

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 10 OF 2021

26 August 2021

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)

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Secretary: Tim Bryant
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 25 August 2021 at 8.01 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the Crimes Amendment (Remissions of Sentences) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 October 2021 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Amendment Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 October 2021 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Defence Legislation Amendment (Discipline Reform) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 October 2021 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme (Facilitation) Bill 2021 and Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 October 2021 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 7) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 October 2021 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2021
 - Dental Benefits Amendment Bill 2021
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Counting, Scrutiny and Operational Efficiencies) Bill 2021
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Offences and Preventing Multiple Voting) Bill 2021
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Party Registration Integrity) Bill 2021
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Political Campaigners) Bill 2021
 - Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Amendment Bill 2021
 - Paid Parental Leave Amendment (COVID-19 Work Test) Bill 2021.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Economic Empowerment) Bill 2021
 - Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
 - Biosecurity Amendment (No Crime to Return Home) Bill 2021
 - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2020
 - Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
 - Electric Vehicles Accountability Bill 2021
 - Fair Work Amendment (Improving Paid Parental Leave for Parents of Stillborn Babies) Bill 2021
 - Foreign Intelligence Legislation Amendment Bill 2021
 - Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2019
 - Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019
 - Health Insurance Amendment (Enhancing the Bonded Medical Program and Other Measures) Bill 2021
 - Human Rights (Targeted Sanctions) Bill 2021
 - International Human Rights and Corruption (Magnitsky Sanctions) Bill 2021
 - Investment Funds Legislation Amendment Bill 2021
 - Migration Amendment (New Maritime Crew Visas) Bill 2020
 - National Health Amendment (COVID-19) Bill 2021
 - National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Transparency and Cost Recovery) Bill 2021
 - National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Amendment Bill 2021
 - Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Improved Grants Reporting) Bill 2021
 - Ransomware Payments Bill 2021 (No. 2)
 - Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
 - 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
- Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Exempting Disability Payments from Income Testing and Other Measures) Bill 2021.

(Dean Smith)

Chair

26 August 2021

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

Name of bill: Crimes Legislation Amendment (Remissions of Sentences) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Impact of the Bill on the Australian community and individuals

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Community Safety Organisations
- Human Rights and Justice Groups
- Legal community

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

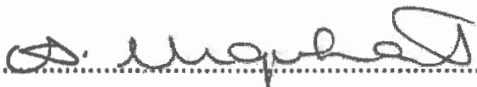
Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

15 October 2021

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

Name of bill: Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Amendment Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Impact of the Bill on the standards for ATSI corporations

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- First Nations community organisations
- Environmental advocates
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Legal Services

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Finance and Public Admin (or other if required)

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: Defence Legislation Amendment (Discipline Reform) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To ensure proper scrutiny and stakeholder consultation on the Bill, and that there would be no unintended consequences from the proposed amendments.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Department of Defence, Australia Defence Association, Defence Force Welfare Association

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): This would be determined by the committee. However, subject to the second reading debate in the House of Representatives, a possible hearing date could be September 2021, for example 14 or 21 September, during the parliamentary recess.

Possible reporting date: ~~15~~ 14 October prior to the October sittings.

(signed)


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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme (Facilitation) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Community consultation on design and scope of scheme

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Stolen generations advocates
- Healing Foundation

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs – or other

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

15 October 2021

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: **Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 7) Bill 2021**

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Consideration of whether the measures contained in Schedule 7 are adequate to deal with tax compliance issues in the gig economy

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Gig economy firms, unions (TWU), ATO, tax experts

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

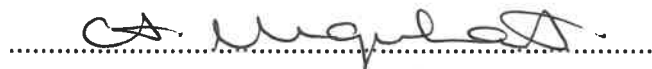
Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

15 October 2021 (prior to next sitting fortnight)

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