# **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 9 OF 2017** 

17 August 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: Rachel C

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- 1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 16 August 2017 at 7.20 pm.
- 2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 October 2017 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the *provisions* of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendices 2 and 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 17 October 2017 (see appendices 4 and 5 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (d) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendices 6 and 7 for a statement of reasons for referral).
- 3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - End Cruel Cosmetics Bill 2014
  - Imported Food Control Amendment Bill 2017
  - Product Emissions Standards Bill 2017
    Product Emissions Standards (Excise) Charges Bill 2017
    Product Emissions Standards (Customs) Charges Bill 2017
    Product Emissions Standards (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2017
  - Public Governance and Resources Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2017
  - Taxation Administration Amendment (Corporate Tax Entity Information) Bill 2017
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 4) Bill 2017.
- 4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Regional Australia) Bill 2017
  - Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Carbon Capture and Storage) Bill 2017
  - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Abolition of Limited Merits Review) Bill 2017

- Defence Amendment (Fair Pay for Members of the ADF) Bill 2017
- Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Amendment Bill 2017
  - Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2017
- International Monetary Agreements Amendment (New Arrangements to Borrow) Bill 2017
- Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2017.
- 5. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
  - Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 and 10 related bills.

(David Bushby) **Chair** 17 August 2017

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#### Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2017

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

This Bill deals with Australia's efforts to combat money laundering and terrorism financing. Given the importance and complexity of these matters, it would be prudent to have this Bill considered by Committee to:

- ensure proper scrutiny of the measures contained in the Bill; and
- engage with stakeholders who will be impacted; and
- hear evidence from agencies working in this area.

#### Possible submissions or evidence from:

Attorney-General's Department, AUSTRAC, CDPP, the Australian Federal Police, Law Council of Australia, State and Territory Law Associations (e.g. Law Institute of Victoria), State and Territory Bar Associations, major banks, Australian Bankers' Association, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, the Uniting Church, Transparency International Australia, State and Territory police forces

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

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation

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

**Possible reporting date**: 16 October 2017

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Name of bill: Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To ensure proper scrutiny of each of the proposed reforms
- To allow stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the policy intent
- To allow stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the drafting

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- ACTU
- Department of Employment
- Professor Andrew Stewart
- Law Council of Australia
- Registered Organisations

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:

13 November 2017

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

Name of bill: Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017

## Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To provide Senators with an opportunity for further consideration of the scope of the new tests in the Bill.

#### Possible submissions or evidence from:

Registered Organisations, other employee or employer groups, academics, peak bodies affected by the conduct of registered organisations.

#### 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:

1 September 2017

(signed)

Print name:

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

Name of bill:

Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Stakeholders have been vocal in raising their concerns about unintended consequences of recent changes to skilled migration visas.
- The Migration Act is a complex piece of legislation and any amendments warrant further consultation and investigation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Unions
- Employer and industry organisations
- Department of Immigration and Border Protection
- Law Council of Australia
- Migration Institute of Australia
- Other industry bodies

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

• To be determined by committee

Possible reporting date:

Tuesday 17 October 2017

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Name of bill: Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) bill 2017

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:** This bill makes significant changes to migration, Visa and work arrangements for overseas workers in Australia.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Australian Council of Trade Unions Individual unions across a range of industries Employer groups including the National Farmers Federation and Australian Industry Group Migration Institute of Australia Law Council of Australia The Salvation Army Justice and International Mission Unit, Uniting Church in Australia JobWatch Inc.

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

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 19 October 2017

(signed)

Senator Rachel Siewert

Print name:

Name of bill:

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow for proper scrutiny of the Bill and consultation with the communities involved

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- The communities named as trial sites (not yet known will be named in Bill)
- Local services in the communities Police, paramedics; drug and alcohol services
- Local community groups
- ACOSS

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:

13 November 2017

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Name of bill: Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Impacts of the bill on recipients

Possible submissions or evidence from: ACOSS, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, Professor Jon Altman, Australian Human Rights Commission, National Social Security Rights Network

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 17 October 2017

(signed)

Print name:

Rachel Siewert

## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE— PRESENTATION OF 9 REPORT OF 2017— AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON 17 AUGUST 2017

At the end of the motion, add, "but, in respect of:

- (a) the Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 and 10 related bills, the bills be referred to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 16 October 2017;
- (b) the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017, the Education and Employment Legislation Committee report on 9 October 2017; and
- (c) the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017, the Community Affairs Legislation Committee report on 13 November 2017.".