

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 3 OF 2017**

*23 March 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. 3 OF 2017

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 22 March 2017 at 7.16 pm.
2. The committee recommends—That—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Fair Work Amendment (Corrupting Benefits) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2017 (see appendix 1 and 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the *provisions* of the Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2017 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 May 2017 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (d) the Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2017 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (e) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (GST Low Value Goods) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2017 (see appendix 6 and 7 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Preliminary Assessment Process) Bill 2017
  - Banking and Financial Services Commission of Inquiry Bill 2017
  - Biosecurity Amendment (Ballast Water and Other Measures) Bill 2017
  - Communications Legislation Amendment (Executive Remuneration) Bill 2017
  - Copyright Amendment (Disability Access and Other Measures) Bill 2017
  - Crimes Amendment (Penalty Unit) Bill 2017
  - Disability Services Amendment (Linking Upper Age Limits for Disability Employment Services to Pension Age) Bill 2017
  - Education and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2017
  - Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Take Home Pay) Bill 2017
  - Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2017
  - Health Insurance Amendment (National Rural Health Commissioner) Bill 2017
  - National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2016
  - Personal Property Securities Amendment (PPS Leases) Bill 2017

- Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Polar Code) Bill 2017
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Employer Register) Bill 2017.
4. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
- Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2017
  - Social Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2017.
5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Australian Immunisation Register and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017
  - Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Amendment Bill 2017
  - Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017
  - Communications Legislation Amendment (SBS Advertising Flexibility) Bill 2017
  - Competition and Consumer Legislation Amendment (Small Business Access to Justice) Bill 2017
  - End Cruel Cosmetics Bill 2014.

(David Bushby)

**Chair**

23 March 2017

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

**Name of bill:** Fair Work Amendment (Corrupting Benefits) Bill 2017

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

The bill makes significant changes to bargaining under the FW Act

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Unions  
Employer organisations  
Fair Work Commission  
Fair Work Ombudsman  
Department of Employment

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

Education and Employment Legislation committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:**

(signed)



Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name of bill:** Fair Work Amendment (Corrupting Benefits) Bill 2017


**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:** To allow for a full and detailed examination of the provisions proposed in the Bill. To allow stakeholders to make submissions on the detailed proposals in the Bill.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:** Employers, employer groups, unions, academics, industrial relations experts.

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

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

**Possible reporting date:** 22 May 2017

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

**Name of bill:** Fair Work (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2017

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:** To allow for a full and detailed examination of the provisions proposed in the Bill. To allow stakeholders to make submissions on the detailed proposals in the Bill.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:** Employers, employer groups, unions, academics.

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:** 22 May 2017

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Senator Anne Urqhart

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

**Name of bill:** Fair Work Amendment (Repeal of 4 Yearly Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2017

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:** To allow for a full and detailed examination of the provisions proposed in the Bill. To allow stakeholders to make submissions on the detailed proposals in the Bill.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:** Employers, employer groups, unions, academics, industrial relations experts.

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:** 22 May 2017



Senator Anne Urquhart



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

Name of bill: **Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2016**

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

**Removal of 'offend' and 'insult' provisions from section 18C of the Act.**

Possible submissions or evidence from:

**Persons and organisations who made submissions to the inquiry of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights concerning Part IIA of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975. The Committee could inform itself of the submissions and report of that Committee to enable a relatively short review process.**

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs – Legislation - Committee**

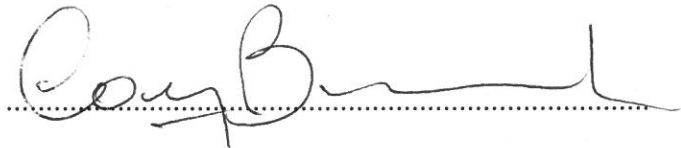
Possible hearing date(s):

**April 2017**

Possible reporting date:

**Tuesday 9 May 2017**

(signed)

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Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ **SENATOR CORY BERNARDI** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name of bill:**

*Treasury Laws Amendment (GST Low Value Goods) 2017*

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

- Scrutinise the detail and implementation of the measures
- Address stakeholder feedback on the measures

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

- Affected departments (Treasury, Australian Taxation Office, Customs etc)
- Online platforms (Amazon, eBay, Alibaba etc.)
- Logistics companies
- Consumer and business lobby groups

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

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee

**Possible reporting date:**

The week of May 9

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

- Treasury Laws Amendment (GST Low Value Goods) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To understand the extent of the market that will actually be captured by this tax.
- To understand the ability of the tax office to collect this tax.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Online retail platforms.
- Bricks and mortar retail firms.
- Logistics companies.
- Tax academics.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Economics

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

(signed)



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Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—  
PRESENTATION OF 3 REPORT OF 2017—  
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON  
23 MARCH 2017**

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At the end of the motion, add, “but, in respect of the Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 the provisions of the bill be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 March 2017.”.