# **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 7 OF 2021** 

24 June 2021

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator Dean Smith (Government Whip, Chair)

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- 1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 23 June 2021 at 7.14 pm.
- 2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) the Coronavirus Economic Response Package Amendment (Ending Jobkeeper Profiteering) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 August 2021 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 August 2021 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response—Better Advice) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 July 2021 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (d) the provisions of the Mitochondrial Donation Law Reform (Maeve's Law) Bill 2021 be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 August 2021 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (e) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Consistent Waiting Periods for New Migrants) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 September 2021 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral).
  - (f) contingent upon introduction in the Senate, the Sex Discrimination and Fair Work (Respect at Work) Amendment Bill 2021 be *referred for inquiry and report by 6 August 2021 but was unable to reach agreement on a committee* (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral).
- 3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Amendment (Governance and Other Measures) Bill 2021
  - COVID-19 Disaster Payment (Funding Arrangements) Bill 2021
  - Farm Household Support Amendment (Debt Waiver) Bill 2021
  - Major Sporting Events (Indicia and Images) Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021
  - National Health Amendment (Decisions under the Continence Aids Payment Scheme) Bill 2021

- Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (Charges) Bill 2021
  Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment (Cost Recovery) Bill 2021
- Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 2) Bill 2021.
- 4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
  - Biosecurity Amendment (No Crime to Return Home) Bill 2021
  - Customs Amendment (2022 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2021 Customs Tariff Amendment (2022 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2021
  - Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2021
  - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2020
  - Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
  - Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment Bill 2021

Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Amendment Bill 2021 Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Cost Recovery and Other Measures) Bill 2021

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (Charges) Amendment Bill 2021

- Electric Vehicles Accountability Bill 2021
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Subsidy) Bill 2021
- Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2019
- Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019
- Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Amendment Bill 2021
- Migration Amendment (New Maritime Crew Visas) Bill 2020
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Transparency and Cost Recovery) Bill 2021
- Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
- Royal Commissions Amendment (Protection of Information) Bill 2021
- Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Amendment (No New Fossil Fuels) Bill 2021
- 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
- Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 5) Bill 2021.

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Name of bill:

- Coronavirus Economic Response Package Amendment (Ending Jobkeeper Profiteering) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To provide an opportunity for consideration of the specifics of the Bill, and assess the implications of it's passage through the Parliament

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Treasury
- ATO
- Business recipients
- Academia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Monday 19 July – Thursday 29 July Friday 6 August Friday 13 August

Possible reporting date:

Friday 20 August

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Print name:

Name of bill:

Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Complex bill on an important matter of public policy

Possible submissions or evidence from:

The Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the Attorney-General's Department, the 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:

13 August 2021

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Name of bill:

Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission – Better Advice) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Consideration of Hayne royal commission response and impacts on advice indsutry

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Consumer advocates (CHOICE, CALC, FRLC, Super Consumers), peak bodies (FPA, AFA, AIOFP, SFAA, FSC), individual financial advisers

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

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Possible hearing date(s): To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

28 July 2021

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Name of bill: Mitochondrial Donation Law Reform (Maeve's Law) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Mitochondrial donation is a complex medical and ethical issue with strong personal views held by the community and parliamentarians. In order to inform parliamentarians of the complex issues involved, a Senate inquiry is considered to be helpful.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Mito Foundation, Australian Medical Association, Catholic Church, other religious and medical groups.

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: 18 August 2021

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Name of bill: Social Services Legislation Amendment (Consistent Waiting Periods for New Migrants) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Consider the impact of the Bill on families, children and the economy.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

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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:

14 September 2021

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Name of bill: Social Services Legislation Amendment (Consistent Waiting Periods for New Migrants) Bill 2021.

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: This Bill implements a budget measure that will stop newly arrived migrants and refugees from accessing income support payments for four years.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia
- Settlement Council of Australia
- Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
- Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network Australia
- Settlement Services International
- Law Council of Australia
- Economic Justice Australia
- Australian Council of Social Service
- Anglicare Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

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Name of bill:

Sex Discrimination and Fair Work (Respect at Work) Amendment Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

It is likely to be a complex bill on a very important matter of public policy (it is likely that it will purport to implement the recommendations in the Sex Discrimination Commissioner's *Respect@Work* report).

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Union and 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:

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Name of bill: Sex Discrimination and Fair Work (Respect at Work) Amendment Bill 2021

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

An inquiry will allow the Ctee to consider the extent to which the amendment reflect the recommendations of the Respect @Work Report, and commitments made by the government to implementation of those recommendations.

#### Possible submissions or evidence from:

- ACTU, CPSU and other unions
- Sex Discrimination Commissioner
- Women's safety organisations
- Workplace Gender Equality Agency
- Parliamentary Services Commission
- Business Council of Australia
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**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Employment and Education Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):** August 2021

**Possible reporting date:** September 2021

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Rachel Siewert

# SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE— PRESENTATION OF 7TH REPORT OF 2021— AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON 24 JUNE 2021

At the end of the motion, add, "and, in respect of the Sex Discrimination and Fair Work (Respect at Work) Amendment Bill 2021, contingent upon introduction in the Senate, the bill be referred immediately to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 6 August 2021".