

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 5 OF 2018

10 May 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 (Centre Alliance Whip)

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

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator David Fawcett

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Senator Chris Ketter

Senator Tim Storer

Secretary: Rachel Callinan
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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 9 May 2018 at 7.25 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the Criminal Code and Other Legislation Amendment (Removing Commonwealth Restrictions on Cannabis) Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 17 August 2018 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) contingent upon introduction in the Senate, the *provisions* of the Education and Other Legislation Amendment (VET Student Loan Debt Separation) Bill 2018 and Student Loans (Overseas Debtors Repayment Levy) Amendment Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 15 June 2018 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Productivity Commission Response Part 1 and Other Measures) Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 June 2018 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2018 and National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 15 June 2018 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 June 2018 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (f) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 4) Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 June 2018 (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (g) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2018 (see appendix 7 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (h) the *provisions* of the Water Amendment Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 June 2018 (see appendix 8 for a statement of reasons for referral).

3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:

- Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2018-2019
- Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2018-2019
- Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2018-2019
- Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2017-2018
- Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2017-2018
- Australian Astronomical Observatory (Transition) Bill 2018
- Australian Human Rights Commission Repeal (Duplication Removal) Bill 2018
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment Bill 2018
- Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Amendment Bill 2018
- Corporations Amendment (Asia Region Funds Passport) Bill 2018
- Customs Amendment (Illicit Tobacco Offences) Bill 2018
- Home Affairs Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2018
- Interactive Gambling Amendment (Lottery Betting) Bill 2018
- Interstate Road Transport Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2018
- Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) Levy Bill 2018
- Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) Levy Collection Bill 2018
- Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2018
- Public Sector Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2018
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payments for Carers) Bill 2018
- Statute Update (Autumn 2018) Bill 2018
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Australian Consumer Law Review) Bill 2018
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing ASIC's Capabilities) Bill 2018
- Treasury Laws Amendment (OECD Multilateral Instrument) Bill 2018
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2018
- Underwater Cultural Heritage Bill 2018
- Underwater Cultural Heritage (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:

- Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2018
- Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2018
- Defence Amendment (Sovereign Naval Shipping) Bill 2018
- Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2018
- Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment Bill 2018
- Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2018
- Medicare Levy Amendment (Excess Levels for Private Health Insurance Policies) Bill 2018
- A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Amendment (Excess Levels for Private Health Insurance Policies) Bill 2018

- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Maintaining Income Thresholds) Bill 2018
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Axe the Tampon Tax) Bill 2018.

(David Bushby)

Chair

10 May 2018

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Criminal Code and Other Legislation (Removing Commonwealth Restrictions on Cannabis) Bill 2018

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

As the first legislation to propose the removal of Commonwealth restrictions on cannabis, there is a case to examine: the merits of legalisation, law enforcement issues, extradition issues, constitutionality, treaty issues, trade rule issues, Commonwealth-state issues, and budget issues.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Cannabis suppliers and regulators in jurisdictions that have legalised cannabis; cannabis users; law enforcement bodies; experts in extradition, constitutional and treaty and trade rule issues; representatives of the poppy industry; drug/health experts; state/territory governments; and revenue authorities.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Week of 2 July 2018 or week of 6 August 2018

Possible reporting date:

10 September 2018

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill(s):

Education and Other Legislation Amendment (VET Student Loan Debt Separation) Bill 2018

Student Loans (Overseas Debtors Repayment Levy) Amendment Bill 2018

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- **Scrutinise the Government's policy case**
- **Unpack any unintended consequences**
- **Explore whether this change could lead to new policy initiatives in terms of VET student loans**

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- **TAFE Directors Australia**
- **Department of Education and Training**
- **Private education and training peak bodies**

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

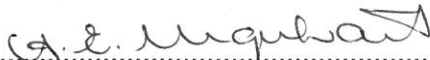
Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

15 June 2018


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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Productivity Commission Response Part 1 and Other Measures) Bill 2018

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The bill makes significant amendments to various areas of intellectual property

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Agricultural organisations
- Medical research industry
- IP peaks

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

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(signed)


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Print name:

Senator Siewert.

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

Name of bill: National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2018
National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2018

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: the differences between these bills and the Commonwealth Redress Scheme bills

Possible submissions or evidence from: Blue Knot Foundation, Bravehearts, Knowmore, CLAN, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, Law Council of Australia, Tuart Place, Sexual Assault Support Service

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

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 18 June 2018

(signed)



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Print name: Senator Siewert.

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

Name of bill: ***National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2018***

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Ensure the proposed arrangements meet the needs of victims of child sexual abuse
- Make sure states are in agreement with the proposed National Law
- Examine the detailed elements of the proposed law, which have previously contentious
- Allow stakeholders an opportunity to raise issues and see the Government questioned on a matter with is very important to many people

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- CLAN
- Blue Knott Foundation
- Knowmore
- Indigenous organisations – National ATSI Legal Services, The Healing Foundation
- People with Disability Australia
- Open Place
- Micah Projects
- Legal professional bodies
- Academics e.g. Professor Kathleen Daly
- The Centre Against Sexual Violence Inc
- The Alliance of Forgotten Australians
- Anglicare WA
- Institutions
- State governments

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: **12 June 2018**


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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2018

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To investigate the amendments proposed relating to the operation of the levy payer register; to identify any unintended consequences of the amendments.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Council of Rural Research and Development Corporations (CRRDC)

Australian Egg Corporation Limited (AECL)

Australian Meat Processor Corporation (AMPC)

Australian Pork Limited (APL)

Australian Wool Innovation (AWI)

Cotton Research and Development Corporation (CRDC)

Dairy Australia

Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC)

Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited (FWPA)

Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC)

Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation (GWRDC)

Horticulture Australia Limited (HAL)

LiveCorp

Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA)

Rural Industries Research and Development (AgriFutures)

Sugar Research Australia (SRA)

Dept Agriculture and Water Resources

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee

Possible reporting date:

13 June 2018


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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 4) Bill 2018

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Detailed scrutiny of the provisions of the Bill and their implications

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Superannuation and financial services industry, employers, unions, ATO, Treasury, community stakeholders

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:

13 June 2018



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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) Bill 2018

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To understand the financial and distributional impacts of the policy proposals.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- **Treasury**
- **Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry**
- **Business Council of Australia**
- **Australian National University's Centre for Social Research and Methods**
- **Associate Professor Ben Phillips**
- **Victoria University's Centre of Policy Studies**
- **The Australia Institute**
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Committee to which bill is to be referred:

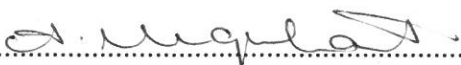
Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee

Possible reporting date:

Tuesday 19th June 2018


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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

- Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) Bill 2018

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To consider the distribution of the expected \$140B (over ten years) worth of tax cuts.
- To understand the impact of government service delivery.
- To understand the broader economic implications.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Economists
- Civil society
- Employer groups
- Trade unions

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Economics Legislation

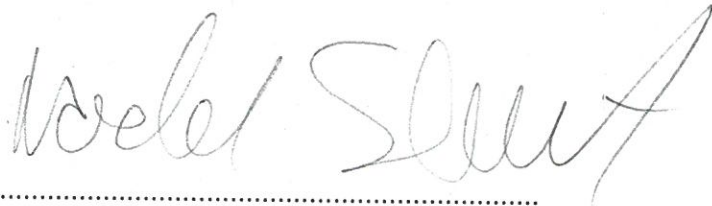
Possible hearing date(s):

- July 2018

Possible reporting date:

- August 2018

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Print name: Senator Siewert

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

Name of bill: Water Amendment Bill 2018

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Impact of changes on Murray-Darling Basin Plan; impact on stakeholders

Possible submissions or evidence from: Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, The Australia Institute, The Murray Declaration, Australian Conservation Foundation, Government of South Australia, Government of New South Wales, Government of Victoria, Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Environment & Comms

Possible hearing date(s): TBA

Possible reporting date: 10th September 2018

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Print name: _____ Senator Rachel Siewert _____