



AUSTRALIAN SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 4 OF 2026

26 March 2026

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Tony Sheldon (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Wendy Askew (Opposition Whip)

Senator Sean Bell (One Nation Whip)

Senator Nick McKim (Australian Greens Whip)

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 25 March 2026 at 7.10 pm.
2. The committee recommends that the Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus No. 1) Bill 2026 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2026 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the Export Control Amendment (Clarifying Obligations Relating to Registered Establishments) Bill 2026 *not* be referred to a committee.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Amendment (No Job No Pay Repeal) Bill 2025
 - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Audio Description) Bill 2019
 - Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equity) Bill 2025
 - Combatting Illicit Tobacco Bill 2026
 - Commission of Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian Universities Bill 2024
 - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Banning Dirty Donations) Bill 2026
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Divestiture Powers) 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 Legislation Amendment (False Trade Marks Infringement Notices) Bill 2026
 - Digital ID Repeal Bill 2024
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Communications) Bill 2025 (No. 2)
 - 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 and Other Legislation Amendment (Removing Nuclear Energy Prohibitions) Bill 2026
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2022
 - Fair Work Amendment (Fairer Fuel) Bill 2026
 - 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
 - Lobbying (Improving Government Honesty and Trust) Bill 2025
 - Mandatory Regulation Impact Statement Bill 2025
 - National Housing and Homelessness Plan Bill 2024
 - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Domestic Reserve) Bill 2026
 - Online Safety Amendment (Broadening Adult Cyber Abuse Protections) Bill 2026
 - Plebiscite (Future Migration Level) Bill 2018
 - Prime Agricultural Land Protection Bill 2026
 - 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
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Delivering an Efficient and Trusted Tax System) Bill 2026
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (The Survivors Law) Bill 2026
 - Unlocking Supply of Family Homes Bill 2025.
5. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2026
 - Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission Bill 2026
 - Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (National Policing Information Charges) Bill 2026
 - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2020
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Doubling Penalties for ACCC Enforcement) Bill 2026.

(Tony Sheldon)

Chair

25 March 2026

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

Name of bill:

Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus No. 1) Bill 2026
(Originated in the House of Representatives on Wednesday 11 March 2026)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To scrutinise this legislation and to hear from stakeholders.

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):

March - April 2026

Possible reporting date:

1 MAY 2026

(signed)



Print name:

Wendy Askew