

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 12 of 2014**

*25 September 2014*

## **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)

Senator Dio Wang (Palmer United Party Whip)

Senator Catryna Bilyk

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

Senator Claire Moore

Senator Anne Ruston

Secretary: Chris Reid  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 24 September 2014 at 7.34 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 November 2014 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 17 October 2014 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 November 2014 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (d) the *provisions* of the Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 November 2014 (see appendices 4 and 5 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (e) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 November 2014 (see appendices 6 and 7 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (f) contingent upon its introduction in the Senate, the National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 November 2014 (see appendices 8 and 9 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (g) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 November 2014 (see appendix 10 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (h) the *provisions* of the Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 5) Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 October 2014 (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:
- Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014  
Health and Other Services (Compensation) Care Charges (Amendment) Bill 2014
  - Private Health Insurance Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014.

*The committee recommends accordingly.*

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Australian Education Amendment Bill 2014
  - Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Amendment Bill 2014  
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy (Collection) Amendment Bill 2014
  - Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Amendment Bill 2014
  - Migration Amendment (Humanitarian Visa Intake) Bill 2014
  - Mining Subsidies Legislation Amendment (Raising Revenue) Bill 2014
  - Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014
  - Save Our Sharks Bill 2014
  - Social Security Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Job Seeker Compliance Framework) Bill 2014.

(David Bushby)

**Chair**

25 September 2014

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

**Name of bill:** Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment Bill 2014

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

To explore the impact of the proposed changes to the Automotive Transformation Scheme on the automotive industry, related industries, workers, local regions and the Australian innovation system.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Automotive industry companies, industry associations, workers, unions, local and state governments.

**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:**

24 November 2014

(signed)



Print name: Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill: Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Significant piece of national security legislation

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Law Council of Australia
- Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law
- Australian Human Rights Commission
- Civil Liberties Councils across Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

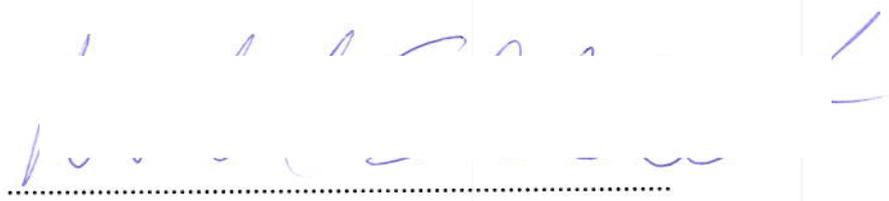
October 8 – 10, 2014

November 3 – 7, 2014

Possible reporting date:

Monday 24 November

(signed)



Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert

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

**Name of bill:** *Infrastructure Australia (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014*

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

- Thoroughly assess the impact and consequences of this legislation

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

- Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, BCA and other business/infrastructure peaks
- Academics
- Regulators (ACCC, PC)
- Urban Development Institute of Australia and other urban advocates
- East West/Westconnex etc project process critics
- Public transport advocates

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

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee

**Possible reporting date:**

26 November 2014

(signed)



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Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Anne McEwen

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

**Name of bill:**

*Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014*

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

*To further investigate potential impacts and unintended consequences of the Bill*

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

*Australian Customs and Border Protection Service  
Department of Immigration and Border Protection  
Mental health experts – e.g. Professor Patrick McGorry  
Law Council  
State/Territory law enforcement agencies  
Australian Federal Police*

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

*Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee*

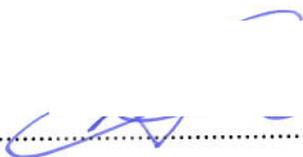
**Possible hearing date(s):**

*To be determined by the Committee*

**Possible reporting date:**

~~27 October 2014~~ *24 November*

(signed)

  
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Print name: Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill: Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Implications of the bill
- Rationale for changes
- Evidence that these changes aren't already covered in current law

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Law Council of Australia  
Human Rights Law Centre

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

10 November 2014

Possible reporting date:

29 November 2014

(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 and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Implications of the bill for asylum seekers and refugees in Australia
- Compliance with human rights and international law

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre  
Refugee Council of Australia  
Law Council of Australia  
Human Rights Law Centre  
Department of Immigration and Border Protection

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

24 – 26 February 2015

Possible reporting date:

~~10 March 2015~~

(signed)

Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert.

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

Name of bill:

Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To consider the reintroduction of Temporary Protection Visas, introduction of Safe Haven Enterprise visa, reinforcing the government's powers to conduct maritime operations and introducing more rapid processing and streamlining review arrangements for illegal maritime arrivals

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Immigration and Border Protection  
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service  
Joint Agency Taskforce

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014

(signed) .....

Print name: Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

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

**Name of bill:** *National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014*

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

For consideration of the impact of this Bill on the continuation of robust, independent and transparent monitoring and assessment of matters of national water reform and the management of Australia's water resources.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Water Services Association of Australia  
Australian Water Association  
Murray Darling Basin Authority  
National Irrigators Council  
Australian Conservation Foundation

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

Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee

**Possible reporting date:**

24 November 2014

(signed)

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Print name: Senator Anne McEwen

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

**Name of bill:** National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014

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

- The Greens oppose the abolition of the National Water Commission
- Is only federal independent body to track water policy. Advises COAG and Australian Government on water policy.
- Audits effectiveness of the implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan
- Promotes water reform
- Many organisations have expressed concern at its axing (listed in next point)

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

- National Water Commission, National Farmers Federation, Water Services Association of Australia; Australian Water Association; Environment Victoria; Australian Conservation Foundation; NCCNSW; EDO; Environmental Farmers Network; Inland rivers Network; Lock the Gate; NSW Chief Scientist & other scientist bodies; Wentworth Group of Scientists; NSW Aboriginal Land Council; Bev Smiles (Inland Rivers Network); World Wildlife Fund; Phil Wallis (Monash University); Dr Richard Kingsford (UNSW); Friends of the Earth; Murray Darling Basin Commission; other states' water organisations.

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):** 10, 14, 19, or 20 November

**Possible reporting date:** first week of December

(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:** Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2014

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

To investigate the financial impact of the budget measure on the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and to investigate what benefit membership to international commodity organisations has to research and development and to Australia generally.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation.

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

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee



**Possible reporting date:**

24 November 2014

(signed)

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Anne McEwen \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name of bill:**

Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 5) Bill 2014

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

Seek key stakeholder feedback on the impact of the legislation on research and development.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Firms affected by the proposed reduction in the R&D concession rate.

**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:**

28 October 2014.

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Print name:

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Senator Anne McEwen