

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 72

Consideration of bills

1 November 2012

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Report relating to the consideration of bills introduced 29 to 31 October 2012

1. The committee met in private session on 31 October 2012.
2. The committee determined that the following referrals of bills to committees be made—

Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications:

- National Electricity Bill 2012.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

Detailed analysis of complex issues raised.

Standing Committee on Regional Australia:

- Water Amendment (Water for the Environment Special Account) Bill 2012.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

The bill commits future parliaments to appropriate \$1.77 billion. This is an unusual approach which deserves scrutiny by the committee given its impact on the budget.

Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs:

- Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Bill 2012.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

Consideration of the means by which proposed efficiencies will be achieved, effects on the administration of the courts and whether the proposed amendments will improve access to justice.

- Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Bill 2012; and
- Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

Requires further examination of detail within the bill and any unintended consequences that may follow.

Anna Burke MP
Chair

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