National Affordable Housing Providers Inc., Community Housing Industry Association, PowerHousing, Department of Social Services.

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

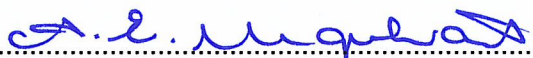
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the committee

**Possible reporting date:**

27 November 2017

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

Name of bill: Social Services Legislation Amendment (Housing Affordability) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Effect on income support recipients

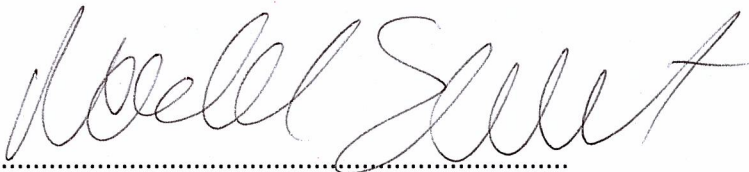
Possible submissions or evidence from: ACOSS, National Social Security Rights Network, National Shelter, Anglicare Australia, UnitingCare Australia, Catholic Social Services

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Committee Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: Feb 2018

(signed)

  
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Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rachel Siewert \_\_\_\_\_

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill:

*Treasury Laws Amendment (Banking Executive Accountability and Related Measures) Bill 2017*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To review and seek advice on the suitability of the implementation details surround a new legislative and regulatory regime and its interplay with other executive conduct regulatory regime.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- AICD
- COBA, ABA, individual financial institutions
- Choice
- Treasury, APRA and ASIC

Committee to which bill is to be referred:


- Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

24 November 2017



Senator Anne Urquhart