

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 6 OF 2019

19 September 2019

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Dean Smith (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Perin Davey (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Stirling Griff (Centre Alliance Whip)

Senator Pauline Hanson (Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Anne Urquhart (Opposition Whip)

Senator Cory Bernardi

Senator Raff Ciccone

Senator Katy Gallagher

Senator the Hon James McGrath

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston

Secretary: Rachel Callinan
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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 18 September 2019 at 7.15pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Board and Other Improvements) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 November 2019 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 November 2019 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Prohibiting Energy Market Misconduct) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 November 2019 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Recovering Unpaid Superannuation) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 November 2019 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2019
 - Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Air Pollution) Bill 2019.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
 - Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Cessation) Bill 2019
 - Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019
 - Customs Amendment (Safer Cladding) Bill 2019
 - Defence Service Homes Amendment Bill 2019
 - Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
 - Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2019
 - VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019
 - Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019
 - Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Building on the Child Care Package) Bill 2019
 - Family Law (Self-Assessment) Bill 2019
 - Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019

- Medical and Midwife Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2019
 - Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Single Treatment Pathway) Bill 2019
 - Paid Parental Leave Amendment (Work Test) Bill 2019
 - Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2019
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Measures No. 2) Bill 2019
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (International Tax Agreements) Bill 2019
 - Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019.
5. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
- Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral)

(Dean Smith)

Chair

19 September 2019

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

Name of bill: Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Board and Other Improvements) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To investigate the impact of the bills on the regulation of agricultural and veterinary medicines products in Australia.
- The cost of establishing the Governance Board and who will pay for the board.
- Any other related matters.

Possible submissions or evidence from: CropLife, Animal Medicines Australia, Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.

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: February 2020

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Relates to the implementation of a number of significant free-trade agreements.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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:

20 November 2019



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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 (Prohibiting Energy Market Misconduct) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The Bill will have a significant impact on energy policy and future pollution levels. We need an opportunity to scrutinise the bill and to hear from stakeholder.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australia Institute
Renewable Energy groups
Energy Users Association of Australia
AGL

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

11 November 2019

(signed)



Print name:

Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bill: **Treasury Laws Amendment (Recovering Unpaid Superannuation) Bill 2019**

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

This is of significant public interest as the Bill appears to retrospectively legalise the theft of superannuation entitlements from Australian workers. The Bill should be examined in further detail

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Employer groups, unions, social services groups, superannuation funds.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Legislation Committee.

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee

There should be hearings in every capital city.

Possible reporting date:

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

This is of considerable interest to the community and involves significant changes to the payments system.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Academics, law enforcement, business groups, businesses, advocacy groups

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

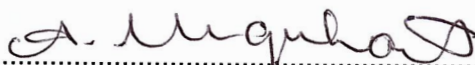
Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee

Possible reporting date:

~~10 October 2019~~ FEBRUARY 2020

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Senator Anne Urquhart

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The imposition of a limit of \$10,000 for cash transactions as proposed by this legislation is a concern to and will impact upon various sectors of the community, forcing the involvement of third parties (banks) in transactions. As well, the capacity of the Bill to reduce tax evasion and money laundering has also been questioned.

A Senate Committee inquiry will provide an opportunity for public input to and closer scrutiny of the proposal.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Treasury Department
Citizens Electoral Council
Institute of Public Affairs
Australian Privacy Foundation
State/Territory Privacy Commissioners
CPA Australia
Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Australian Institute of Criminology
Australian Dentists Association

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

A full day hearing, date to be decided

Possible reporting date:

To be decided

(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:

Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Building on the Child Care Package) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Concerns with the implementation of the government's new system, a decline in vulnerable families in the system, a lack of information and scrutiny of the proposed changes.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Education and Training
Early Childhood Australia
Goodstart Early Learning
Early Learning and Care Council of Australia
Australian Childcare Alliance
Early Learning Council of Australia

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:

Friday 11 October 2019

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Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—
PRESENTATION OF 6TH REPORT OF 2019—
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON
19 SEPTEMBER 2019**

At the end of the motion, add “and:

- (a) the provisions of the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Building on the Child Care Package) Bill 2019 be referred immediately to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 October 2019; and
- (b) and the provisions of the Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019, contingent upon the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 February 2020.