

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 3 OF 2023

23 March 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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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 22 March 2023 at 7.25 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Education Legislation Amendment (Startup Year and Other Measures) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 April 2023 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Improving Access to Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 September 2023 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Inspector-General of Aged Care Bill 2023 and the Inspector-General of Aged Care (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 April 2023 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Jobs and Skills Australia Amendment Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 April 2023 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the *provisions* of the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Data Streamlining) Amendment Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 April 2023 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bill *not* be referred to committees:
 - Health Insurance Amendment (Prescribed Dental Patients and Other Measures) Bill 2023
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
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2023
 - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2020
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Lowering the Voting Age) Bill 2023
 - Ending Native Forest Logging Bill 2023
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020

- Federal Environment Watchdog Bill 2021
 - Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Independent Review) Bill 2023
 - Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2023
 - Productivity Commission Amendment (Electricity Reporting) Bill 2023
 - Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Amendment (No New Fossil Fuels) Bill 2021 [No. 2]
 - Special Recreational Vessels Amendment Bill 2023
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Refining and Improving Our Tax System) Bill 2023
 - United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Bill 2022.
 - Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2023
5. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
- Financial Accountability Regime Bill 2023
Financial Accountability Regime (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023
 - Financial Services Compensation Scheme of Last Resort Levy Bill 2023
Financial Services Compensation Scheme of Last Resort Levy (Collection) Bill 2023
Treasury Laws Amendment (Financial Services Compensation Scheme of Last Resort) Bill 2023

(Anne Urquhart)

Chair

23 March 2023

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

Name of bill:

Education Legislation Amendment (Startup Year and Other Measures) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Complicated issue

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Sector, Groups Individuals that are affected.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

April

Possible reporting date:

28 April 2023



(signed)

Print name: Wendy Askeu

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: **Improving Access to Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2023**

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Medicinal Cannabis is an issue affecting health care: costs, patient access, safe medical outcomes; social outcomes: alcoholism reduction, domestic violence reduction, workplace health and safety, driving safety; animal health; and finally our obligations under international conventions.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Medicinal Cannabis Industry Australia (mcia.org.au)
- The Cannabis Law Reform Alliance (<https://www.drivechangemc.org.au/>)
- United in Compassion <https://unitedincompassion.com.au/>
- Michelle Crain from HHIA Expo as point of contact for the production industry
- The Lambert Initiative, Sydney Uni, (<https://www.sydney.edu.au/brain-mind/our-research/lambert-initiative.html>)
- CBD Vets Australia (<https://cbdvetsaustralia.com.au/>)

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs References Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

1st September 2023

(signed)



Print name:

PAULINE HANSON

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: [INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF AGED CARE BILL 2023](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Interaction with Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission, and Royal Commission recommendations

Possible submissions or evidence from:

ACCPA

OPAN

COTA

Aged care worker unions (HSU and ANMF)

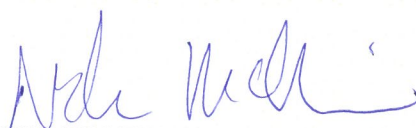
Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): TBC - potentially on the papers

Possible reporting date: 28 April 2023

(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:

[Inspector-General of Aged Care Bill 2023](#)

[Inspector-General of Aged Care Bill 2023 \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2023](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Complicated issue

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Sector, Groups Individuals that are affected.

Committee to which bill is to be referred

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

April

Possible reporting date:

28 April 2023



(signed)

Print name: Wedy Askew

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Name of bill:
Jobs and Skills Australia Amendment Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Opposition (and likely crossbenchers) will request referral – Government has publicly signaled we would welcome referral.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

ACTU/ACCI/AIG (likely joint), BCA, Tafe Directors Australia, ITECA, Community Colleges Australia, Adult Learning Australia, Universities Australia, Group of 8, Aus Tech Network of Unis, Regional network of Unis, Innovative Research Unis, States and territories, COSBOA, Retailers Association, Pharmacy Guild, NECA, National Australian Apprenticeship Association, Chartered Accountants ANZ, Chartered Practicing Accountants, Institute of Public Accountants, SEEK, LinkedIn, Tech Council, AMES, WAVE, Equality Rights Australia, Council of Peaks, NFF, BSL. DEWR, Jobs and Skills Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

April non-sitting weeks (no preference for specific dates)

Possible reporting date:

Week of 24 April 2023

(signed)



Print name: _____

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

[Jobs and Skills Australia Amendment Bill 2023](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Complicated issue

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Sector, Groups Individuals that are affected.

Committee to which bill is to be referred

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

April

Possible reporting date:

24 April 2023



(signed)

Print name: Wendy Askeu

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

Name of bill:

- National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Data Streamlining) Amendment Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Consideration of stakeholder views on the VET Data Streamlining project.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Independent Tertiary Education Council of Australia (ITECA);
- TAFE Directors Australia; and
- Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Senate Standing Committees on Education and Employment

Possible hearing date(s):

- 17 or 18 April 2023 (half-day hearing)

Possible reporting date:

- 4 May 2023

(signed)

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Print name: _____

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

[National Vocational Education and Training Regulator \(Data Streamlining\) Amendment Bill 2023](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Complicated issue

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Sector, Groups Individuals that are affected.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

April

Possible reporting date:

14 April 2023



(signed)

Print name: Wendy Askeu