# **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 3 OF 2022** 

4 August 2022

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

Senator Anne Urquhart (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Wendy Askew (Opposition Whip)

Senator Ross Cadell (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Pauline Hanson (Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip)

Senator Nick McKim (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Ralph Babet

Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm

Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher

Senator Matt O'Sullivan

Senator David Pocock

Senator Paul Scarr

Senator Tammy Tyrrell

Secretary: Tim Bryant 02 6277 3020

#### SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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- 1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 3 August 2022 at 7.15 pm.
- 2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Fair Work Amendment (Paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave) Bill 2022 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 September 2022 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Repeal of Cashless Debit Card and Other Measures) Bill 2022 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (c) the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Pensioner and Veteran Workforce Participation) Bill 2022 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 September 2022 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
- 3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Australian Education Legislation Amendment (Prohibiting the Indoctrination of Children) Bill 2020
  - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Benefit to Australia) Bill 2020
  - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Fight for Australia's Coastline) Bill 2022
  - Plebiscite (Future Migration Level) Bill 2018
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (2022 Measures No. 2) Bill 2022.
- 4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Audio Description) Bill 2019
  - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill 2018
  - Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021
  - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2020
  - Defence, Veterans' and Families' Acute Support Package Bill 2022
  - Electric Vehicles Accountability Bill 2021
  - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020
  - Federal Environment Watchdog Bill 2021
  - Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2022

- Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015
- Narcotic Drugs (Licence Charges) Amendment Bill 2022
- Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Amendment (No New Fossil Fuels) Bill 2021 [No. 2]
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Bill 2022.
- 5. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
  - Australian Human Rights Commission Legislation Amendment (Selection and Appointment) Bill 2022.

(Anne Urquhart) **Chair** 4 August 2022

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

#### Name of bill:

Fair Work Amendment (Paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave) Bill 2022

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

Significant impact on businesses / Complex piece of legislation which will have significant impact on businesses

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

#### Possible reporting date:

1 September 2022

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Print name: Senator Wendy Askew

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

#### Name of bill:

Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Repeal of Cashless Debit Card and Other Measures)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Provide stakeholders an opportunity to speak to the draft legislation and properly consider its impacts on people subjected to compulsory income management, particularly in the Cape York region and the Northern Territory

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Accountable Income Management Network (AIMN)

Dr Elise Klein

First Nations communities in Northern Territory and Cape York

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

**Community Affairs Legislation Committee** 

Possible hearing date(s):

Wednesday 10th of August

Tuesday 16th of August

Wednesday 17th of August

Thursday 18th of August

Monday 22nd August

**Tuesday 23rd August** 

Wednesday 24 August

Possible reporting date:

1st of September

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(signed)

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

Name of bill:

Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Repeal of Cashless Debit Card and Other Measures)

Bill 2022

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Complicated issue with huge ramifications for vulnerable communities

Possible submissions or evidence from:

All current communities that have the CDC Many Social and indigenous groups

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

August - October

Possible reporting date:

(signed)

Print name: Wed Askan

## Appendix 3

#### SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

#### Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

#### Name of bill:

Private Senators Bill:

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Pensioner and Veteran Workforce Participation) Bill 2022

## Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Initiatives to improve access to the labour market for aged pensioners and veterans without adversely impacting on their pensions, while at the same time meeting the rising cost of living challenges.

## Possible submissions or evidence from:

National Seniors Association (NSA) National Farmer Federation (NFF) Council of the Ageing (COTA) Grains Producers Australia (GPA) Council of Small Business Associations of Australia (COSBOA) Australia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) Regionally based chambers of commerce and industry Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) and/or its associated entities

## Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

August and September 2022

Possible reporting date:

Friday 30 September 2022

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(signed)

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member Wendy Askew

# SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—PRESENTATION OF 3RD REPORT OF 2022—AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON 4 AUGUST 2022

At the end of the motion, add "and, in respect of:

- (a) the Australian Human Rights Commission Legislation Amendment (Selection and Appointment) Bill 2022, the bill not be referred to a committee; and
- (b) the Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Repeal of Cashless Debit Card and Other Measures) Bill 2022, the Community Affairs Legislation Committee report on 31 August 2022".