

Chapter 1

Introduction

Referral

1.1 On 30 March 2017, the Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017 (the bill) was introduced into the House of Representatives.¹

1.2 On 11 May 2017, pursuant to the Senate Selection of Bills Report, the provisions of the bill were referred to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 June 2017.²

Purpose of the bill

1.3 According to the second reading speech this government bill seeks to:

...amend, and in some circumstances, repeal legislation within the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio, including the Indigenous Affairs portfolio.³

Conduct of the inquiry

1.4 Details of the inquiry, including links to the bill and associated documents, were placed on the committee website at: www.aph.gov.au/senate_fpa.

1.5 The committee directly contacted a number of relevant organisations and individuals to notify them of the inquiry and invite submissions by 31 May 2017. Submissions received by the committee are listed at Appendix 1.

1.6 The committee decided to prepare its report on the basis of submissions received and available information. The committee thanks those who made submissions to the inquiry.

1 House of Representatives, *Votes and Proceedings*, No. 46—30 March 2017, p. 696.

2 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 41—11 May 2017, p. 1347.

3 The Hon Mr Angus Taylor MP, Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, *House of Representatives Hansard*, 30 March 2017, p. 3809.

