

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 10 OF 2015

20 August 2015

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, 19 August 2015 at 7.16 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 15 September 2015 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 October 2015 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) contingent upon their introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Legislation Amendment Bill 2015, the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Bill 2015 and the Register of Foreign Ownership of Agricultural Land Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 October 2015 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Debit Card Trial) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 October 2015 (see appendices 4, 5 and 6 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the Parliamentary Expenses Amendment (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by the 1st sitting week February 2016 (see appendix 7 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Primary Television Broadcasting Service) Bill 2015
 - Civil Law and Justice (Omnibus Amendments) Bill 2015.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standing) Bill 2015.
5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Aged Care Amendment (Independent Complaints Arrangements) Bill 2015
 - Australian Centre for Social Cohesion Bill 2015

- Banking Laws Amendment (Unclaimed Money) Bill 2015
- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2015
- Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014
- Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Inter-State Voyages) Bill 2015
- Marriage Equality Plebiscite Bill 2015
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Better Targeting the Income Tax Transparency Laws) Bill 2015
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 4) Bill 2015.

(David Bushby)

Chair

20 August 2015

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

Name of bill:

- ASIAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT BANK BILL 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- The joining of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank is an important issue of national significance and therefore makes the Bill worthy of a short inquiry.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Foreign policy think tanks.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

15 September 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:

Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- **Urgent need to reduce carbon pollution**
- **Making Australia's transport fleet more efficient**
- **Long term cost savings**

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- **Economists**
- **The Climate Change Authority**
- **Climate Works**
- **Representatives of EU nations regarding EU standards**

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications

Possible hearing date(s):

29 September 2015

8 October 2015

Possible reporting date:

28 October 2015

(signed)

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Print name:

Senator Waters & Siemant

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

Name of bill:

- Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Legislations Amendments
- Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Impositions
- Register of Foreign Ownership of Agricultural Land

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Major changes to Australia's foreign investment regulatory regime which warrants parliamentary scrutiny.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Business organisations
- Effected industries including agriculture and residential real estate

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

12 October 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: Social Security Legislation Amendment (Debit Card Trial) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The lack of evidence that income management in any form is an effective policy.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

NWRN

ACOSS

Uniting Care

National Congress of Australia's First People's

Department of Social Services

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

18th Sept / 9th Oct

Possible reporting date:

19 Oct.

(signed)

Print name: _____ **Senator Rachel Siewert**

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

Name of bill: Social Security Legislation Amendment (Debit Card Trial) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow consideration of the proposed trial of the cashless debit card trial for welfare payments.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Ceduna District Council
Wunan Foundation
Department of Social Services
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
Ceduna Community Heads Leadership Group
Ceduna Traders Association
Professor Marcia Langton
Wyndham East Kimberley Shire

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:

Monday 12 October 2015

(signed)

Print name: Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

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

Name of bill:

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Debit Card Trial) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the details and impacts of the Bill

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- South Australian Government
- Western Australian Government
- Department of Social Services
- District Council of Ceduna Council
- Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation
- ACOSS
- National Welfare Rights Network
- Cape York Institute
- Wunan Foundation
- Koonibbaa Community Aboriginal Corporation
- Stop Income Management in Playford

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:

12 October 2015

Print name: _____ Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of Bill:

Parliamentary Expenses Amendment (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

In undertaking the inquiry, the Committee should consider:

1. The current system for Parliamentarians' entitlements, and whether it meets public expectations of transparency and accountability;
2. The need for greater oversight of entitlements claims by an independent body outside the Department of Finance and Parliament;
3. The systems currently in use overseas, and particularly in the United Kingdom;
4. The Government's current review of the entitlements system; and
5. Any related matters

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Finance

Remuneration Tribunal

Commonwealth Ombudsman

Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (UK)

Committee to which the bill is to be referred:

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee (Legislation)

Possible hearing date(s):

November 2015

Possible reporting date:

→ February 2016

(signed)

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee Member

Senator Siewert

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—
PRESENTATION OF 10TH REPORT OF 2015—
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON
20 AUGUST 2015**

At the end of the motion, add, “but in respect of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standing) Bill 2015, the provisions of the bill be referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 October 2015”.