

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 3 of 2006

30 March 2006

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Jeannie Ferris (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator George Campbell (Opposition Whip)

Senator Andrew Bartlett (Australian Democrats Whip)

Senator Nigel Scullion (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (The Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Alan Eggleston

Senator the Hon Chris Ellison

Senator Joe Ludwig

Senator Ruth Webber

Secretary: Richard Pye
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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 3 OF 2006

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 29 March 2006 at 4.22 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2006 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the National Health and Medical Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 May 2006 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) upon its introduction into the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 May 2006 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) upon its introduction into the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 May 2006 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (e) upon its introduction into the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 May 2006 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (f) the *provisions* of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2006 (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (g) the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 May 2006 (see appendices 7, 8 and 9 for statements of reasons for referral);
 - (h) upon its introduction into the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Australian Trade Commission Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 May 2006 (see appendix 10 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (i) upon its introduction into the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 May 2006 (see appendix 11 for a statement of reasons for referral);

- (j) the Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 May 2006 (see appendices 12 and 13 for statements of reasons for referral);
 - (k) the *provisions* of the Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 May 2006 (see appendix 14 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (l) the *provisions* of the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Bill 2006, the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 and the Law Enforcement (AFP Professional Standards and Related Measures) Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 May 2006 (see appendix 15 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (m) the *provisions* of the Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 May 2006 (see appendix 16 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
- Age Discrimination Amendment Bill 2006
 - General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2006
 - Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) Bill 2006.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee *deferred* consideration of the following bills to the next meeting:

Bill deferred from meeting of 28 February 2006

- Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005

Bills deferred from meeting of 29 March 2006

- ASIO Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
- Aviation Transport Security Amendment Bill 2006
- Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006
- Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and the Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006

- Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Security Plans and Other Measures) Bill 2006
- Protection of the Sea (Powers of Intervention) Amendment Bill 2006.
- Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 2) Bill 2006

(Jeannie Ferris)

Chair

30 March 2006



APPENDIX 1

THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Health & other services (Compensation)
Amendment Bill 2006

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: In particular, to examine the potential to improve the operation of the Advanced Payment Option, which is the subject of the main amendment in this Bill.

This amendment seeks to repeal the sunset clause in order to maintain the status quo.
However, previous reviews of the Act has identified that further improvements could be made to ensure claimants have greater portions of their compensation

Possible submissions or evidence from: referred to them.
Medicare Australia (responsible for admin of Bill)

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 15 JUNE '06

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill *National Health and Medical Research Council Amendment Bill*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Examination of the bill as necessary

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: *2 May 2006*

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee
upon its introduction in the House of Representatives

Name of bill *Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Examination of the bill as necessary

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: *2 May 2006*

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee
open its introduction into the House of Representatives

Name of bill *Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation
Amendment Bill*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:
Examination of the bill as necessary.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred: *Legislation
Employment, WR and Education Committee*

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: *2 May 2006*

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee
upon its introduction into the House of Representatives

Name of bill *Australian Research Council Bill*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:
Examination of the bill is necessary

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:
Employment, WR + Education & Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: *2 May 2006*

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

APPENDIX 6

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee****Name of bill:** Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2006**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

To examine the provisions of the bill as necessary, including the issues raised by the Scrutiny of Bills Committee.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Conservation Foundation

CSIRO

Australian Business Council for Sustainable Energy

Hydro Tasmania

Pacific Hydro Ltd

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee**Possible hearing date(s):****Possible reporting date:** 13 June 2006

Andrew Bartlett, Party Whip



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA
THE SENATE
APPENDIX 7
GEORGE CAMPBELL
ALP Senator for New South Wales
Opposition Senate Whip

29 March 2006

Senator Jeannie Ferris
Government Whip

SELECTION OF BILLS AGENDA

I write to seek your cooperation to add the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2063* to the agenda of the Selection of Bills Committee meeting on Wednesday 29 March 2006.

I am available to discuss this matter with you if required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "George Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GEORGE CAMPBELL



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Examination of the bill as necessary
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Possible submissions or evidence from:

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Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment, Communications IT and the Arts Legislation Committee.

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: *2 May 2006*

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Explore the rationale for the proposed
changes to the ABC's corporate governance
arrangements.

Assess the impact of the changes on
the ABC's governance.

Possible submissions or evidence from: ABC, FRIENDS OF THE ABC

DLITA, Romana Koral, Quentin Dempster,
Community and Public Sector Union.

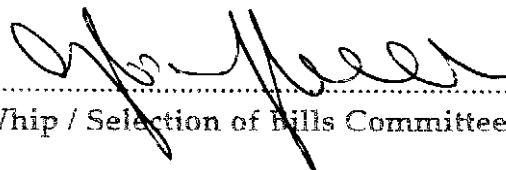
Committee to which bill is to be referred: ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 9 May 2006

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee
upon its introduction in the House

Name of bill *Australian Trade Commission Legislation Amendment Bill*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Examination of the bill as necessary.
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Possible submissions or evidence from:

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Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Foreign Affairs and Trade Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):
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Possible reporting date:
2 May 2006

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Whip/ Selection of Bills Committee member



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee
upon its introduction in the House of representatives

Name of bill *Export Market Development Grants Legislation
Amendment Bill*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:
Examination of the bill as necessary

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:
Foreign Affairs and Trade Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: *2 May 2006*

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill *Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

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Possible submissions or evidence from:

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Committee to which bill is to be referred:

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Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: *2 May 2006*

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



THE SENATE

CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Migration Amendment Employer Sanctions

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- what sort of employment relations are DIMA finding when they conduct raids/investigations at workplaces.
- what work place conditions are DIMA finding when they conduct raids/investigations.
- what onus is on the employer to determine whether someone is an unlawful non-citizen or has work restrictions on visa.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Dept Immigration & Multicultural Affairs
EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 9 MAY 06

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill *Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: *Examination of the bill as necessary*

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred: *Legal + Constitutional Legislation Committee*

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: *2 May 2006*

(signed) *[Signature]*
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill
Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Bill
Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner (Consequential + Transitional) Bill
Law Enforcement (AFP Professional standards and Related measures) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Examination of the Bills as necessary

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal + Constitutional Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: *11 May 2006*

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



APPENDIX 16

THE SENATE

CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

In order to assess whether the Bill is compliant with the World Customs Organisation Framework of Standards

Possible submissions or evidence from: Customs Brokers

& Forwarders Council of Australia.

Australia Federation of International Freight Forwarders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal and Constitutional

Possible hearing date(s): Co-ordinate with other bills.

Possible reporting date: 19 June 2006

(signed)

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 3 OF 2006—
AMENDMENT TO REPORT**

(after adoption of committee report is moved)

SENATOR MARSHALL:

I move the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “and, in respect of the provisions of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2006 and the provisions of the Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006, the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee report on 10 May 2006.”