

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 6 OF 2020

18 June 2020

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 Raff Ciccone

Senator Katy Gallagher

Senator the Hon James McGrath

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston

Secretary: Tim Bryant
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 17 June 2020 at 7.24 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Financial Transparency) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 November 2020;
 - (b) the Banking Amendment (Deposits) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 August 2020 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Biosecurity Amendment (Traveller Declarations and Other Measures) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2020 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by the second sitting day of March 2021 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Regional Commercial Radio and Other Measures) Bill 2020
 - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Ensuring Fair Representation of the Northern Territory) Bill 2020
 - Education Legislation Amendment (2020 Measures No. 1) Bill 2020
 - Excise Levies Legislation Amendment (Sheep and Lamb) Bill 2020
 - Customs Charges and Levies Legislation Amendment (Sheep and Lamb) Bill 2020
 - Fair Work Amendment (One in, All in) Bill 2020 [No. 2]
 - Services Australia Governance Amendment Bill 2020
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (2020 Measures No. 3) Bill 2020
 - Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Supporting the Wellbeing of Veterans and Their Families) Bill 2020.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Improved Home Care Payment Administration No. 1) Bill 2020
 - Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
 - Australian Education Legislation Amendment (Prohibiting the Indoctrination of Children) Bill 2020
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Consumer Law—Country of Origin Representations) Bill 2020

- Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019
 - Customs Amendment (Safer Cladding) Bill 2019
 - Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
 - Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2019
 - Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019
 - Health Insurance Amendment (Continuing the Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner) Bill 2020
 - National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Strengthening Banning Orders) Bill 2020
 - Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
 - Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus) Bill 2020
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2019
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019.
5. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
- Electoral Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2020 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral).

(Dean Smith)

Chair

18 June 2020

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

Name of bill: Banking Amendment (Deposits) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Stakeholder consultation

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Banking Association (ABA)
Customer Owned Banking Association (COBA)
COSBOA

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

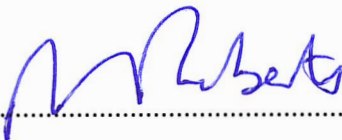
Economics Legislation Committee.

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

10th August 2020.

(signed)


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Print name:

Senator Roberts.

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

Name of bill:

Biosecurity Amendment (Traveller Declarations and other Measures) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To investigate the effectiveness of the bill with regards to deter non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act to mitigate against biosecurity risks.
- Whether it is appropriate that legislative instruments made by the Director of Biosecurity should not be subject to a parliamentary disallowance.
- Determine the cost of implementing enforcement and payments systems and how coordinated training to biosecurity and Australian Border Force officers will be undertaken.
- Any other related matters.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Australian Border Force
- National Farmers' Federation
- Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

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:

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill: *Biosecurity Amendment (Traveller Declarations and Other Measures) Bill 2020*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: *Delegated legislation and changes to penalties*

Possible submissions or evidence from: *Invasive Species Council*

Committee to which bill is to be referred: *Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport*

Possible hearing date(s): *On the papers*

Possible reporting date: *30 July 2020*

(signed)



Print name: _____

R Siewert

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The Bill has significant implications for donations and campaign financing, administration of (and compliance with) the *Commonwealth Electoral Act*, and operation of the AEC.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Academics and NGOs with an interest in political donations reform
- The Australia Institute
- The Centre for Public Integrity
- Industry bodies
- AEC
- Political party officers
- Associated entities and political campaigners (e.g unions, GetUp)

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Finance and Public Administration

Possible hearing date(s):

Nov – Dec 2020

Possible reporting date:

March 2021

(signed)

Print name:



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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Electoral Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The Bill seeks to address the High Court decision in *Spence*, but the revised s.302C still raises questions about its impact on restrictions on donations under State laws.

The Bill also proposes a range of operational amendments to the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* that warrant consideration.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Academics and NGOs with an interest in political donations reform
- The Australia Institute
- The Centre for Public Integrity
- Queensland government
- NSW government

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Finance and Public Administration

Possible hearing date(s):

September 2020

Possible reporting date:

November 2020

(signed)

Print name:

R. Siewert

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—
PRESENTATION OF 6TH REPORT OF 2020—
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON
18 JUNE 2020**

At the end of the motion, add “and, in respect of the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2020, the bill not be referred to a committee”.