

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 7 OF 2025

30 October 2025

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Tony Sheldon (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Wendy Askew (Opposition Whip)

Senator Sean Bell (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

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Senator David Pocock

Senator Lidia Thorpe

Secretary: Tim Bryant
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 29 October 2025 at 7.18 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Commonwealth Parole Board Bill 2025 and the Commonwealth Parole Board (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2025 be ***referred immediately*** to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 19 November 2025 (see appendix 1 for statements of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Corporations (Review Fees) Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2025 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 29 January 2026 (see appendix 2 for statements of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Education Legislation Amendment (Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2025 be ***referred immediately*** to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 November 2025;
 - (d) the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Ban Unethical Contractors) Bill 2025 be ***referred immediately*** to Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 17 March 2026 (see appendix 3 for statements of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the Treasury Laws Amendment (Strengthening Financial Systems and Other Measures) Bill 2025 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 19 November 2025 (see appendix 4 for statements of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills ***not*** be referred to committees:
 - Fair Work Amendment (Baby Priya’s) Bill 2025
 - Health Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures No. 1) Bill 2025
 - Home Affairs Legislation Amendment (2025 Measures No. 2) Bill 2025
 - Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Amendment Bill 2025
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - 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

- Customs Tariff Amendment (Draught Beer) Bill 2025
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Geelong Treaty Implementation) Bill 2025
 - 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 and Other Legislation Amendment (Low Emissions Future) Bill 2025
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2022
 - Excise Tariff Amendment (Draught Beer) Bill 2025
 - Fair Work Amendment (Paid Reproductive Health Leave and Flexible Work Arrangements) 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
 - Interactive Gambling Amendment (Ban Gambling Ads) Bill 2024
 - Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015
 - Lobbying (Improving Government Honesty and Trust) Bill 2025
 - National Housing and Homelessness Plan Bill 2024
 - Regulatory Reform Omnibus 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
 - VET Student Loans (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2025
 - Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures No. 1) Bill 2025
5. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
- Criminal Code Amendment (State Sponsors of Terrorism) Bill 2025
 - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Joint Committee on Defence) Bill 2025
 - Education Legislation Amendment (Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2025
 - Environment Information Australia Bill 2025
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (Customs Charges Imposition) Bill 2025
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (Excise Charges Imposition) Bill 2025
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (General Charges Imposition) Bill 2025

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (Restoration Charge Imposition) Bill 2025
- Environment Protection Reform Bill 2025
- National Environmental Protection Agency Bill 2025
- Superannuation Guarantee Charge Amendment Bill 2025
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Payday Superannuation) Bill 2025

(Tony Sheldon)

Chair

29 October 2025

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Appendix 1

Name of bill:

Commonwealth Parole Board Bill

Commonwealth Parole Board (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Constitution of board

Access to justice

Checks and balances

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Bar association

Law Council

Australian Lawyers Alliance

State and territory law societies

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and con

Possible hearing date(s):

10-11 November

Possible reporting date:

19 November 2025

(signed)

Print name:



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Appendix 2

Name of bill: Corporations (Review Fees) Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To scrutinise this legislation and to hear from stakeholders about the importance of this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Interested parties and stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): December 2025 to January 2026

Possible reporting date: 29 January 2026

(signed)



Print name: _____

Wendy Astew

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Appendix 3

Name of bill:

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Ban Unethical Contractors)
Bill 2025

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Build the public case for the inadequacy of our procurement framework (e.g. PwC), and the need for a debarment regime

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU)
- Centre for Public Integrity
- Mark Zirnsak, Tax Justice Network
- Department of Finance
- Western Australian Department of Treasury and Finance
- NSW Department of Finance
- PwC

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): 6th of Feb and the 13th of Feb

Possible reporting date: 17th of March

Print name: _____



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Appendix 4

Name of bill: Treasury Laws Amendment (Strengthening Financial Systems and Other Measures) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To scrutinise this legislation and to hear from stakeholders about the importance of this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Interested parties and stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): December 2025 to January 2026

Possible reporting date: 29 January 2026

(signed)



Print name:

Wendy Askew

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Name of bill: Treasury Laws Amendment (Strengthening Financial Systems and Other Measures) Bill 2025

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the Bill in more detail and hear from stakeholders

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Tax Justice Network
- Oxfam

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

- 12 November 2025

Possible reporting date:

19 November 2025

(signed)



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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member