

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 1 OF 2017**

*9 February 2017*

## **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 Sam Dastyari

Senator David Fawcett

Senator Katy Gallagher

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

Secretary: Chris Reid  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### REPORT NO. 1 OF 2017

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 8 February 2017 at 7.32 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Airports Amendment Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 March 2017 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the *provisions* of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Amendment Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 15 February 2017 (see appendix 2 and 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment (Defence Force) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 March 2017 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (d) the *provisions* of the Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 March 2017 (see appendix 5 and 6 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Agriculture and Water Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
  - Excise Levies Legislation Amendment (Honey) Bill 2016
  - Customs and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
  - Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Bill 2017
  - Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2017
  - National Integrity Commission Bill 2013
  - Parliamentary Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2017
  - Superannuation Amendment (PSSAP Membership) Bill 2016
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (Bourke Street Fund) Bill 2017.

*The committee recommends accordingly.*

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Preliminary Assessment Process) Bill 2017
  - Criminal Code Amendment (Prohibition of Full Face Coverings in Public Places) Bill 2017
  - Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 2016
  - End Cruel Cosmetics Bill 2014

- Enhancing Online Safety for Children Amendment Bill 2017
  - Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2017
  - Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Representation) Bill 2017
  - Health Insurance Amendment (National Rural Health Commissioner) Bill 2017
  - National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2016
  - Parliamentary Expenses Amendment (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2015
  - Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2016
  - Transport Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance) Bill 2017
- Diverted Profits Tax Bill 2017.

*The committee recommends accordingly.*

5. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
  - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017.

(David Bushby)  
**Chair**  
 9 February 2017

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

**Name of bill:** Airports Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

- The amendments make changes to a complex system planning framework
- Airport planning is a rare area where the Federal Government is the lead consent authority. This is normally a State area.
- There are likely to be areas of concern around shifting settings for obtaining consent to what can be major development.
- Airport planning issues are of significant interest to communities near airports.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- States and Territories
- Local Government
- Community organisations
- Residents near airports
- Airports
- Airlines
- Development interests

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

- Senate Rural & Regional Affairs Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

- To be determined by the Committee

**Possible reporting date:**

- Tuesday, 28 March 2017



Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill: Building and Construction (Improving Productivity) Amendment Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The Bill requires investigation on the consequences of a shorter proposed transition period.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Previous submitters

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

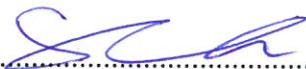
Possible hearing date(s):

Monday 13 February 2017

Possible reporting date:

15 February 2017

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Print name:

Shye Kakeshee - Mawa

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

Name of bill:

Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Amendment Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Unions and industry groups

CFMEU

ETU Vic

ACTU

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

27<sup>th</sup> February 2017

(signed)

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Print name:

Rachel Siemert

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

Name of bill: Safety, Rehabilitation & Compensation  
legislation Amendment (Defence Force)  
Bill 2016.

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Concerns over whether bill will not inadvertently  
disadvantage defence force members

Possible submissions or evidence from:

DVA  
vietnam vets Association.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

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Possible hearing date(s):

week beginning 20/12/2017

Possible reporting date:

20 March 2017.

(signed)

  
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Print name:

Shyn Katschew-Moore

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

**Name of bill:**

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

This bill enables changes to a complex regulatory system. The changes will mostly be made via regulations that have not been drafted, necessitating further scrutiny of the bill and the Government's implementation planning. Once made these changes would be difficult to unwind, heightening the bar for passage

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Relevant Government agencies (e.g. TGA); stakeholders including industry and consumer groups; health and regulatory experts

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

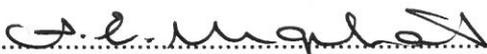
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the committee

**Possible reporting date:**

27 March 2017

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill: Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2016 Measures No.1) Bill 2016

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Concerns about process proposed in the Bill

Possible submissions or evidence from:

TGA  
AMA

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

week commencing 6 March 2017.

Possible reporting date:

27/3/2017

(signed)

  
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Print name:

Shye Katochlee-More

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—  
PRESENTATION OF 1ST REPORT OF 2017—  
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON  
9 FEBRUARY 2017**

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At the end of the motion, add, “but, in respect of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017 the provisions of the bill be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 March 2017.”.