

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 16 of 2014

4 December 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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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 3 December 2014 at 7.21 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 25 March 2015 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Defence Legislation Amendment (Military Justice Enhancements—Inspector-General ADF) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 March 2015 (see appendices 2, 3 and 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Enhancing Online Safety for Children Bill 2014 and the Enhancing Online Safety for Children (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 March 2015 (see appendices 5 and 6 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Fair Work Amendment (Bargaining Processes) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 25 March 2015 (see appendix 7 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (Improved Oversight and Resourcing) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 March 2015 (see appendix 8 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - ACT Government Loan Bill 2014
 - Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2014
 - Federal Courts Legislation Amendment Bill 2014
 - Family Tax Benefit (Tighter Income Test) Bill 2014.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
 - Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2014
5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Australian Securities and Investments Commission Amendment (Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee Abolition) Bill 2014
 - Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014

- Defence Amendment (Fair Pay for Members of the ADF) Bill 2014
- Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014
- Mining Subsidies Legislation Amendment (Raising Revenue) Bill 2014
- Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014
- Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2014
- Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment (Designated Coastal Waters) Bill 2014
- Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2014
- Public Governance and Resources Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014
- Private Health Insurance Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2014
- Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 7) Bill 2014
- Excess Exploration Credit Tax Bill 2014
- Tribunals Amalgamation Bill 2014.

(David Bushby)

Chair

4 December 2014

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

Name of Bill:

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Local Content) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

In undertaking the inquiry, the Committee should consider:

1. The importance of local content in Australia, and the role the Australian Broadcasting Corporation should play in the provision of such content;
2. The recent efficiency savings imposed on the Corporation by the Government;
3. The centralisation of the Corporation's operations to Sydney; and
4. Any related matters

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Broadcasting Corporation (both employees and Board members)

Department of Communications

Friends of the ABC

Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance

Committee to which the bill is to be referred:

✓ Senate Environment and Communications Committee (Legislation)

Possible hearing date(s):

January/February 2015

Possible reporting date:

April 2015

25/3/15

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee Member *Sen. Rachel Siewert.*

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

Name of bill:

DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MILITARY JUSTICE ENHANCEMENTS - INSPECTOR-GENERAL ADF) BILL 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To provide an opportunity to canvass the proposal and the benefits it brings to the Australian Defence Force in efficiency, transparency and accountability.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Stakeholders with a particular interest in Military Justice issues
Department of Defence, including the Inspector-General Australian Defence Force

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date: 3 March 2015

(signed)

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

Name of bill: Defence Legislation Amendment (Military Justice Enhancements—Inspector-General ADF) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Further evaluation and consideration

Possible submissions or evidence from: Department, Australian Law Reform Commission, Australian Defence Association, Legal Professors and Professionals

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

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

Possible reporting date: 3 March 2015

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Print name: _____ Senator Anne McEwen _____

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

Name of bill: Defence Legislation Amendment (Military Justice Enhancements – Inspector-General ADF) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Changes to the powers of the Inspector-General of the ADF are controversial and could have a substantial impact on ADF members. With this in mind, the bill should be referred to committee for inquiry to examine its consequences.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Australian Defence Association, Defence Force Welfare Association, other Defence stakeholders, the Department of Defence, the Inspector-General of the ADF.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Possible hearing date(s): Mid to late January 2015

Possible reporting date: March 2015

(signed)



Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bill: Enhancing Online Safety for Children Bill 2014 and Enhancing Online Safety for Children (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- This is the first legislation of this kind proposed in the Parliament
- Allow for public consultation, including with industry, community groups and education providers
- Enable public input into the impact of technological developments on this new area of law
- Scrutiny of the practical issues surrounding the implementation of the scheme

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Social media companies
- Anti-bullying organisations
- Education groups
- Technology and communications specialists
- Department of Communications

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee


Possible hearing date(s):

- To be determined by Committee

Possible reporting date:

- ~~10 February 2015~~ / 3 MARCH

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Print name: Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill: Enhancing Online Safety for Children Bill 2014, and Enhancing Online Safety for Children (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: There is substantial disagreement within the wider community about whether this legislation has merit. The legislation would benefit from scrutiny and debate over its approach. The consequences for the many stakeholders affected by the legislation need to be examined.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Communications Alliance, Australian Interactive Marketing Industry Association, Twitter, Facebook, Microsoft, Yahoo, Instagram, Telstra, Optus, iiNet, Vodafone, parents groups, the National Tertiary Education Union.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Environment and Communications

Possible hearing date(s): Mid to late January 2015

Possible reporting date: March 2015

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Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert.

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

Name of bill:

Fair Work Amendment (Bargaining Processes) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To ensure a thorough and complete assessment of its potential impact on a bargaining parties' ability to take protected industrial action and to examine any unforeseen consequences arising from the Bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Unions, employer bodies, academics and the Department of Employment.

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

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

Possible reporting date: Wednesday 25 March 2015

(signed)



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Print name:

Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill:

Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (Improved Oversight and Resourcing) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Important piece of proposed national security legislation

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Gilbert and Tobin Centre for Public Law
- Law Council of Australia
- Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security
- Attorney-General's Department
- Australian Human Rights Commission
- Australian Lawyers Alliance
- Castan Centre for Human Rights Law
- Professor Ben Saul

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

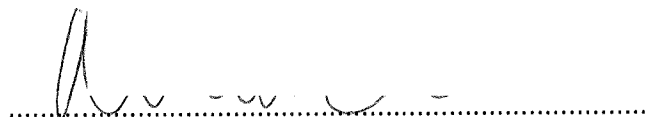
Possible hearing date(s):

- January 20-23 2015
- January 26-30 2015

Possible reporting date:

- Thursday 5 March

(signed)



Print name:

Senator Rachel Siewert.

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—
PRESENTATION OF 16TH REPORT OF 2014—
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON 4 DECEMBER 2014**

In respect of the Parliamentary Service Bill 2014 be referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 March 2015