

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 5 OF 2016**

*1 September 2016*

## **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 Skye Kakoschke-Moore (Nick Xenophon Team Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Secretary: Chris Reid  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 31 August 2016 at 7.43 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the *provisions* of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and the Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 October 2016 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 October 2016 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (d) the Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 November 2016 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (e) the *provisions* of the Fair Work Amendment (Respect for Emergency Services Volunteers) Bill 2016 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (f) the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 October 2016 (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donations Reform) Bill 2014
  - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2016
  - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Reducing Barriers for Minor Parties) Bill 2014
  - Corporations Amendment (Auditor Registration) Bill 2016
  - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015
  - Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016
  - Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2016

- Fair Work Amendment (Penalty Rates Exemption for Small Businesses) Bill 2015
- Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Australian Workers) Bill 2016
- Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015
- Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2015
- Registration of Deaths Abroad Amendment Bill 2016
- Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015
- Transport Security Amendment (Serious or Organised Crime) Bill 2016.

*The committee recommends accordingly.*

4. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
  - Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016
5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2016
  - Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval for Overseas Service) Bill 2015
  - Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010 [2013]
  - Industry Research and Development Amendment (Innovation and Science Australia) Bill 2016
  - International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill 2016
  - Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2013
  - Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016
  - Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016
  - National Cancer Screening Register Bill 2016  
National Cancer Screening Register (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2016
  - National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016
  - Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2016
  - Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2016
  - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Repair) Bill 2016
  - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment) Bill 2016
  - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill 2016  
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2016
  - Statute Law Revision (Spring 2016) Bill 2016
  - Statute Update Bill 2016.

(David Bushby)

**Chair**

1 September 2016

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

Name of bill: *Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To closely examine the implications of some of the measures proposed in the bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Renewable Energy Agency, Australian Council of Social Services, National Welfare Rights Network, Research and Development Companies, Australian Dental Association, Consumers Health Forum, Universities, National Union of Students etc.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

(ew) Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

During three weeks of non sittings (19 Sept to 3 October)

Possible reporting date:

10 October 2016

(signed)

Print name:

Machel Siewest

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

**Name of bill:** Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013  
Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013

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

New Parliament containing 11 new cross-bench Senators who should be given an opportunity to examine the issue in detail.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

To be determined by the Committee

**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:**

14 October 2016

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

**Name of bill:** Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014

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

New Parliament containing 11 new cross-bench Senators who should be given an opportunity to examine the issue in detail.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

To be determined by the Committee

**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:**

14 October 2016

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

*Fair Work Amendment (Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2015*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

*This bill was previously referred to the Committee and the inquiry lapsed at the recent election after submissions were received but before any hearings could be held. Consideration of policy proposal to help close the gender pay gap by giving workers the freedom to discuss their pay without fear of sanctions.*

Possible submissions or evidence from:

*Various key stakeholders have already made submissions to the Committee including academics, unions, lawyers' organisations and employer groups.*

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

*Education and Employment Legislation Committee*

Possible hearing date(s):

*Weeks beginning 26 September, 3 October, 24 October*

Possible reporting date:

*14 November 2016*

(signed)

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*Rachel Siewert*

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_



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

**Name of bill:** Fair Work Amendment (Respect for Emergency Services Volunteers) Bill 2016

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

New Parliament containing 11 new cross-bench Senators who should be given an opportunity to examine the issue in detail.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

To be determined by the Committee

**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:**

14 October 2016

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Previously referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee however the inquiry lapsed when the Parliament was dissolved. Submissions had been received, but a public hearing had not been held and the committee did not report on the inquiry.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Submissions were previously received.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Tuesday 27 September 2016

Possible reporting date:

Thursday 13 October 2016

(signed)

Print name:



**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—  
PRESENTATION OF 5TH REPORT OF 2016—  
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON  
1 SEPTEMBER 2016**

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

- (a) Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016, the provisions of the bill be referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 November 2016;
- (b) provisions of the Fair Work Amendment (Respect for Emergency Services Volunteers) Bill 2016, the Education and Employment Legislation Committee report by 10 October 2016; and
- (c) provisions of the Budget Saving (Omnibus) Bill 2016, the Economics Legislation Committee report by 13 September 2016.”.