

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 13 OF 2015

15 October 2015

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator David Bushby (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Anne McEwen (Opposition Whip)

Senator Matthew Canavan (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Dio Wang (Palmer United Party Whip)

Senator Catryna Bilyk

Senator David Fawcett

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, 14 October 2015 at 7.16 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Streamlining Regulation) Bill 2015 and the Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (Streamlining Regulation) Bill 2015 be ***referred immediately*** to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2015 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015 be ***referred immediately*** to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 March 2016 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015 be ***referred immediately*** to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2016 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment (Forum on Food Regulation and Other Measures) Bill 2015 be ***referred immediately*** to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2015 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Health Legislation Amendment (eHealth) Bill 2015 be ***referred immediately*** to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2015 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (f) the *provisions* of the Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015 be ***referred immediately*** to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 February 2016 (see appendices 6 and 7 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (g) the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment) Bill 2015 be ***referred immediately*** to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 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:
 - Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Cargo) Bill 2015
 - Customs Amendment (Fees and Charges) Bill 2015
 - Customs Depot Licensing Charges Amendment Bill 2015
 - Import Processing Charges Amendment Bill 2015

- Education Legislation Amendment (Overseas Debt Recovery) Bill 2015
Student Loans (Overseas Debtors Repayment Levy) Bill 2015.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:

- Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Criminology Research) Bill 2015
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015
- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2015
- Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2015
- Defence Legislation Amendment (First Principles) Bill 2015
- Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP Reform) Bill 2015
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 5) Bill 2015.

(David Bushby)

Chair

15 October 2015

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

Name of bills:

Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Streamlining Regulation) Bill 2015
Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (Streamlining Regulation) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Scrutinise impact of the provision of the bill; and identify any unintended consequences and risks to students, and to the integrity and reputation of Australia's international education

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- University peak bodies, including Universities Australia
- National Tertiary Education Union
- TEQSA
- ASQA
- Australian Education Union
- TAFE Directors Australia
- International Education Association of Australia
- English Australia
- Council of Private Higher Education Providers
- Individual universities, TAFE colleges, registered training organisations and non-university higher education providers
- State governments and regulators
- Independent education policy experts

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

February 2016 (commencement date for a number of parts of the bill is 1 July 2016)

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Senator Anne McEwen

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment
(Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Alternatives to using primates in research
- Animal welfare

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Animal welfare groups
- Researchers

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications References Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be negotiated

Possible reporting date:

✓ 1 March 2016

(signed)

Print name:

Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bill: *Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Consideration of policy proposal to help close the gender pay gap by giving workers the freedom to discuss their pay without fear of sanctions.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Women's groups (i.e. ES4W, ERA, Fair Agenda, NFAW)
- Professor Michelle Brown, Melbourne University
- Professor Beth Gaze, Melbourne University
- ACTU
- Other relevant trade unions
- Employer representatives

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Employment and Education Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

March/April 2016 (TBC pending sitting calendar)

Possible reporting date:

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April/May 2016 (TBC pending sitting calendar)

(signed)

Print name:

Rachel Soemast

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

Name of bill:

Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment (Forum on Food Regulation and Other Measures) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Scrutiny of the impact of the amendments to definitions in the Act
- Scrutiny of the impact to the amendments of the composition of the FSANZ board detailed in Schedule 2 of the Bill, including the potential impact of reducing the representation of science and public health expertise on the board.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- National Health and Medical Research Council
- Public Health Association of Australia
- Health Consumers Forum
- Choice

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

- February 2016

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Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill:

Health Legislation Amendment (eHealth) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

For detailed consideration of the implications of the changes to the collection, distribution and use of personal information in the Healthcare Identifiers act and for the purposes of the personally controlled electronic health record system (MyHealth Record system)

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association, Australian Medical Association, Consumer's Health Forum, National e-Health Transition Authority, Department of Health.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Suggest papers only

Possible reporting date:

9 November

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Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill: Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Narrows the definition by which someone can access complimentary protection. Will potentially see people in genuine need of protection returned to danger.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Refugee Advice and Casework Service
- Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
- Refugee Churches Taskforce
- Human Rights Law Centre
- Australian Law Council
- Refugee Immigration and Legal Centre
- Refugee Advice and Casework Service

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

- TBC

✓ Possible reporting date:

- 18th February 2016

(signed)

Print name: _____

Rachel Stewart

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

Name of bill:

Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To further investigate potential impacts and unintended consequences of the Bill

Possible submissions or evidence from:

*Department of Immigration and Border Protection
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Australian Human Rights Commissioner
Law Council of Australia
Refugee Council of Australia
Save the Children
Amnesty International*

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

23 November 2015

Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill:

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Scrutinise any impact and unintended consequences to young jobseekers

Possible submissions or evidence from:

NB Suggest submissions on paper only, from:

- ACOSS
- Department of Social Services
- Welfare Rights Group
- St Vincent's de Paul
- Youth Affairs Coalition
- Brotherhood of St Laurence
- National Union of Students
- Anglicare

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

30 November 2015

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 Senator Anne McEwen