SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 2 of 2015

5 March 2015
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator David Bushby (Government Whip, Chair)
Senator Anne McEwen (Opposition Whip)
Senator Barry O’Sullivan (The Nationals Whip)
Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)
Senator Dio Wang (Palmer United Party Whip)
Senator Catryna Bilyk
Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield
Senator Claire Moore
Senator Anne Ruston

Secretary: Chris Reid
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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 4 March 2015 at 7.16 pm.

2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—

(a) the provisions of the Australian Border Force Bill 2015 and the Customs and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Border Force) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 May 2015 (see appendices 1 and 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);

(b) the Corporations Amendment (Financial Advice) Bill 2014 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 August 2015 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);

(c) the Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 August 2015 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);

(d) the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2015 (see appendices 5 and 6 for a statement of reasons for referral);

(e) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Strengthening Biometrics Integrity) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2015 (see appendix 7 for a statement of reasons for referral);

(f) the provisions of the Private Health Insurance Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2014 be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2015 (see appendix 8 for a statement of reasons for referral);

(g) the provisions of the Public Governance and Resources Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015 be referred immediately to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 March 2015 (see appendix 9 for a statement of reasons for referral); and

(h) the provisions of the Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 March 2015 (see appendix 10 for a statement of reasons for referral).

3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills not be referred to committees:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition (Sunset Extension) Bill 2015
The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
   - Australian Centre for Social Cohesion Bill 2015
   - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2015
   - Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014
   - Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2015
   - Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 2015
   - Defence Amendment (Fair Pay for Members of the ADF) Bill 2014
   - Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2015
   - Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014
   - Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment (Exit Arrangements) Bill 2015
   - Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014
   - Succession to the Crown Bill 2015.

(David Bushby)
Chair
5 March 2015
Appendix 1

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

Name of bill:
Australian Border Force Bill 2015
Customs and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Border Force) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:
Determine the impact the Bill will have on the Immigration Department and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.

Possible submissions or evidence from:
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
Human Rights Law Centre of Australia
Law Council
Refugee and Immigration Legal Centre

Committee to which bill is to be referred:
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Possible hearing date(s):
4-8 May 2015

Possible reporting date:
29 May

(signed)

Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Australian Border Force Bill 2015
Customs and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Border Force) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To further investigate potential impacts of the Bill

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
Law Council of Australia
Community and Public Sector Union

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Determined by Committee

Possible reporting date:

7
12 May 2015

(signed)

Print name: Senator Anne McEwen
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:
- Corporations Amendment (Financial Advice) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:
- Successive reports of misconduct in financial advice sector related, in part, to the provision of general advice (e.g. NAB, CBA).
- It is not yet clear if FOFA — a relatively new piece of legislation — is adequately addressing issues related to general advice.

Possible submissions or evidence from:
- Consumer advocates
- Financial advice sector
- Banks and other financial institutions
- Government agencies (e.g. ASIC, CAMAC)

Committee to which bill is to be referred:
- Economics

Possible hearing date(s): 20-21 April 2015 (flexible)

11 August

Possible reporting date: 4 June 2015 (flexible)

(signed)

Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Giving landholder the right to refuse coal and gas activity on their land, ban on hydraulic fracturing.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Lock the Gate Alliance, other community and grassroots environment groups, Department of Environment, landholders affected by coal and gas, traditional owners affected by coal and gas

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

July 2015

Possible reporting date:

7 August 2015

(signed)

Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2015

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 Immigration and Border Protection
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Australian Human Rights Commissioner
Law Council of Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Determined by Committee

Possible reporting date:

12 May 2015

(signed)

Print name: Senator Anne McEwen
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Migration Amendment (Maintaining the Good Order of Immigration Detention Facilities)
Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Determine the implications of the Bill on asylum seekers detained in Australia’s immigration detention centres

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Amnesty International Australia
Human Rights Law Centre
Law Council
Refugee Council of Australia
Refugee and Immigration Legal Centre

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

17-22 May 2015

Possible reporting date:

4 June 2015

(signed)

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Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Migration Amendment (Strengthening Biometrics Integrity) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To further investigate potential impacts of the Bill

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
Law Council of Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Determined by Committee

Possible reporting date:

12 May 2015

(signed)

Print name: Senator Anne McEwen
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Private Health Insurance Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To better understand the impact of the proposed merger, especially in light of the limited feedback from external stakeholders. In particular, to understand the impact of some powers that will not be transferred to the Commonwealth Ombudsman including the ability for the Minister to refer complaints or instruct the Ombudsman conduct an investigation, as well as changes to penalties under the Act.

Possible submissions or evidence from:
Consumers Health Forum, HIOMAA, Public Health Association of Australia, Private Healthcare Australia, private health insurers, Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association, Department of Health

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 May 2015

(signed)

Print name: Senator Anne McEwen
SELECTED OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:
Public Governance and Resources Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:
To ensure complete understanding of impact of some measures contained in the bill

Possible submissions or evidence from:
Department of Finance
Australian National Audit Office

Committee to which bill is to be referred:
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):
To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:
12 May 2015

(signed)

Print name: Senator Anne McEwen
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:
Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:
To ensure thorough scrutiny of the impact of the bill on the industry.

Possible submissions or evidence from:
The Department of Employment
Relevant industry and employee associations
Relevant employers

Committee to which bill is to be referred:
Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:
March 23rd 2015

(signed)

Print name: Senator Anne McEwen