

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 7 of 2014

19 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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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 18 June 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 Renewable Energy Agency (Repeal) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014 and the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendices 2 and 3 for statements of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 July 2014 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) contingent upon their introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014, the Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014, the Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Bill 2014 and the Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 July 2014 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (e) the Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 October 2014 (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (f) the *provisions* of the National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 August 2014 (see appendix 7 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (g) the *provisions* of the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 and the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendices 8 and 9 for statements of reasons for referral).

3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Corporations Amendment (Simple Corporate Bonds and Other Measures) Bill 2014
 - Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bill to its next meeting:
 - Save Our Sharks Bill 2014.

(Helen Kroger)
Chair
19 June 2014

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

Name of bill: *Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Repeal) Bill 2014*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Examination of how effective ARENA has been in developing commercial clean energy technologies for Australia's future prosperity.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

ARENA, CSIRO, Department of Industry, Local Governments, Universities, Grant Recipients or Potential Recipients in ARENA's project pipeline.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

24 July, 7 August, 21 August.

Possible reporting date:

4 September 2014

(signed)

Senator Siewert

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

Name of bill: *Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014*
Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: The Government did not consult stakeholders on the details of the Bill. Stakeholders have expressed to the Opposition a desire to have an opportunity to put their views on the record.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Graeme Innes, Disability Discrimination Commissioner
- National Disability Services (Ken Baker)
- The Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (Matthew Wright, CEO)
- The National Council for Intellectual Disability (Mark Pattison)
- ADE CEOs (for example, David Barbargello, CEO, Endeavour Foundation)
- People with Disability Australia
- Disability Advocacy Network Australia

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

Possible hearing date(s):


To be determined by the Committee,

Possible reporting date:

26 August 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:

Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014

Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To investigate the effectiveness of the payment scheme in redressing and resolving the matters associated with the application of the BSWAT Tool.

To ensure that the payment scheme will be available and fully accessible to everyone who is entitled to it.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Graeme Innes, Disability Discrimination Commissioner
- National Disability Services
- The Australian Federation of Disability Organisations
- The National Council for Intellectual Disability
- Australian Disability Enterprise CEOs
- People with Disability Australia
- Disability Advocacy Network Australia
- Maurice Blackburn Law Firm
- Department of Social Services

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

25 July

Possible reporting date:

26 Aug

(signed)

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Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bill:

- Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- The impact and operation of the CFI amendments on existing land sector projects and changes to research and development.
- Application of the CFI to other industry areas and community energy efficiency projects.
- Role and operation of Australian Carbon Credit Units in a grant based system.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Land and Farming sector
- Environmental Groups
- Local councils
- Industry bodies
- Renewable Energy Industry

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Community affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

- ~~26 August 2014~~ 7 July 2014

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Senator McEwen

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

Name of bill:

Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014
Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014
Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Bill 2014
Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Distributional analysis of fuel excise increases

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Road user groups
- Regional and community stakeholders
- Treasury/Dept of Infrastructure

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

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Possible reporting date:

- Monday 7 July

(signed)

Senator McEwen

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

Name of bill: Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Legal obligations Australia has to babies born in detention

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Human Rights Law Centre
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
Amnesty International

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

18- 24 August, 2014

Possible reporting date:

28 October 2014

(signed)

Senator Siewert

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

Name of bill: National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To scrutinise the implications of increasing the cost of pharmaceuticals on consumers and to examine the effect of changing the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme safety net

Possible submissions or evidence from: Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Consumers Health Forum, Public Health Association of Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

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

Possible reporting date:
26 August 2014

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Print name: Senator McEwen

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

Name of bill:

Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2014
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Controversial Budget measures are contained in these two bills, including cuts to pension indexation, cu

Possible submissions or evidence from:

ACOSS – Cassandra Goldie, Peter Davidson
UnitingCare – Lin Hatfield Dodds
National Seniors – Michael O’Neil
Council of the Aging – Ian Yates
Anglicare Australia – Kasy Chambers
Brotherhood of St Laurence – Tony Nicholson
Carers Australia – Ara Creswell
St Vincent De Paul – John Falzon
Mission Australia – Catherine Yeomans
NATSEM – Ben Philips
ANU - Peter Whiteford
ACTU - Matthew Cowgill
National Council for Single Mothers – Terese Edwards
National Welfare Rights – Maree O’Halloran, Gerard Thomas
AFDO – Matthew Wright
People with Disability Australia - Craig Wallace
National Disability Services – Ken Baker

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs


Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee.

Possible reporting date:

26 Aug 2014

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Print name: Senator McEwen

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Name of bill:

Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2014

Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Investigate the impact of this budget measure on low and middle income families who will be affected by it, particularly in relation to the financial stress and other forms of hardship that these measures may create for people.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

ACOSS
Welfare Rights
Australian Lawyers Alliance
National Union of Students
Department of Employment
Department of Social Services

Committee to which bill is to be referred:
Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

July 25th, July 28, Aug 6,7,8.

Possible reporting date:
Sept 4

(signed)

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Print name:

Rachel Siewert

**Amendment to the motion for adoption of the
Selection of Bills Committee report**

I move the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add, "but, in respect of:

- (a) the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014 and the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014, the Community Affairs Legislation Committee report by 26 August 2014; and
- (b) the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Repeal) Bill 2014, the Economic Legislation Committee report by 4 September 2014; and
- (c) the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 and the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2014, the Community Affairs Legislation Committee report by 4 September 2014."