

Labor Senators' Additional Comments

1.1 Labor Senators note that the Chair's report explores the impact the passing (with amendment) of the Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014, in particular Schedule 6, has on this Bill.

1.2 Schedule 6 of the Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014 clarifies the well understood principle of the Act that a child inherits the immigration status of the parent. Any other position would be a considerable departure from a significant principle underpinning our immigration system.

1.3 Labor Senators also note that further legislation would now be required to amend the definitions of 'unauthorised maritime arrival' and 'transitory person', as per the aims of this Bill. Legislation has now been passed by the Government that essentially renders this Bill redundant.

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