

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 16 OF 2023

7 December 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

Senator David Van

Secretary: Tim Bryant
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 6 December 2023 at 7.08 pm
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Australian Research Council Amendment (Review Response) Bill 2023 be ***referred immediately*** to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 February 2024 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Modern Slavery Amendment (Australian Anti-Slavery Commissioner) Bill 2023 be ***referred immediately*** to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 February 2024 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions and Other Measures) Bill 2023 and the Superannuation (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions) Imposition Bill 2023 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 19 April 2024 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Reserve Bank Reforms) Bill 2023 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 March 2024 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bill ***not*** be referred to committees:
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill (No. 2) 2023
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Administrative Review Tribunal Bill 2023
Administrative Review Tribunal (Consequential and Transitional Provisions No. 1) Bill 2023
 - Australian Capital Territory Dangerous Drugs Bill 2023
 - Australian Education Amendment (Save Our Public Schools) Bill 2023
 - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Ban on Gambling Advertisements During Live Sport) Bill 2023
 - COAG Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Continuing ACCC Monitoring of Domestic Airline Competition) Bill 2023
 - Criminal Code Amendment (Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities) Bill 2023
 - Customs Amendment (Preventing Child Labour) 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]
- Freeze on Rent and Rate Increases Bill 2023
- Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Amendment (Consideration of UNDRIP) Bill 2023
- Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Domestic Reserve) Bill 2023
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Consumer Safeguards and Other Measures) Bill 2023

(Anne Urquhart)

Chair

7 December 2023

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

Name of bill:

[Australian Research Council Amendment \(Review Response\) Bill 2023](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To carefully investigate this legislation and hear from important stakeholders.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

A range of interested parties and stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

January 2024

Possible reporting date:

5 February 2024

(signed)



Print name: Wendy Askew

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Modern Slavery Amendment (Australian Anti-Slavery Commissioner) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Consideration of matters raised by the bill
- Adequacy of the powers and resources available to the Commissioner under the bill including
- Adequacy of penalties and enforcement mechanisms
- Need for an anti-slavery commission

Possible submissions or evidence from:

In addition to submissions from members of the public including those impacted by recent data breaches, submission might come from a range of stakeholders:

Be Slavery Free
Business Council of Australia
Human Rights Law Centre
Acrath
Anti Slavery Australia
Australian Human Rights Commission
Walk Free
Attorney General's Department
Australian Red Cross
Australian Human Rights Institute
AFP
Churches and faith based organisations

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

Possible hearing date(s): 9 February

Possible reporting date: ~~20 March~~ 21 Feb 24

(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:
Modern Slavery Amendment (Australian Anti-Slavery Commissioner) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To carefully investigate this legislation and provide interested stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

A range of stakeholders and interested parties.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

January 2024

Possible reporting date:

21 February 2024

(signed)



Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill:

Treasury Laws Amendment (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions and Other Measures) Bill 2023
Superannuation (Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions) Imposition Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To carefully investigate this legislation and provide interested stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

A range of stakeholders and interested parties including from the banking and financial services sectors.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

January to March 2024

Possible reporting date:

19 April 2024

(signed)



Print name: Wendy Askew

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Treasury Laws Amendment (Reserve Bank Reforms) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the Bill in more detail and hear from stakeholders

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- ACTU
- ACOSS
- Australia Institute
- Paul Keating
- Bernie Fraser
- Peter Martin (Visiting Fellow, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University)

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

- ~~9 February 2024~~

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Possible reporting date:

~~14 March 2023~~

19 April 2024

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• RBA

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

- 9 February 2024

Possible reporting date:

~~14 March 2023~~

21 March 2023

(signed)



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:
Treasury Laws Amendment (Reserve Bank Reforms) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To carefully investigate this legislation and ensure the legislation has appropriate time for thorough scrutiny.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

A range of stakeholders from the banking, financial services and other interested parties.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

January - March 2024

Possible reporting date:

21 March 2024

(signed)



Print name: Wendy Askew