

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 6 of 2014

17 June 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 Monday, 16 June 2014 at 9.22 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 August 2014 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 4 September 2014 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Stronger Penalties for Serious Failures) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 August 2014 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Asset Recycling Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014
 - Asset Recycling Fund Bill 2014
 - Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency Repeal Bill 2014
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Product Stewardship for Oil) Bill 2014
 - Excise Tariff Amendment (Product Stewardship for Oil) Bill 2014
 - Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill 2014
 - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment Bill 2014
 - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Regulatory Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2014
 - Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment Bill 2014
 - Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 2) Bill 2014
 - Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 3) Bill 2014
 - Tax Laws Amendment (Implementation of the FATCA Agreement) Bill 2014
 - Textile, Clothing and Footwear Investment and Innovation Programs Amendment Bill 2014
 - Trade Support Loans (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014
 - Trade Support Loans 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

- Save Our Sharks Bill 2014
- Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014
- Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014.

(Helen Kroger)

Chair

17 June 2014

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

Name of bill:

Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

It is critical to ensure that despite the best intentions of the Bill, there are not unintended consequences, namely the risk that any change to the current framework may put children at risk of being trafficked.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

*Australian Intercountry Adoption Network
Intercountry Adoption Resources Network (Australia)
State based welfare agencies (e.g. Victorian Department of Human Services)
Commonwealth Children's Commissioner
Law Council of Australia
Children's Protection Society*

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be set at Committee's convenience

Possible reporting date:

26 Aug 2014C

(signed)

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Print name: Senator McEwen

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

Name of bill: **Private Health Insurance Amendment (GP Services) Bill 2014**

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: **To seek input from the medical community, industry and affected stakeholders on the impact of changes within the industry and the need for legislative reform.**

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Medical Association
Medibank Private
CHF
Bupa Australia
Consumers Health Forum
Department of Health
Private Healthcare Australia
Anne-Marie Boxall
Doctors Reform Society
Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association
National Rural Health Alliance
Australian Health Care Reform Alliance
ACOSS

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

Tuesday 19th August

Thursday 21st August

Possible reporting date:

Thursday 4 September

(signed)



Print name:

Senator Siewert

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

Name of bill: Social Security Legislation Amendment (Stronger Penalties for Serious Failures) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Investigate the impact of this budget measure on income support recipients – particularly the potential consequences in terms of housing stress and food poverty for those who are penalised under these measures.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

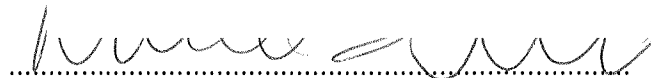
ACOSS
Welfare Rights
Australian Lawyers Alliance
Department of Social Services

Committee to which bill is to be referred:
Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):
25 July

Possible reporting date:
Aug 26

(signed)

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Print name: Rachel Siewert