

# **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

## **REPORT NO. 6 OF 2025**

*4 September 2025*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator Lisa Darmanin (Acting Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Wendy Askew (Opposition Whip)

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

Senator Nick McKim (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Ralph Babet

Senator Leah Blyth

Senator Ross Cadell

Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm

Senator Jessica Collins

Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher

Senator Jacqui Lambie

Senator Fatima Payman

Senator David Pocock

Senator Tony Sheldon (Government Whip)

Senator Lidia Thorpe

Secretary:     Tim Bryant  
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 3 September 2025 at 7.11pm.
2. The committee recommends that —
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Australian Centre for Disease Control Bill 2025 and the Australian Centre for Disease Control (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2025 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 October 2025;
  - (b) the *provisions* of the Defence Amendment (Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal) Bill 2025 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 October 2025 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Board of Management Functions) Bill 2025 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 October 2025 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (d) the *provisions* of the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No. 2) Bill 2025 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 October 2025 (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
  - Telecommunications Amendment (Enhancing Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2025
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Administrative Review Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
  - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Audio Description) Bill 2019
  - Commission of Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian Universities Bill 2024
  - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Divestiture Powers) Bill 2024
  - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Make Price Gouging Illegal) Bill 2024
  - Constitution Alteration (Right to Free Speech) 2025
  - Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Pay for Radio Play) Bill 2023
  - Crimes Amendment (Repeal Mandatory Minimum Sentences) Bill 2025
  - Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021
  - Digital ID Repeal Bill 2024
  - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Communications) Bill 2025
  - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fair Territory Representation) Bill 2024
  - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fairer Contracts and Grants) Bill 2023

- Electoral Legislation Amendment (Lowering the Voting Age) Bill 2023
  - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2022
  - Fair Work Amendment (Paid Reproductive Health Leave and Flexible Work Arrangements) Bill 2025
  - Health Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures No. 1) Bill 2025
  - Higher Education Support Amendment (End Dirty University Partnerships) Bill 2025
  - Housing Australia Amendment (Accountability) Bill 2025
  - Housing Investment Probity Bill 2024
  - Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Amendment (Consideration of UNDRIP) Bill 2023
  - Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015
  - Lobbying (Improving Government Honesty and Trust) Bill 2025
  - National Housing and Homelessness Plan Bill 2024
  - Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Amendment Bill 2025
  - Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Ban Unethical Contractors) Bill 2025
  - Right to Protest Bill 2025
  - Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Responding to Robodebt) Bill 2025 [No. 2]
  - Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment (Frontline Emergency Service Workers) Bill 2025
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (Strengthening Financial Systems and Other Measures) Bill 2025
5. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
- Freedom of Information Amendment Bill 2025
  - Home Affairs Legislation Amendment (2025 Measures No. 1) Bill 2025
  - Interactive Gambling Amendment (Ban Gambling Ads) Bill 2024

(Lisa Darmanin)

**Chair**

4 September 2025

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

Name of bill:

Defence Amendment (Defence Honors and Awards Appeals tribunal) Bil  
(Originated in the House of Representatives on Thursday 28 August 2025)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:  
To scrutinize this legislation and to hear from stakeholders.

Possible submissions or evidence from:  
Interested parties and stakeholders

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

Possible hearing date(s): September to October 2025

Possible reporting date: 30 OCTOBER 2025

(signed)



Print name: SENATOR WENDY ASKEW

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

Name of bill:

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Board of Management Functions) Bill

(Originated in the House of Representatives on Wednesday 27 August 2025)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To scrutinize this legislation and to hear from stakeholders.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Interested parties and stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): September to October 2025

Possible reporting date: 23 OCTOBER 2025

(signed)



Print name: SENATOR WENDY ASKEW

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

Name of bill:

Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No. 2) Bill

(To be originated in the House of Representatives on Thursday 4 September 2025)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To scrutinize this legislation and to hear from stakeholders.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Interested parties and stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): September and October 2025

Possible reporting date: 21 OCTOBER 2025

(signed)

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Print name: SENATOR WENDY ASKEW