

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 5 of 2014

15 May 2014

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Helen Kroger (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Anne McEwen (Opposition Whip)

Senator Bridget McKenzie (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Catryna Bilyk

Senator David Bushby

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

Senator Claire Moore

Secretary: Chris Reid
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 14 May 2014 at 7.20 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Australian National Preventive Health Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014 be ***referred immediately*** to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 July 2014 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities (Repeal) Bill 2014 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 July 2014 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bilateral Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Cost Recovery) Bill 2014 be ***referred immediately*** to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 June 2014 (see appendices 3, 4 and 5 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Health Workforce Australia (Abolition) Bill 2014 be ***referred immediately*** to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 July 2014 (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (e) contingent upon its introduction in the Senate, the Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014 be ***referred immediately*** to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 September 2014 (see appendix 7 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (f) the *provisions* of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 be ***referred immediately*** to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 July 2014 (see appendix 8 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (g) the *provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014, Income Tax Rates Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014, Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014, Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014, Income Tax (Bearer Debentures) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014, Income Tax (First Home Saver Accounts Misuse Tax) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014, Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014, Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014, Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment

(Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014, Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014, Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014, Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014, Tax Laws Amendment (Interest on Non-Resident Trust Distributions) (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014, Tax Laws Amendment (Untainting Tax) (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014 and the Trust Recoupment Tax Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 June 2014 (see appendix 9 for a statement of reasons for referral).

3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014
 - Export Legislation Amendment Bill 2014
 - Export Inspection (Quantity Charge) Amendment Bill 2014
 - Export Inspection (Service Charge) Amendment Bill 2014
 - Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charges) Amendment Bill 2014
 - Railway Agreement (Western Australia) Amendment Bill 2014
 - Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Seniors Health Card and Other Measures) Bill 2014
 - Student Identifiers Bill 2014
 - Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Mental Health and Other Measures) Bill 2014.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Corporations Amendment (Simple Corporate Bonds and Other Measures) Bill 2014
 - Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014
 - Save Our Sharks Bill 2014.

(Helen Kroger)

Chair

15 May 2014

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

Name of bill:

Australian National Preventive Health Agency (Abolition) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow for full investigation of the impact on preventive health activity and health outcomes due to the abolition of the Australian National Preventive Health Agency.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Public Health Association of Australia, National Heart Foundation of Australia, Professor Rob Moodie , Cancer Council of Australia, National Alliance for Action on Alcohol, Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education, Professor Paul Zimmet, Consumers Health Forum of Australia, Obesity Policy Coalition

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:

~~September 23 2014~~

14 July 2014

(signed)

Senator McEwen

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Print name:

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

Name of bill:

Energy Efficiency Opportunities (Repeal) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To scrutinise the impact of the abolition of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities (EEO) Program on stakeholders including representatives of the industries with obligations under the program; with particular reference to the educative function the EEO has played in helping them reduce energy consumption.
- To provide the Department of Industry the opportunity to present evidence of the success of the EEO program in driving down both the energy costs of Australian Industry and carbon emissions that are harmful to the environment.
- To scrutinise the impact of the abolition of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities (EEO) Program on the Government's commitment to a 5 per cent emission reduction target by 2020.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- The Department of Industry.
- Representatives of the industries with obligations under the program.
- Non-Government organisations involved in the campaign to reduce carbon emissions.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

~~16 July 2014~~

14 July 2014

(signed)

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Senator McEwen

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bilateral Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Cost Recovery) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The Coalition Government is committed to establishing a One-Stop Shop for environmental approvals. It will for the first time, streamline environmental assessments and approvals by removing duplication between the Australian Government and States and Territories.

The Committee will review the Bills and report to the Senate on:

- Maintaining high environmental standards; and
- Benefits of streamlining and reducing red tape

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Minerals Council of Australia
Business Council of Australia
Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association
Association of Mining and Exploration Companies
Planning Institute of Australia
Indigenous Advisory Council
Department of the Environment
Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

23 June 2014

Senator Fifield

(signed)

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bilateral Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To gather evidence on the likely or potential impacts of delegating environmental approval powers to state and territory governments.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Environmental NGOs
CSIRO
Geoscience Australia
Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development
Department of the Environment

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee

Possible reporting date:


26 June 2014

(signed) Senator McEwen

Print name:

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Cost Recovery) Bill
2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To gather evidence on the potential impacts of a cost-recovery model on environmental assessment and approval processes, including: budgetary impact; cost impacts for proponents; and impacts on process timing.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Environmental NGOs
Business Groups
Department of the Environment

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee

Possible reporting date:

23
26 June 2014

(signed)

Senator McEwen

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

Name of bill:

Health Workforce Australia (Abolition) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To ensure adequate assessment of the impact of the bill and the abolition of Health Workforce Australia.
- To gather evidence and provide scrutiny of the impacts of the bill and the abolition of Health Workforce Australia.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Health Workforce Australia
Department of Health
Australian Medical Association
Australian Medical Council
National Rural Health Alliance Inc
Australian Medicare Local Alliance

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

~~23 September~~ 2014

14 July

(signed)

Senator McEwen

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

Name of bill: Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The benefits of recognising the legal foreign marriages of same-sex couples and the impact of marriage equality in other countries, with particular reference to:

- a) the social and economic benefits of recognising foreign same-sex marriages,
- b) the social, cultural and economic impact of marriage equality in foreign countries,
- c) the impact on religious communities and religious freedoms of marriage equality in foreign countries.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Human Rights Commission
Australian Marriage Equality
Williams Institute

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

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Possible reporting date:

3rd September 2014

(signed)

Senator Hanson-Young.....

Print name:

Sarah Hanson-Young

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To ensure a thorough and complete assessment of its potential impact on occupational health and safety coverage for workers.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Employers and employees covered by the Comcare scheme, employee representative organisations and other bodies associated with the operation of the Comcare scheme.

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

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 8 July, 2014



Senator McEwen

(signed)

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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:

Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
Income Tax Rates Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
Income Tax (Bearer Debentures) Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
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Tax Laws Amendment (Untainting Tax) (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014
Trust Recoupment Tax Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Scrutiny of tax design and integrity issues

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Tax practitioner bodies (e.g. Tax Institute, KPMG)
- Academics
- Other stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

- Monday 16 June 2014

(signed)


Senator McEwen

