



AUSTRALIAN SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 6 OF 2026

14 May 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, 13 May 2026 at 7.16 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Unfair Trading Practices) Bill 2026 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2026 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral),
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Defence Force Discipline Amendment (RCDVS Implementation and Related Measures No. 1) Bill 2026 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 31 July 2026 (see appendix 2 for statement of reasons for referral),
 - (c) the Extended Producer Responsibility Scheme for Packaging (No Time to Waste) Bill 2026 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 6 August 2026, and
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Business Registries Stabilisation and Uplift) Bill 2026 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 17 June 2026 (see appendix 3 for statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2022
 - Public and Educational Lending Rights (Better Income for Authors) Bill 2026
 - Public and Educational Lending Rights (Better Income for Authors) Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions Bill 2026
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
 - 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
 - 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
 - Fair Work Amendment (Paid Reproductive Health Leave and Flexible Work Arrangements) Bill 2025
 - Higher Education Support Amendment (End Dirty University Partnerships) Bill 2025
 - 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
 - Online Safety Amendment (Fix Our Feeds) Bill 2026
 - Plebiscite (Future Migration Level) Bill 2018
 - Prime Agricultural Land Protection Bill 2026
 - Regulatory Reform Omnibus 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
 - Unlocking Supply of Family Homes Bill 2025
5. The committee considered the following bills but could not reach agreement:
- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Responding to Exceptional Circumstances) Bill 2026
 - National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026

(Tony Sheldon)

Chair

13 May 2026

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

Name of bill: Competition and Consumer Amendment (Unfair Trading Practices) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Consider in detail

Possible submissions or evidence from: Relevant stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics

Possible hearing date(s): May-June

Possible reporting date: 18 June

(signed)



Print name:

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

Name of bill: Defence Force Discipline Amendment (RCDVS Implementation and Related Measures No. 1) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Consider in detail

Possible submissions or evidence from: Relevant stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Defence

Possible hearing date(s): May-July

Possible reporting date: 31 July 2026

(signed) 

Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill: Treasury Laws Amendment (Business Registries Stabilisation and Uplift) Bill 2026

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Consider in detail

Possible submissions or evidence from: Relevant stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics

Possible hearing date(s): May-June

Possible reporting date: 17 June 2026

(signed)



Print name:

Wendy Askew