

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 6 OF 2016

15 September 2016

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator David Bushby (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Anne Urquhart (Opposition Whip)

Senator Brian Burston (Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip)

Senator Derryn Hinch (Derryn Hinch's Justice Party Whip)

Senator Skye Kakoschke-Moore (Nick Xenophon Team Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Catryna Bilyk

Senator David Fawcett

Senator Katy Gallagher

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

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 September 2016 at 7.37 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2016 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 October 2016 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2016 and the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendices 3 and 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) 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 October 2016 (see appendices 5 and 6 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (e) the *provisions* of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendices 7 and 8 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (f) the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 9 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (g) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 October 2016 (see appendix 10 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (h) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Income Tax Relief) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 October 2016 (see appendix 11 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Criminal Code Amendment (High Risk Terrorist Offenders) Bill 2016

- Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2015
- Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010 [2013]
- Industry Research and Development Amendment (Innovation and Science Australia) Bill 2016
- International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill 2016
- Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013
- Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016
- National Cancer Screening Register Bill 2016
National Cancer Screening Register (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2016
- Plebiscite (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill 2016
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment) Bill 2016
- Statute Law Revision (Spring 2016) Bill 2016
- Statute Update Bill 2016.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Criminology Research) Bill 2016
 - Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Television and Radio Licence Fees) Bill 2016
 - Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2016
 - Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2016
 - Freedom to Marry Bill 2016
 - Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016
 - Narcotic Drugs Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
Narcotic Drugs (Licence Charges) Bill 2016
 - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Petroleum Pools and Other Measures) Bill 2016
 - Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2016
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Student Payments) Bill 2016
 - Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 2) Bill 2016
 - Water Legislation Amendment (Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2016.

(David Bushby)

Chair

15 September 2016

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

Name of bill:

Australian Broadcasting Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To continue to investigate the proposed Amendments and to identify any other measures that may promote regional news services and journalism in rural and regional Australia.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Regional journalists, Regional; residents, regional businesses, regional representatives.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Various

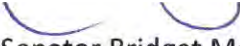
Possible reporting date:

Wednesday 30 November 2016


(signed)

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Print name:



Senator Bridget McKenzie

 SENATOR JOHN WILLIAMS

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

Name of bill: *Competition and Consumer Amendment
(Country of Origin) Bill 2016*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To examine matters in the bill

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Industry*
- Food producers*
- Consumer organisations*

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): *26 ~~08~~ Sept 2016*

Possible reporting date: *10 Oct 2016*

(signed)

Print name: *SEYE KAROSCHKE-MODRE*

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To seek information about the impact of the Bill on children, families and providers to facilitate informed consideration of the Bill.
- To allow consultation with the sector on potential improvements to the Bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Early Childhood Australia
Australian Child Care Alliance
National Outside School Hours Care Association
Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care
Home Child Care Alliance
National Association of Mobile Services
Children and Young People with Disability Australia
The Parenthood

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Employment and Education Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee.

Possible reporting date:

~~21~~ 22 November 2016

Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill: [Family Assistance Legislation Amendment \(Jobs for Families Child Care Package\) Bill 2016](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The Australian Greens are concerned that the introduction of the activity test will reduce access to subsidised childcare for vulnerable children.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

First week of October. 1 day sufficient.

Possible reporting date:

21 November 2016

(signed)

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Print name:

Senator Rachel Siewert

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: **Potential conflict with Australia's human rights obligations and potential issues with proportionality.**

Possible submissions or evidence from: **Please see submitters to lapsed inquiry into this Bill.**

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

Possible hearing date(s): 27th October

Possible reporting date: 11th November 2016

(signed)

Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert

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:

For completion of a report that was previously referred in March 2016, scrutinising the impact of legislative change on the sponsored family visa program.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

Monday 10 October

Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill: National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Examination of purported argument for linkage between savings measures and NDIS funding

Possible submissions or evidence from: People with Disability Australia, Australian Council of Social Services, Australian Cross Disability Alliance

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): On the papers

Possible reporting date: 7 November 2016

(signed)

Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bill:

National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

More information is required to understand the purpose and operation of the proposed Fund.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Social Services
Department of the Treasury
Department of Finance
Disability Organisations

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:

7 November 2016

Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2016

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

More information is required on the impacts of these measures on those affected.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Social Services

Department of the Treasury

Multicultural organisations

Welfare organisations

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:

7 November 2016

Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

- Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan) Bill 2016

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To examine the economic impact of the Bill.
- To examine the social impact of the Bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Economists.
- Business groups.
- Civil society groups.
- Trade unions.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

- Weeks starting 19 September, 26 September, 3 October

Possible reporting date:

- Week starting 10 October

(signed)

Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bill:

- Treasury Laws Amendment (Income Tax Relief) Bill 2016

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To examine the economic impact of the Bill.
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Possible submissions or evidence from:

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- Week starting 10 October

(signed)

Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—
PRESENTATION OF 6TH REPORT OF 2016—
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON
15 SEPTEMBER 2016**

At the end of the motion, add, “but,

- (a) in respect of the provisions of the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2016 and the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill 2016 the Education and Employment Legislation Committee report by 10 October 2016;
- (b) in respect of the provisions of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016 the Community Affairs Legislation Committee report by 7 November 2016; and
- (c) in respect of the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2016, the Community Affairs Legislation Committee report by 10 October 2016.”.