

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 12 OF 2020

9 December 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 Jacqui Lambie

Senator the Hon James McGrath

Senator Rex Patrick

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston

Secretary: Tim Bryant
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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 9 December 2020 at 7.20 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the Australian Education Legislation Amendment (Prohibiting the Indoctrination of Children) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by the first Monday in July 2021 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Bill 2020, and the Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (Customs) Bill 2020, and the Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (Excise) Bill 2020, and the Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (General) Bill 2020, and the Industrial Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 March 2021 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the National Collecting Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 29 January 2021 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Supporting Economic Recovery) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 19 February 2021 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral).
 - (f) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code) Bill 2020 be *referred but was unable to reach agreement on a committee and a reporting date* (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Corporations Amendment (Corporate Insolvency Reforms) Bill 2020
 - Fair Work Amendment (Ten Days Paid Domestic and Family Violence Leave) Bill 2020
 - Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response) Bill 2020
 - Corporations (Fees) Amendment (Hayne Royal Commission Response) Bill 2020
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (2020 Measures No. 6) Bill 2020.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Serious Incident Response Scheme and Other Measures) Bill 2020
 - Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
 - Australian Immunisation Register Amendment (Reporting) Bill 2020
 - COAG Reform Fund Amendment (No Electric Vehicle Taxes) Bill 2020
 - Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019
 - Customs Amendment (Banning Goods Produced By Uyghur Forced Labour) Bill 2020
 - Customs Amendment (Safer Cladding) Bill 2019
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals and Other Measures) Bill 2020
 - Data Availability and Transparency Bill 2020
Data Availability and Transparency (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020
 - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2020
 - Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020
 - Export Control Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2020
 - Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2019
 - Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response No. 2) Bill 2020
 - Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019
 - Intelligence Oversight and Other Legislation Amendment (Integrity Measures) Bill 2020
 - Interactive Gambling Amendment (Prohibition on Credit Card Use) Bill 2020
 - Migration Amendment (New Maritime Crew Visas) Bill 2020
 - Migration and Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Information Provisions) Bill 2020
 - National Emergency Declaration Bill 2020
National Emergency Declaration (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020
 - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Benefit to Australia) Bill 2020
 - Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
 - Security Legislation Amendment (Critical Infrastructure) 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
 - Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2020 Measures No. 2) Bill 2020

5. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
 - Fair Work Amendment (Supporting Australia's Jobs and Economic Recovery) Bill 2020 (see appendix 7 for a statement of reasons).

(Dean Smith)

Chair

9 December 2020

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

Name of bill: Australian Education Legislation Amendment (Prohibiting the Indoctrination of Children) Bill 2020.

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

1. Whether the Federal Government should tie education funding to parental rights

Possible submissions or evidence from:

groups for and against gender fluidity theory being taught in schools. Educationalists generally.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:


Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined.

Possible reporting date: July 2021.

(signed)



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Print name: SENATOR PAULINE HANSON.

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

Name of bills:

Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Bill 2020
Industrial Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2020
Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (General) Bill 2020
Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (Customs) Bill 2020
Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (Excise) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the timeline of the delivery of the bills, the nature and extent of the consultation process, the suitability of the framework and its interactions with other legislation, and other relevant considerations.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Accord
Australian Paint Manufacturers Federation
Chemistry Australia
Department of Health, Western Australia
Fire Protection Association Australia
Gowans, Andrew
International Fragrance Association (IFRA)
Minerals Council of Australia
Rae, Professor Ian D.
South Australian Water Corporation
Willson Consulting

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

11 March 2021



Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill: **National Collecting Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2020**

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: **This bill affects six of the national institutions, and in complex and different ways. We want to make sure they all have been consulted, and are given the opportunity to raise concerns about how the proposals would impact them.**

Possible submissions or evidence from: **The six national institutions affected, and the CPSU.**

Committee to which bill is to be referred: **Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

Possible hearing date(s): **Only one day is likely to be needed.**
To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date: **29 January 2021**



Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Securing Economic Recovery) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Potential consumer harms arising from decision to amend responsible lending laws

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Consumer groups, finance industry, finance professionals, affected individuals, academics, business groups, economists, Treasury, regulatory bodies

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:

29 April 2021



Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

- National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Supporting Economic Recovery) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To understand the effect of the Bill on the national economy and financial stability.
- To understand the effect of the Bill on household wellbeing.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Financial regulators
- Consumer groups
- Academics and think tanks
- Financial service providers

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Economics

Possible hearing date(s):

- January and February 2021

Possible reporting date:

- March 2021

(signed)


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Print name:

Rachel Simeant

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

Name of bill:

Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The Parliament should ensure it is properly drafted and there are no unintended consequences

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Law Council and other legal bodies

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:

12 March 2021



Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill: Treasury Laws Amendment (News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Code) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To ensure that the proposed news media code will support public interest journalism in Australia

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Media organisations
Digital platforms
ACCC

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 15th February 2021

(signed)



Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bill:

Fair Work Amendment (Supporting Australia's Jobs and Economic Recovery) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Makes very significant changes to industrial relations policy that will impact all Australian workers.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Unions, employer groups, FWC, FWO

Committee to which bill is to be referred:


Education and Employment

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

13 May 2021

(signed)


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Rachel Stewart

Print name: _____

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

Name of bill:

Fair Work Amendment (Supporting Australia's Jobs and Economic Recovery

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The Bill is large and complex with major changes to industrial relations legislation that will have a significant impact on workers.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Workers' representatives/Union movement, academia, community groups, employer groups

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:

12 March 2021


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Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 12 OF 2020—
AMENDMENTS AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON 10 DECEMBER 2020**

- (1) At the end of the motion, add: “but, in respect of the provisions of the National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Supporting Economic Recovery) Bill 2020, the Economics Legislation Committee report by 12 March 2021.”
- (2) At the end of the motion, add: “and:
 - (a) in respect of the Treasury Laws Amendment (News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code) Bill 2020, the provisions of the bill be referred to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 February 2021; and
 - (b) in respect of the Fair Work Amendment (Supporting Australia’s Jobs and Economic Recovery) Bill 2020, the provisions of the bill be referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 March 2021”.
- (3) At the end of the motion, add: “but, in respect of the Customs Amendment (Banning Goods Produced By Uyghur Forced Labour) Bill 2020, the bill be referred immediately to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2021”.