

# **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

## **REPORT NO. 5 OF 2023**

*11 May 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

A/g Secretary: Ivan Powell  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### REPORT NO. 5 OF 2023

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 10 May 2023 at 7.13 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) the Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 September 2023 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the Defence Capability Assurance and Oversight Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 September 2023 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Defence Legislation Amendment (Naval Nuclear Propulsion) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (d) the *provisions* of the Family Law Amendment Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (e) the *provisions* of the Family Law Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 June 2023 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (f) contingent upon introduction in the Senate, the Murdoch Media Inquiry Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 October 2023 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Constitution Alteration (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice) 2023
  - Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Amendment (No New Fossil Fuels) Bill 2021 [No. 2]
  - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Child Support Measures) Bill 2023.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Criminal Code Amendment (Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities) Bill 2023
  - Ending Native Forest Logging Bill 2023
  - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Lowering the Voting Age) Bill 2023

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020
- Fair Work Amendment (Right to Disconnect) Bill 2023 [No. 2]
- Productivity Commission Amendment (Electricity Reporting) Bill 2023
- Treasury Laws Amendment (2023 Measures No. 2) Bill 2023
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Bill 2022.

(Anne Urquhart)

**Chair**

11 May 2023

## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of bill:**

Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021

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

This inquiry would consider the ethics of exporting Australian greyhounds for racing & commercial purposes given multiple reports over the past few years about dogs being put at risk of cruelty, abuse and neglect overseas.

It would also consider the adequacy of existing arrangements to protect greyhounds, including the 'greyhound passport' scheme operated by Greyhound Australasia and the Government's oversight of these arrangements. Recent reports show greyhounds are being exported overseas without Greyhounds Australasia's approval, making it clear that the enforcement system is failing.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Animal welfare experts  
Animal welfare organisations  
Veterinarians  
Greyhound rehoming charities  
Greyhound racing industry bodies  
Department of Agriculture

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

RRAT

**Possible hearing date(s):**

14 August 2023

**Possible reporting date:**

1 September 2023

(signed)

*Mark Hill*

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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:**

Defence Capability Assurance and Oversight 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.**

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

May – September

**Possible reporting date:**

7 September 2023

  
(signed)

Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill: Defence Legislation Amendment (Naval Nuclear Propulsion) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: For a short inquiry into the bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Law Council of Australia, Defence Department, legal academics.

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

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 09 June

(signed)



Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of bill:** [Defence Legislation Amendment \(Naval Nuclear Propulsion\) Bill 2023](#)

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

Following the release of the Defence Strategic Review that proposed the establishment of a separate agency in Defence to oversee the ADF nuclear submarine program and recent announcements regarding nuclear submarines, public attention on these matters is particularly high.

Given this is the first step toward the acquisition of nuclear-powered submarines and the national security interests at play, it is vital that this Bill is subject to oversight and scrutiny before being put before Parliament.

#### **Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Nuclear power experts  
Nuclear and radiation safety experts and organisations  
Health and environment organisations  
Peace and nuclear non-proliferation organisations

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

Senate Standing Committees on Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade

#### **Possible hearing date(s):**

Week of the 5th of June

#### **Possible reporting date:**

26th July

(signed)

*Michelle Maki*

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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

Name of bill: Family Law Amendment Bill 2023 and Family Law Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill. (We recommend these bills be referred together)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: For a short inquiry into the bills, noting the first bill has already been subject to an exposure draft process and the subject matter has been examined through multiple inquiries.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Law Council of Australia Family Law Section, Attorney-General's Department, Women's Legal Services Australia, National Association of Community Legal Centres, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee.

Possible hearing date(s): 2 June

Possible reporting date: 14 June

(signed)



Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name of bill:**

Family Law 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**

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

May - August

**Possible reporting date:**

24 August 2023

  
(signed)

Print name: Wendy Astle

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

**Name of bill:**

Family Law Amendment (Information Sharing) 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.**

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

May - August June

**Possible reporting date:**

14 June 2023



(signed)

Print name: Wendy Asken

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

Name of bill: Family Law Amendment Bill 2023  
Family Law (Information Sharing) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal & Constitutional Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

24 August

(signed)



Print name:

NICK MCKINNON

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

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

**Name of bill:** Murdoch Media Inquiry Bill 2023

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

To consider details of the bill.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Industry, academics, regulatory bodies

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

Environment and Communications

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:** 16 October 2023

(signed)

  
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**Whip/ Selection of Bills Committee member**

## **Opp 1 Ruston**

### **Selection of Bills Committee report**

### **Amendment to be moved to the motion that the report be adopted**

**Senator Ruston to move:**

At the end of the motion, add:

“and, in respect of the provisions of the Family Law Amendment Bill 2023, the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee report by 24 August 2023.

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AMENDMENT TO REPORT

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(after adoption of committee report is moved)

**MINISTER:**

I move the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add: “, and, in respect of the provisions of the Defence Legislation Amendment (Naval Nuclear Propulsion) Bill 2023, the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee report on 9 June 2023”.