HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 68

Consideration of bills

10 October 2012

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- 1. The committee met in private session on 10 October 2012.
- 2. The committee determined that the following referrals of bills to committees be made-

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services:

• Tax Laws Amendment (Clean Building Managed Investment Trust) Bill 2012. REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

Deal with the Greens for Clean Building carve out; operation of carve out; justification of differential rate; and cost to budget.

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement:

• Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Bill 2012.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

The regulatory and coercive investigative powers of the Commonwealth should be subjected to very close scrutiny by the Parliament. In particular, the committee should consider whether any increase in coercive powers is justified for the sake of consistency across diverse regulatory environments.

Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs:

• Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious Drugs, Identity Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2012.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

The bill introduces a range of new offences which need to be thoroughly examined.

• Freedom of Information Amendment (Parliamentary Budget Office) Bill 2012.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

Consideration of justification of a Freedom of Information exemption of Parliamentary Budget Office material and the breadth of the exemption.

Anna Burke MP Chair

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