

# **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

## **REPORT NO. 2 OF 2018**

*15 February 2018*

## **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 Stirling Griff (Nick Xenophon Team Whip)

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

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

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Secretary: Rachel Callinan  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 14 February 2018 at 7.26 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 4 December 2018 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the *provisions* of the Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (Student Loan Sustainability) Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 March 2018 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Intelligence Services Amendment (Establishment of the Australian Signals Directorate) Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 March 2018 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (d) the *provisions* of the Migration Amendment (Clarification of Jurisdiction) Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 June 2018 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (e) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 2) Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 15 March 2018 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (f) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 2) Bill 2018 and Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 March 2018 (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment (Debt Ceiling) Bill 2018
  - Imported Food Control Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2017
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (Black Economy Taskforce Measures No. 1) Bill 2018.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Australian Passports Amendment (Identity-matching Services) Bill 2018

- Crimes Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme - Worker Screening) Bill 2018
- Identity-matching Services Bill 2018
- National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Bill 2018  
National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018
- Road Vehicle Standards Bill 2018  
Road Vehicle Standards (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018  
Road Vehicle Standards Charges (Imposition—General) Bill 2018  
Road Vehicle Standards Charges (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2018  
Road Vehicle Standards Charges (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2018
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (14-month Regional Independence Criteria) Bill 2018
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants) Bill 2018
- Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 1) Bill 2018
- Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 3) Bill 2018
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Illicit Tobacco Offences) Bill 2018
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Income Tax Consolidation Integrity) Bill 2018
- Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Veteran-centric Reforms No. 1) Bill 2018.

(David Bushby)

**Chair**

15 February 2018

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

Name of bill: **Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitment for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018**

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2017 an almost identical Bill was referred to Committee but most submissions were from the Refugee Industry or individual refugees.

I believe many Australians were unaware of the Government's Bill and the opportunity to make a submission. My Private Senator's Bill only differs from the earlier Government's Bill is the length of time required to be on a permanent visa before applying for Citizenship.

The proposal contained in this Bill is very important. I believe Senators should be given the opportunity to hear from a wider group of Australians.

I will publicize the opportunity to make a submission if the Bill is accepted for referral.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Those Australians who did not make a submission to the Government's Bill

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

June-July

Possible reporting date:

December 2018

(signed)



Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ PAULINE HANSON  
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Senator for Queensland

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

**Name of bill:**

Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (Student Loan Sustainability)

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

Changes proposed in this bill could have a substantial impact on the delivery of higher education, and students.

The introduction of a new borrowing limit across the whole income-contingent loans scheme could have a number of unintended consequences.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

National Union of Students (and associated student associations)

Universities Australia

University groupings (Go8, RUN, IRU)

Individual universities

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

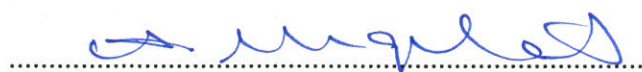
Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee

**Possible reporting date:**

16 MARCH 2018



Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

*Intelligence Service Amendment (Establishment of the Australian Signals Directorate) Bill 2018*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

*To further investigate potential impacts and unintended consequences of the Bill.*

Possible submissions or evidence from:

*Department of Defence (Australian Signals Directorate)*

*CPSU*

*Other TBD*

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

*Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee*

Possible hearing date(s):

*TBC*

Possible reporting date:

*22 March 2018*



Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

- Migration Amendment (Clarification of Jurisdiction) Bill 2018

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- The complex nature of the *Migration Act 1958* and the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975* and the potential impact of these changes warrant further consultation and investigation to ensure there are no unintended consequences.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Department of Home Affairs
- Attorney-General's Department
- Law Council of Australia
- Migration Institute of Australia
- Other immigration and legal community stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

- To be determined by committee

Possible reporting date:

- 5 June 2018



Senator Anne Urquhart



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

Name of bill: Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No.2)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Stakeholder concerns about lack consumer protections

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Treasury
- ASIC
- CHOICE
- Consumer Action Law Centre
- FinTech Australia
- Financial Rights Group

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:

- 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018



Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

*Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability No. 2) Bill 2018*  
*Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-New Dwelling Interests) Bill 2018*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Stakeholder concerns around built-to-rent and the interface with the Government's changes to the CGT concessions for MITs who build 'affordable housing'.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Property Council, HIA, UDIA, academics, not-for-profits, affordable housing bodies.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

On the papers

Possible reporting date:

23 March 2018



Senator Anne Urquhart