

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 10 OF 2020

12 November 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)

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Secretary: Tim Bryant
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 11 November 2020 at 7.13pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Aged Care Amendment (Aged Care Recipient Classification) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 December 2020 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Improved Home Care Payment Administration No. 1) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 November 2020 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Improved Home Care Payment Administration No. 2) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 November 2020 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Streamlining Environmental Approvals) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance Administration) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 December 2020 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (f) the *provisions* of the Immigration (Education) Amendment (Expanding Access to English Tuition) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 November 2020 (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (g) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Extension of Coronavirus Support) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 November 2020 (see appendix 7 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Higher Education Support Amendment (Freedom of Speech) Bill 2020
 - National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Strengthening Banning Orders) Bill 2020
 - Territories Legislation Amendment Bill 2020
 - Bankruptcy (Estate Charges) Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2020.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
 - Australian Education Legislation Amendment (Prohibiting the Indoctrination of Children) Bill 2020
 - Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019
 - Corporations Amendment (Corporate Insolvency Reforms) Bill 2020
 - Customs Amendment (Safer Cladding) Bill 2019
 - Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
 - Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Refunds of Charges and Other Measures) Bill 2020
 - Export Control Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2020
 - Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response) Bill 2020
 - Corporations (Fees) Amendment (Hayne Royal Commission Response) Bill 2020
 - Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2019
 - Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019
 - Interactive Gambling Amendment (Prohibition on Credit Card Use) Bill 2020
 - Judges' Pensions Amendment (Pension Not Payable for Misconduct) Bill 2020
 - Migration Amendment (New Maritime Crew Visas) Bill 2020
 - Native Title Amendment (Infrastructure and Public Facilities) Bill 2020
 - Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (2020 Measures No. 5) Bill 2020
 - Social Security Amendment (COVID-19 Supplement) Bill 2020
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2019
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019
 - VET Student Payment Arrangements (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2020.

(Dean Smith)

Chair

12 November 2020

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

Name of bill: Aged Care Amendment (Aged Care Recipient Classification) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: This Bill includes significant changes to the care needs of older Australians are assessed and needs to be scrutinised.

Possible submissions or evidence from: range of aged care providers from across the sector, consumer groups, academics, aged care experts.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): February

Possible reporting date: ³February 2021

(signed)



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Print name: Senator Siewert

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

Name of bill: ***Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Improved Home Care Payment Administration No. 1) Bill 2020***

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To scrutinise the financial impact of this Bill especially in relation to smaller service providers and those located in regional, rural and remote areas.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Peaks, unions, consumer groups and other aged care stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee. Suggest one day only.

Possible reporting date:

27 November 2020

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill: ***Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Improved Home Care Payment Administration No. 2) Bill 2020***

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To scrutinise the financial impact of shifting the holding of home care unspent funds from approved service providers to the Commonwealth (Services Australia).

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Peaks, unions, consumer groups and other aged care stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee. Suggest one day only.

Possible reporting date:

27 November 2020

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act Amendment (Streamlining Environmental Approvals) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- **Impact of the bill on the environment**
- **Relationship with the Samuel Review**

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

3-2-21



Senator Anne Urquhart

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance Administration) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: This bill needs to be scrutinised to determine the impact debt recovery will have on people who have accessed Medicare, especially in light of the robodebt program.

Possible submissions or evidence from: AMA, RACGP, RACP, AHHA, PHAA, Grattan, CHF, Department of Health.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: February 2021

(signed)


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Print name: Senator Siewert

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: **Immigration (Education) Amendment (Expanding Access to English Tuition) Bill 2020**

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Bill does not explain how changes to English language requirements is expected to work; understand terms of reach to potential eligible migrants and retention within the Adult Migrant English Program, and how this will interact with existing service provider contracts. The explanatory memorandum states that the amendments will have a low financial impact and it is not clear whether service providers will be asked to do more within the current funding envelope and existing contact.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

**English Language providers
Multicultural Groups**

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 2021


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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill: Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Extension of Coronavirus Support) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: This Bill needs to be examined to uncover what evidence the Government used to inform its decisions around dropping the coronavirus supplement, and the impact the reduced supplement will have on people on income support payments.

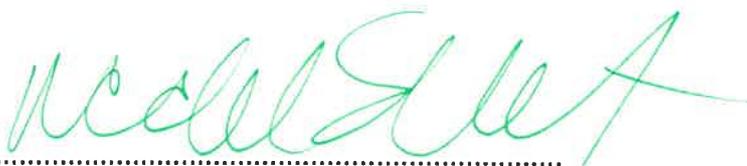
Possible submissions or evidence from: social services and community sector stakeholders including ACOSS, Anglicare, Uniting Care.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 1 December 2020

(signed)



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Print name: Senator Siewert

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

Name of bill:

- *Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Extension of Coronavirus Support) Bill 2020*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- *Impact on social security recipients and the economy. Examination of provisions.*
- *Bill is not yet available – inquiry might not be needed once know.*

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- *Civil society groups*
- *Business groups*
- *Individuals*
- *Pensioners groups*
- *Disability and carers representatives*

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:

- *Friday 27 November 2020*

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Senator Anne Urquhart