

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 16 OF 2015**

*3 December 2015*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator David Bushby (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Anne McEwen (Opposition Whip)

Senator Matthew Canavan (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Dio Wang (Palmer United Party Whip)

Senator Catryna Bilyk

Senator David Fawcett

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

Senator Claire Moore

Secretary: Chris Reid  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### REPORT NO. 16 OF 2015

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 2 December 2015 at 7.23 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 20 June 2016 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 February 2016 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the Courts Administration Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 February 2016 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (d) the *provisions* of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Proceeds of Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 February 2016 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (e) the *provisions* of the Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 February 2016 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (f) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Fair Work Amendment (Remaining 2014 Measures) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 4 February 2016 (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (g) the *provisions* of the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 March 2016 (see appendices 7 and 8 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (h) the Family Law Amendment (Financial Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 February 2016 (see appendix 9 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (i) the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by

29 February 2016 (see appendices 10, 11 and 12 for a statement of reasons for referral);

- (j) the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 4 February 2016 (see appendix 13 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (k) the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Measures) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 February 2016 (see appendices 14 and 15 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (l) the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 March 2016 (see appendices 16 and 17 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (m) the *provisions* of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Access Regime and NBN Companies) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 February 2016 (see appendix 18 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
- Aged Care Amendment (Red Tape Reduction in Places Management) Bill 2015
  - Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Amendment Bill 2015
  - Labor 2013-14 Budget Savings (Measures No. 2) Bill 2015.

*The committee recommends accordingly.*

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Australian Crime Commission Amendment (National Policing Information) Bill 2015  
Australian Crime Commission (National Policing Information Charges) Bill 2015
  - Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment (Securing the Automotive Component Industry) Bill 2015
  - Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2015
  - Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2015  
Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Amendment Bill 2015
  - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2015
  - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Payment Surcharges) Bill 2015
  - Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014
  - Insolvency Law Reform Bill 2015
  - Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015

- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015
- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 6) Bill 2015
- Tax Laws Amendment (Implementation of the Common Reporting Standard) Bill 2015
- Tax Laws Amendment (New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015
- Income Tax Rates Amendment (Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015
- Medicare Levy Amendment (Attribution Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015
- Income Tax (Attribution Managed Investment Trusts—Offsets) Bill 2015
- Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Expanded Gold Card Access) Bill 2015
- Water Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2015.

(David Bushby)

**Chair**

3 December 2015

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill: Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015**

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

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:**

20 June 2016

Senator Canavan

(signed)

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**Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member**

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

Name of bill:

- Corporations Amendment (Crowd-sourced Funding) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Thorough consideration of the issues surrounding the impact of this legislation on the start-up sector.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Crowd-funding and venture capital peak bodies and firms, including the Australian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association Ltd.

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:

- 22 February 2016

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Senator Anne McEwen

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

**Name of bill:**

*Courts Administration Legislation Amendment Bill 2015*

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

Consideration of suitability of proposed measures to achieve administrative efficiencies.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Attorney-General's Department  
Federal Court of Australia  
Family Court of Australia  
Federal Circuit Court of Australia

**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:**

2 February 2016

(signed)

Print name:

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SENATOR BUSHBY

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

**Name of bill:**

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Proceeds of Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2015

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

For further scrutiny of the Bill and an opportunity for stakeholders to raise any concerns with the proposed measures.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Law Council of Australia  
Australian Federal Police Association  
Law Institute of Australia  
Australian Federal Police  
Attorney Generals Department

**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:**

3 February 2016

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 Senator Anne McEwen

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

**Name of bill:**

Criminal Code Amendment (Firearms Trafficking) Bill 2015

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

For further scrutiny of the Bill and an opportunity for stakeholders to raise any concerns with the introduction of mandatory minimum sentencing.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Law Council of Australia  
Australian Human Rights Commission  
Civil Liberties Australia  
Rob Hulls, Centre for Innovative Justice  
Australian Federal Police  
Attorney General Department

**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:**

2 February 2016

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Senator Anne McEwen

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

**Name of bill:**

*Fair Work Amendment (Remaining 2014 Measures) Bill*

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

To ensure a thorough and complete assessment of its potential impact on parties' ability to engage in Australia's workplace relations system and to examine any unforeseen consequences arising from the Bill.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Unions (Australian Council of Trade Unions, United Voice, SDA), employers (AIGroup, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Business Council of Australia), academics (workplace relations experts), and the Department of Employment.

**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 February 2016

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Senator Anne McEwen

**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)*

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

*To examine the impact proposed changes to early education and care will have on Australian families, workforce participation and early childhood development.*

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

*Department of Education and Training  
Early Childhood Australia  
Australian Child Care Alliance  
Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth  
Community Child Care Co Ops and Associations  
Family Day Care Australia  
National Out of School Hours Services Association  
Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care  
National Association of Mobile Services for Rural and Remote Families and Children Inc  
National Association of Multicultural Ethnic Children's Services  
The Parenthood  
National In-Home Child Care Association  
Early Learning Association Australia  
Early education providers  
Educators and unions  
Academics and experts  
Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Australian Industry Group  
Parents  
Others*

**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:**

*17 March 2016*

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*Senator Anne McEwen* ~ .....

**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 2015*

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

The legislation outlines significant child care reforms at a cost of \$40 billion over the next four years, including more than \$3 billion in additional funding.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Parents and child care sector

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

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee

**Possible reporting date:**

22 February 2016

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(signed)

Print name:

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SENATOR BUSHBY

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

**Name of bill:** *Family Law Amendment (Financial Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2015*

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

- The Bill changes rules for entering into binding financial agreements ('pre-nups') and also financial agreements made by couples after they separate. There will need to be thorough scrutiny of issues such as:-
  - Whether lowering the standard of legal advice required before entering into these agreements might leave parties vulnerable.
  - Whether changes will have an adverse effect on women.
  - Whether changes will result in more litigation.
- The Bill also changes the way family violence is handled in the family courts. There will need to be thorough scrutiny of the efficacy of these changes, and whether they can be further improved.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

- The Attorney-General's Department;
- The Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia;
- National Association of Community Legal Centres;
- Our Watch.

**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:**

1<sup>st</sup> March, 2016

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Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill: *Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To fully evaluate the impact of these measures on remote communities

Possible submissions or evidence from: Community organisations including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, social security, and other groups, and interested individuals.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

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Possible hearing date(s): Feb-March 2016

Possible reporting date: 15 March 2016

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(signed)

Print name:

Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bill:

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The Bill reforms the operation of the Community Development Programme, the remote job seeker programme, by creating a new remote income support payment and changing the way Community Development Programme providers work with job seekers in remote communities. The proposed changes should be considered by a Committee to enable the views of communities and providers to be taken into account to ensure that the proposed changes deliver the best practical outcomes.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations including the Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation
- Community Development Programme providers including the Arnhem Land Progress Association
- Peak representative bodies including the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council and the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly
- Leaders and experts including Mr Andrew Forrest

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Finance and Public Administration Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee

Possible reporting date:

2 February 2016

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Print name:

SENATOR BUSHBY

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

**Name of bill:**

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015

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

To determine the impact of the measures in the Bill on various types of families

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Department of Social Services  
Australian Council of Social Services  
Jobs Australia  
Professor Jon Altman  
Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research  
Thamarrurr Development Corporation

**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:**

1 March 2016

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Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill: *Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2015*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To evaluate the impact of proposed measures on pensioners.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Social security peak bodies, other relevant organisations, and interested individuals

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): Feb 2016

Possible reporting date: 1 March 2016

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(signed)

Print name: Rachel Stewart

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

Name of bill: Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Measures) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To enable Members to better understand the purpose and effects of the Bill. The Cessation of Large Family Supplement has not previously been considered by this Committee

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Department of Social Services
- Patrick McClure
- UnitingCare
- ACOSS
- National Welfare Rights Network

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

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

Possible reporting date:  
2 February 2016

(signed)

Print name:

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SENATOR RUSHBY

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

Name of bill: *Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Measures) Bill 2015*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To evaluate the implications of the measures for impacted individuals

Possible submissions or evidence from: Social services peak bodies, interested organisations and individuals

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): Feb 2016

Possible reporting date: 1 March 2016

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Print name:

Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bill: *Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2015*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To identify the impact of the measure on Australian families

Possible submissions or evidence from: Social services peak bodies and other interested organisations and individuals

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): Feb 2016

Possible reporting date: 23 Feb 2016

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Print name:

Rachel Sewert

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

**Name of bill:** Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2015

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

To determine the impact of the measures in the Bill on various types of families

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

DSS

ACOSS

National Welfare Rights Network

The Parenthood

National Council of Single Mothers and their Parents

UnitingCare

Anglicare

**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:**

1 March 2016

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Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of Bill:

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Access Regime and NBN Companies) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Proposed legislation will implement, in part, the Government's response to the Vertigan panel report.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Industry stakeholders and regulator

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee

Possible reporting date:

22 February 2016

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Print name:

SENATOR BUSHBY