



SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 9 OF 2025

27 November 2025

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Lisa Darmanin (Acting 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

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, 26 November 2025 at 7.16 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Health Legislation Amendment (Prescribing of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2025 be ***referred immediately*** to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 February 2026 (see appendix 1 for statements of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Integrity and Safeguarding) Bill 2025 be ***referred immediately*** to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 March 2026 (see appendix 2 for statements of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Genetic Testing Protections in Life Insurance and Other Measures) Bill 2025 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 February 2026 (see appendix 3 for statements of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Universities Accord (Australian Tertiary Education Commission) Bill 2025 and the Universities Accord (Australian Tertiary Education Commission) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2025 be ***referred immediately*** to Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 February 2026 (see appendix 4 for statements of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills ***not*** be referred to committees:
 - Migration Amendment (Combatting Migrant Exploitation) Bill 2025
 - Translating and Interpreting Services Bill 2025
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Amendment (No Jab No Pay Repeal) Bill 2025
 - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Audio Description) Bill 2019
 - Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equity) Bill 2025
 - Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
 - Commission of Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian Universities Bill 2024
 - Communications Legislation Amendment (Australian Content Requirement for Subscription Video On Demand (Streaming) Services) Bill 2025
 - 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
 - Corporations Amendment (Digital Assets Framework) Bill 2025
 - Crimes Amendment (Repeal Mandatory Minimum Sentences) Bill 2025

- Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021
 - Defence and Veterans' Service Commissioner Bill 2025
 - Defence and Veterans' Service Commissioner (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) 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
 - Fair Work Amendment (Paid Reproductive Health Leave and Flexible Work Arrangements) Bill 2025
 - Higher Education Support Amendment (End Dirty University Partnerships) Bill 2025
 - Higher Education Support Amendment (Reverse Job-Ready Graduates Fee Hikes and End 50k Arts Degrees) 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
 - Mandatory Regulation Impact Statement Bill 2025
 - National Housing and Homelessness Plan Bill 2024
 - Plebiscite (Future Migration Level) Bill 2018
 - Right to Protest Bill 2025
 - Social Media Minimum Age Repeal 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
 - Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation) Bill 2025
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Supporting Choice in Superannuation and Other Measures) Bill 2025
 - Unlocking Supply of Family Homes Bill 2025
 - Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures No. 2) Bill 2025
5. The committee considered the Fair Work Amendment (Right to Work from Home) Bill 2025 but was unable to reach agreement.

(Lisa Darmanin)

Chair

26 November 2025

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

Name of bill: Health Legislation Amendment (Prescribing of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2025

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: Community Affairs Committee

Possible hearing date(s): December to February

Possible reporting date: 26 February 2026

(signed)



Print name:

Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill:

Health Legislation Amendment (Prescribing of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2025

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Hear from stakeholders about changes to prescribing

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Various stakeholders including nurses and nurse representative bodies, other health professional bodies

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

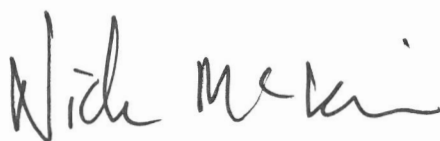
Possible hearing date(s):

0-1 hearings during week of 16th Feb.

Possible reporting date:

26 Feb 2026

(signed)



Print name:

Nick McKim

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

Name of bill: National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Integrity and Safeguarding) Bill 2025

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: Community Affairs Committee

Possible hearing date(s): December to February

Possible reporting date: 1 March 2026

(signed)



Print name:

Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill:

National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Integrity and Safeguarding) Bill 2025

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Hear from stakeholders about registration and safeguarding, as well any other inclusions in the Bill

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Various stakeholders including disability representative organisations, members of the disability community, service providers

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

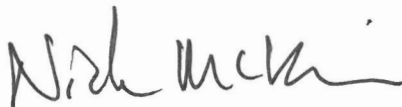
Possible hearing date(s):

2 hearings during 16-27 Feb, month of April

Possible reporting date:

30th March 2026 – members of the disability community will require this amount of time to participate fully in the inquiry

(signed)



Print name:

NICK McKim

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Appendix 3

Name of bill: Treasury Laws Amendment (Genetic Testing Protections in Life Insurance and Other Measures) Bill 2025

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: to examine the Bill in more detail and hear from relevant stakeholders.

Possible submissions or evidence from: interested stakeholders.

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

Possible hearing date(s): week of 16th February 2026

Possible reporting date: 26 February 2026

(signed)



Print name:

Nick McKim

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

Name of bill: Universities Accord (Australian Tertiary Education Commission) Bill 2025
Universities Accord (Australian Tertiary Education Commission) (Consequential
and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2025

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: Education & Employment Committee

Possible hearing date(s): December to February

Possible reporting date: 5 March 2026

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