

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 2 OF 2025

13 February 2025

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 Jacqui Lambie (Jacqui Lambie Network Whip)

Senator Nick McKim (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Ralph Babet

Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm

Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher

Senator Maria Kovacic

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Senator Lidia Thorpe

Senator Tammy Tyrrell

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Secretary: Tim Bryant
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 12 February 2025 at 7.42 pm
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill 2025 (No. 2) be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 29 August 2025 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (b) contingent upon introduction in the Senate, the *provisions* of the AusCheck Amendment (Global Entry Program) Bill 2025 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 March 2025 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee considered the following bills and, noting that they had been referred to committees on 12 February 2025, makes no further recommendation:
 - Remuneration Tribunal Amendment (There For Public Service, Not Profit) Bill 2025
 - Tertiary Education Legislation Amendment (There For Education, Not Profit) Bill 2025
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Australian Capital Territory Dangerous Drugs Bill 2023
 - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Ban on Gambling Advertisements During Live Sport) Bill 2023
 - Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Integrity and Reducing Building Costs) Bill 2024 (No. 2)
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Continuing ACCC Monitoring of Domestic Airline Competition) Bill 2023
 - Criminal Code Amendment (Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities) Bill 2023
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fair Territory Representation) Bill 2024
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Lowering the Voting Age) Bill 2023 [No. 2]
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Protecting Environmental Heritage) Bill 2024
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020
 - Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Removing Criminals from Worksites) Bill 2024
 - Freeze on Rent and Rate Increases Bill 2023
 - Great Australian Bight (World Heritage Protection) Bill 2025
 - Interactive Gambling Amendment (Ban Gambling Ads) Bill 2024
 - Pacific Banking Guarantee Bill 2025
 - Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment (Frontline Emergency Service Workers) Bill 2025
 - Telecommunications Amendment (Enhancing Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2025

- Treasury Laws Amendment (Extending the FBT Exemption for Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles) Bill 2024.
5. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
- AusCheck Amendment (Global Entry Program) Bill 2025
 - Defence Trade Controls Amendment (Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity) Bill 2024
 - Electricity Infrastructure Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
 - Genocide Risk Reporting Bill 2024
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Divesting from Illegal Israeli Settlements) Bill 2024.

(Anne Urquhart)

Chair

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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: *Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill 2025 (No. 2)*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- The Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill proposes the establishment of a new, independent statutory authority responsible for providing information, advice, assistance, guidance and support to whistleblowers and potential whistleblowers.
- This body has previously been proposed, but warrants an inquiry.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Law Council, Bar Associations, Integrity Civil Society Groups, whistleblowers

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): TBA

Possible reporting date: 31 August 2025

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

Name of bill:

[AusCheck Amendment \(Global Entry Program\) Bill 2025](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To scrutinise this legislation

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Interested parties and stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

February

Possible reporting date:

21 March 2025

(signed)



Print name: SENATOR WENDY ASKEW

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

Name of bill: AusCheck Amendment (Global Entry Program) Bill 2025

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: public scrutiny of bills

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Migration Institute of Australia
Human Rights Law Centre
Civil Liberties Australia

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

Possible hearing date(s): March 2025

Possible reporting date: 21 March 2025

(signed)



Print name:

Nick McKim