

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 13 OF 2017

16 November 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)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

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Senator David Fawcett

Senator Katy Gallagher

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

Secretary: Rachel Callinan
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 15 November 2017 at 7.18 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 February 2018 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 February 2018 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 February 2018 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 March 2018 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (National Housing and Homelessness Agreement) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 6 February 2018 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral)
 - (f) the *provisions* of the Proceeds of Crime Amendment (Proceeds and Other Matters) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (g) the *provisions* of the Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2017, and the Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 7 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) 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.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Operational Efficiency) Bill 2017
 - Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Regional Australia) Bill 2017
 - Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Enterprise Incentives) Bill 2017
 - Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Carbon Capture and Storage) Bill 2017
 - Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2017
Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2017
 - Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding for Proprietary Companies) Bill 2017
 - Customs Amendment (Safer Cladding) Bill 2017
 - Imported Food Control Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2017
 - Judiciary Amendment (Commonwealth Model Litigant Obligations) Bill 2017
 - Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2017
 - National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits – Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2017
 - Nuclear Fuel Cycle (Facilitation) Bill 2017
 - Parliamentary Business Resources Amendment (Voluntary Opt-out) Bill 2017
 - Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2017.

(David Bushby)

Chair

16 November 2017

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

Name of bill: "Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017(originated in the Senate on Wednesday 18 October 2017)"

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Impact on the budget, resources and independence of the ABC

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- ABC
- Friends of ABC
- Press Council
- SBS
- Friends of SBS
- MEAA
- Various media organisations

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

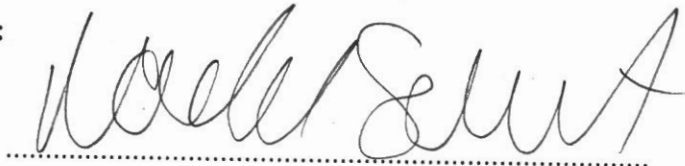
Environment and Communications committee.

Possible hearing date(s):

9 or 16 February 2018

Possible reporting date:

28 March 2018



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Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bill: "Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2017 (originated in the Senate on Wednesday 18 October 2017)"

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Impact on the budget, resources and independence of the ABC

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- ABC
- Friends of ABC
- Press Council
- SBS
- Friends of SBS
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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To understand exactly what capital instruments are covered by the Bill.
- To understand what consultation process APRA would be required to undertake before making determinations under the Bill.
- To understand what power the executive and/or parliament is ceding to APRA.
- To understand the possible implications to market concentration in the banking sector.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- APRA
- ASIC
- RBA
- Treasury
- Banks
- Economists

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Economics

Possible hearing date(s):

- February 2017

Possible reporting date:

- March 2017

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

- Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To explore the behavioural responses within the labour market.
- To explore the expenditure implications.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Economists, including think-tanks
- Unions
- The public service

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Education & Employment

Possible hearing date(s):

- February 2018

Possible reporting date:

- March 2018

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Treasury Laws Amendment (National Housing and Homelessness Agreement) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To consider issues around negotiations with the states and territories
- To consider outcomes for housing supply
- To consider outcomes for the homeless community

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Commonwealth Treasury
- State and Territory Governments
- Homelessness Australia
- National Shelter

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:

- Tuesday 6th February 2018



Senator Anne Urquhart

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Proceeds of Crime Amendment (Proceeds and Other Matters) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

This bill makes significant amendments to the Proceeds of Crime regime.

Given the complexity and technical nature of the amendments contained in the Bill, and its capacity to impact on individuals' rights and liberties, it would be appropriate to refer the Bill to inquiry for careful consideration.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Attorney-General's Department, Law Council of Australia, the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Federal Police Association, Police Federation of Australia, State, Territory and International Bar Associations (e.g. the Victorian Bar and Criminal Bar Association), state and territory law associations/institutes (e.g. Law Institute of Victoria, NSW Law Society), the Australian Human Rights Commission, the NSW Council for Civil Liberties.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): Can be done on the papers.

Possible reporting date: 16 February 2018



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Senator Anne Urquhart

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bills:

- Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2017
- Migration (Skilling Australians Fund) Charges Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- The complex nature of the Migration Act and the impact any changes may have on Australian jobs, business, people seeking a visa, industry bodies, Technical and further education institution warrants further consultation and investigation.
- Stakeholders have been vocal in raising their concerns about unintended consequences of recent changes to skilled migration visas.
- This legislation has significant revenue associated with the charges being levied for skilled visas – which is being used to support skills development of Australians.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- TAFE Directors' Association
- Australian Education Union
- Australian Council for Private Education and Training
- Dr. Bob Birrell, Australian Population Research Institute
- Professor John Buchanan, University of Sydney
- State and Territory TAFEs
- State and Territory Education Departments
- Department of Immigration and Border Protection
- Law Council of Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

- To be determined by 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: Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Makes changes to funding arrangements for employers of workers on temporary workers visas.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Unions, Employer Organisations, Training Organisations

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal & Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): 1 December 2017

Possible reporting date: 6th December 2017

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