

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 4 OF 2016

17 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)

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Senator David Fawcett

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Senator Claire Moore

Secretary: Chris Reid
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 16 March 2016 at 7.21 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Customs and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 June 2016 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Australian Workers) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2016 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2016 (see appendices 3 and 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2016 (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:
 - Financial System Legislation Amendment (Resilience and Collateral Protection) Bill 2016
 - Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Bill 2016
Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2016
 - Registration of Deaths Abroad Amendment Bill 2016
 - Social Security Amendment (Diabetes Support) 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 (Auditor Registration) Bill 2016
 - Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014

- Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory Local Court) Bill 2016
- Migration Amendment (Free the Children) Bill 2016
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment Bill 2016
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account 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
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Consistent Treatment of Parental Leave Payments) Bill 2016
- Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 2) 2016
- Statute Update Bill 2016
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Fund) Bill 2016
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Transparency Measures) Bill 2016
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 2) Bill 2016
- Tax Laws Amendment (Tax Incentives for Innovation) Bill 2016.

(David Bushby)

Chair

17 March 2016

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

Name of bill: [Customs and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Schedule 6 pertains to the actions of officers at sea and appears to protect the action of officers where there has been a defective consideration of the UN Convention of the Laws of the Sea.

Possible submissions or evidence from: *Refugee sector re international law*

Committee to which bill is to be referred: *Legal and Constitutional Affairs*

Possible hearing date(s): *May/June*

Possible reporting date: *June 20/6*

(signed)

Print name:

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Rachel Stewart

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

Name of bill:

Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Australian Workers) Bill 2016

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Detailed scrutiny- Measures include new criminal offences, increased penalties for serious contraventions of Fair Work Act 2009 and additional protections for employees in cases of sham contracting and phoenixing.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Unions, employer organisations, Law Council, academics, government departments and regulators.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

10 May 2016

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Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill:

Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016

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*

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

10 May 2016

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Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill: [Migration Amendment \(Family Violence and Other Measures\) Bill 2016](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

This bill amends the sponsorship framework to allow the disclosure of personal information and allows introduces Ministerial power to cancel or bar a family sponsor where family violence is involved. The terms are currently vague and therefore evidence and expert opinion are required in order to examine this Bill in greater detail.

Possible submissions or evidence from: *Migration sector*

Committee to which bill is to be referred: *Legal and Constitutional Affairs*

Possible hearing date(s): *May/June*

Possible reporting date: *June*

(signed)

Print name: _____

Michael Stewart

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

Name of bill:

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2016

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To investigate the structures and systems that will safe guards and provide protection to levy payers relating to the sharing of levy payer information with Rural and Research Corporations and to eligible recipients.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
GrainGrowers, Cattle Council, Sheepmeat Council, Rural and Research Corporations

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

12 May 2016

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Senator Anne McEwen