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Terms of reference

On Thursday 2 June 2011, the Selection Committee determined that the Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 be referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs for inquiry and report. viii

List of abbreviations

ATSIA	Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
CPI	Consumer Price Index
DSP	Disability Support Pension
FaHCSIA	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
FRC	Families Responsibilities Commission
FTB	Family Tax Benefit
PPL	Paid Parental Leave
PWC	Public Works Committee

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List of recommendations

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that Schedule 1 – Age of FTB child for family tax benefit of the Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 be passed by the House of Representatives without amendment.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that Schedule 2–Indexation of the Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 be passed by the House of Representatives without amendment.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that Schedule 3 – Assessing qualification for Disability Support Pension of the Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 be passed by the House of Representatives without amendment.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that Schedule 4 – Extending Cape York welfare reform trial of the Family Assistance and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 be passed by the House of Representatives without amendment.

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that the exemption of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* from the *Public Works Committee Act 1969* be passed by the House of Representatives without amendment.