

# **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 1 OF 2023**

*9 February 2023*

## **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 Lidia Thorpe

Senator Tammy Tyrrell

Secretary: Tim Bryant  
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 8 February 2023 at 7.15 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) the COVID-19 Vaccination Status (Prevention of Discrimination) Bill 2022, and the Fair Work Amendment (Prohibiting COVID-19 Vaccine Discrimination) Bill 2023 be ***referred immediately*** to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 June 2023;
  - (b) the Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2022 be ***referred immediately*** to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 July 2023;
  - (c) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the ***provisions*** of the Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023, the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council Bill 2023, and the Treasury Laws Amendment (Housing Measures No. 1) Bill 2023 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 March 2023 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (d) the Migration Amendment (Evacuation to Safety) Bill 2023 be ***referred immediately*** to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 March 2023 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (e) the ***provisions*** of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill 2022 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 March 2023 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (f) the Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Closing the Gender Pay Gap) Bill 2023 be ***referred immediately*** to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 March 2023 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills ***not*** be referred to committees:
  - Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Amendment (Strengthening Land and Governance Provisions) Bill 2022
  - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2022
  - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill 2018
  - Customs Legislation Amendment (Controlled Trials and Other Measures) Bill 2022
  - Export Control Amendment (Streamlining Administrative Processes) Bill 2022
  - Higher Education Support Amendment (Australia’s Economic Accelerator) Bill 2022

- Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Modernisation) Bill 2022
  - Migration Amendment (Aggregate Sentences) Bill 2023
  - Ministers of State Amendment Bill 2022
  - Northern Territory Safe Measures Bill 2023
  - Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Medical Device and Human Tissue Product List and Cost Recovery) Bill 2022
  - Private Health Insurance (Prostheses Application and Listing Fees) Amendment (Cost Recovery) Bill 2022
  - Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Amendment (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2022
  - Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2022 Measures No. 1) Bill 2022
  - Work Health and Safety Amendment Bill 2022.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Audio Description) Bill 2019
  - Criminal Code Amendment (Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities) Bill 2023
  - Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021
  - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2020
  - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Lowering the Voting Age) Bill 2023
  - Electric Vehicles Accountability Bill 2021
  - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020
  - Federal Environment Watchdog Bill 2021
  - Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Amendment (No New Fossil Fuels) Bill 2021 [No. 2]
  - United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Bill 2022.

(Anne Urquhart)

**Chair**

9 February 2023

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**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:**

Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023  
National Housing Supply and Affordability Council Bill 2023  
Treasury Laws Amendment (Housing Measures No. 1) Bill 2023

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

Consultation with stakeholders on detail of package

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Stakeholders in community and affordable housing and homelessness sectors, tenants' unions, public housing advocates and housing academics.

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Currently for Finance & Public Admin but we'd like it to go to Economics as the most significant parts of the package are being managed by Treasury.

**Possible hearing date(s):**

Week beginning Feb 27 + April

**Possible reporting date:**

27 April

(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:** *Migration Amendment (Evacuation to Safety) Bill 2023*

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:** Bill has the potential to save lives

**Possible submissions or evidence from:** Refugee sector, human rights sector, academia

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Joint Migration Committee or Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):** 23-24 March 2023

**Possible reporting date:** 7 March 2003

(signed)

  
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**Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member**

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

Name of bill: *Treasury Laws Amendment  
(Consumer Data Right) Bill 2022*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

*Complicated issue*

Possible submissions or evidence from:

*various stakeholders*

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

*Economics Leg Committee.*

Possible hearing date(s):

*Feb - March.*

Possible reporting date:

*23 March 23*

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Print name:

*Wendy Aske*

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

Name of bill:

*Workplace Gender Equality  
Amendment Bill 2023*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

*Complicated.*

Possible submissions or evidence from:

*Various*

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

*Finance + Public Admin*

Possible hearing date(s):

*Leg. Committee.*

*Feb - March.*

Possible reporting date:

*16 March*

(signed)



Print name:

*Wendy Askeu*