

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 3 OF 2016

3 March 2016

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 David Fawcett

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

Senator Claire Moore

Secretary: Chris Reid
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 2 March 2016 at 7.18 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2016 (see appendices 1, 2 and 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 17 June 2016 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 June 2016 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Interest Charge) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 June 2016 (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Biological Control Amendment Bill 2016
 - Tax Laws Amendment (Norfolk Island CGT Exemption) Bill 2016
 - Territories Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
 - Passenger Movement Charge Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2016.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment (Securing the Automotive Component Industry) Bill 2015
 - Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014
 - Law and Justice Amendment (Northern Territory Local Court) Bill 2016
 - Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2016
 - Registration of Deaths Abroad Amendment Bill 2016
 - Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2016
 - Restoring Territory Rights (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2016
 - Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014.

(David Bushby)

Chair

3 March 2016

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

Name of bill:

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To enable the Senate to examine the detail of the Bill including the repeal of the '75% audience reach' rule, the 'two out of three' rule and the proposed new local content requirements.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Commercial television broadcasters
Commercial radio broadcasters
Newspaper publishers
Australian Communications and Media Authority
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

10 May 2016

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(signed)

Print name: Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield



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

Name of bill:

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Thorough investigation of the impact of proposed changes to media regulation on the community and public interest is required.
- Impact of proposed changes on coverage of local stories in rural and regional Australian to be further investigated.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Department of Communications
- Australian Communications and Media Authority
- Media organisations
- Academics
- Interested members of the general public

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

12 May 2016

Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill: [Broadcasting Legislation Amendment \(Media Reform\) Bill 2016](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: The bill proposes significant changes to the Australian media landscape including media ownership & concentration, reach and 'voices', and will also impact on local content and the quality of regional and rural broadcasting.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Representatives from major commercial media organisations

ABC

SBS

Independent media outlets; Buzzfeed, Junkee, Pedestrian

Public Interest Journalism Foundation

Australian Press Council

Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance

Communications Alliance Limited

Community Broadcast Association of Australia

Australian Communications Consumer Action Network

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

Possible hearing date(s): April dates to be confirmed depending on committee scheduling and witness availability

Possible reporting date: 12 May 2016

(signed)

Print name:

Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bill:

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To assess the possible consequences for donors, recipients, the AEC and other relevant regulatory bodies.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

AEC

Dr Joo-Cheong Tham

Professor George Williams

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

9 May

✓ Possible reporting date:

17 June

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Print name:

Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bill: Social Services Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Welfare Payment Integrity) Bill 2016

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Examination of the impact of Government income support measures on community members

Possible submissions or evidence from: ACOSS, NWRN, and other interested organisations.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): Dates to be determined by the Committee.

Possible reporting date: 20 June 2016

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Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Social Services Legislation Amendment (Interest Charge) Bill 2016

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Examination of the impact of Government income support measures on community members

Possible submissions or evidence from: ACOSS, NWRN, and other interested organisations.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): Dates to be determined by the Committee.

Possible reporting date: 20 June 2016

(signed)

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Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert