

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 11 of 2014

4 September 2014

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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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 3 September 2014 at 7.16 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) contingent upon their introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Customs Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Fair Entitlements Guarantee Amendment Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 September 2014 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendices 3 and 4 for statements of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) the Corporations Amendment (Streamlining of Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Corporations Amendment (Financial Advice) Bill 2014
 - Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2014.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014
 - Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Amendment Bill 2014
 - Mining Subsidies Legislation Amendment (Raising Revenue) Bill 2014
 - Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014

- Save Our Sharks Bill 2014
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 5) Bill 2014.

(David Bushby)

Chair

4 September 2014

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

Name of bill:

Customs Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014
Customs Tariff Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- *To enable thorough scrutiny of the provisions of the legislation.*
- *To supplement the current inquiry of the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee.*

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
Industry groups and businesses affected by the Bill

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee.

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee.

Possible reporting date:

Monday 27 October 2014.

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Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill:

Fair Entitlements Guarantee Amendment Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

For detailed consideration by the Senate Committee

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Employee representatives
Employer representatives
Departmental officials
Other stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

24 September 2014

(signed)



Print name:

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine in greater detail the provisions of the Bill, in particular provisions to:

- Remove caps on student contributions
- Cut funding to the Commonwealth Grants Scheme for undergraduate places
- Change the HECS repayment indexation rate and thresholds
- Abolish the HECS-HELP benefit from 2015
- Extend subsidies – at 70 percent of the university rate – for teaching to all Higher Education Providers (HEPs)
- Expand subsidies for teaching to sub degree programs including those provided by HEP's
- Charge fees for Higher Degree by Research students through the HELP system
- Abolish mission based compacts
- Change indexation of university funding back to CPI, from a rate that reflected the costs of institutions introduced by the previous Labor government
- Allow international universities to set up in Australia and be eligible for Commonwealth support (teaching and research)

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Universities, higher education policy experts, staff, students, industry and unions

Department of Education

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

29 September, 3/6/7/8/9 October

Possible reporting date:

27 October 2014





Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill:

Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To examine measures to increase opportunity for up to 80,000 more Australians to access subsidised higher education, without having to pay upfront.
- To examine proposals to protect universities and students from declining standards and keep students and institutions competitive with rising standards internationally.
- To examine proposals for choice for regional students by allowing universities to specialise in what they do best and offer pathway programs and new scholarships.
- To examine research infrastructure across Australia

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Professor Sandra Harding, Universities Australia
- Ms Belinda Robinson, Universities Australia
- Ms Vicki Thomson, Australian Technology Network
- Mr Mike Gallagher, Group of Eight universities
- Mr Andrew Norton, Grattan Institute
- Professor Ian Young, Australian National University
- Professor Greg Craven, Australian Catholic University
- Professor Warren Bebbington, University of Adelaide
- Professor Tim Brailsford, Bond University
- Professor Paul Wellings, University of Wollongong
- Mr David Gonski, Chancellor, University of New South Wales
- Professor John Dewar, LaTrobe University
- Professor Paul Johnson, University of Western Australia
- Professor Scott Bowman, Central Queensland University
- Professor Jim Barber, former Vice-Chancellor of University of New England

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

22 September 2014

(signed)

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Print name:

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

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

Name of bill:

Corporations Amendment (Streamlining of Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2014.

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- *Previous Committee inquiry reported on 16 June.*
- *This legislation has now been significantly amended through the House of Representatives.*
- *To enable thorough examination of the amended Bill.*

Possible submissions or evidence from:

*Industry Super Australia
Financial Planning Association
COTA
National Seniors
CHOICE
Financial Services Council
Association of Financial Advisers Ltd
The Treasury*

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 30 September 2014.

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Senator Anne McEwen

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

- (1) At the end of the motion, add, "but, in respect of:
 - (a) the Customs Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation), the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee report by 2 October 2014;
 - (b) the Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014, the Education and Employment Legislation Committee report by 28 October 2014; and
 - (c) the Corporations Amendment (Streamlining of Future of Financial Advice) Bill 2014, the Economics Legislation Committee report by 30 September 2014."