

APPENDIX 2

Terms of reference for 2010 Inquiry

The Senate has referred the following matter to the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills for inquiry and report by 12 May 2010:

- (1) The future direction and role of the Scrutiny of Bills Committee, with particular reference to:
 - (a) whether its powers, processes and terms of reference remain appropriate;
 - (b) whether parliamentary mechanisms for the scrutiny and control of delegated legislation are optimal; and
 - (c) what, if any, additional role the committee should undertake in relation to human rights obligations applying to the Commonwealth.
- (2) In undertaking this inquiry, the committee should have regard to the role, powers and practices of similar committees in other jurisdictions.
- (3) The committee be authorised to hold public hearings in relation to this inquiry.

