

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 9 of 2007

13 June 2007

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Stephen Parry (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator George Campbell (Opposition Whip)

Senator Andrew Bartlett (Australian Democrats Whip)

Senator Fiona Nash (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (The Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Steve Fielding (The Family First Whip)

Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz

Senator Joe Ludwig

Senator Julian McGauran

Senator Ruth Webber

Secretary: Richard Pye
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1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 12 June 2007 at 4.16 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2007 (see appendix 1 for statements of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 31 July 2007 (see appendix 2 for statements of reasons for referral); and
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 and the Fisheries Levy Amendment Bill 2007 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2007 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Amendment Bill 2007
 - Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007
 - Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill 2007
 - Corporations (Review Fees) Amendment Bill 2007
 - Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007
 - Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007
 - Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007
 - Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Amendment Bill 2007
 - Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2007
 - Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Care and Other 2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007
 - Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Management System and Other Measures) Bill 2007
 - Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007
 - Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Restructures) Bill 2007
 - Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007
 - Migration (Sponsorship Fees) Bill 2007
 - Migration Amendment (Statutory Agency) Bill 2007
 - Product Stewardship (Oil) Amendment Bill 2007
 - Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007

- Social Security Amendment (Apprenticeship Wage Top-Up for Australian Apprentices) Bill 2007.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee considered a proposal to refer the provisions of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Township Leasing) Bill 2007 to the Community Affairs Committee, but was unable to reach agreement on whether the bill should be referred (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for proposed referral).
5. The committee considered a proposal to refer the provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007 to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee, but was unable to reach agreement on whether the bill should be referred (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for proposed referral).
6. The committee deferred consideration of the following bill to its next meeting:
 - Repatriation of Citizens Bill 2007.

(Stephen Parry)

Chair

13 June 2007



THE SENATE

CANBERRA ACT 2600

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007

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

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Possible hearing date (s):

Possible reporting date: 18 June 2007

(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 Amndt (PBS) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: 2007

Bill proposes significant changes to the PBS which require scrutiny

Possible submissions or evidence from: Health sector, consumer groups, DDA

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): 15 June

Possible reporting date: 19 June

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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 Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007

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

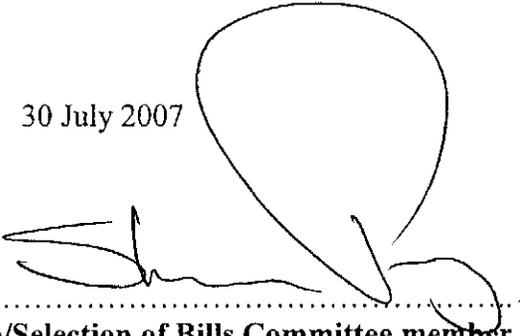
Possible submissions or evidence from:

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

Possible hearing date (s):

Possible reporting date: 30 July 2007

(signed)


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Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee****Name of bill:** Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

To examine the viability and operation of the provisions of the bill which intends to impose the requirements of a Citizenship test on prospective migrants.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Prof Helena Rubenstein
Multicultural Development Association (MDA) - Brisbane
Migrant Resource Centres
Ethnic Communities Councils and other multicultural organisations
Southern Cross group
Migration Institute of Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):**Possible reporting date:**

August 7th 2007.

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Senator Andrew Bartlett, Australian Democrats Whip



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT
(CITIZENSHIP TESTING) BILL 2007

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the provisions of the Bill,
which will introduce a formal citizenship
test for prospective citizens.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Prof Helena Rubenstein, Prof Bob
Birrell, FECCA, MRCS, AMEP providers, Ethnic ^{Other} / Multicultural
community organisations (especially those who made submissions
to discussion paper on Citizenship Test), Southern Cross Group

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: Week commencing 7 August

(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 FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL '07

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

On the basis of consultation with Fisheries stakeholders - principally Torres Strait representatives - to ensure their concerns have been effectively addressed by the proposed legislation.

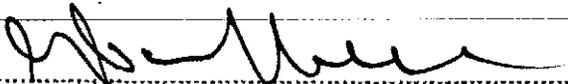
Possible submissions or evidence from: Toshi Kris - Torres Strait Regional Authority Chairman
Contact: Wayne See Kee, GMgr, TSRA 07 4069 0700

Committee to which bill is to be referred: RRATC

Possible hearing date(s): THIS WEEK

Possible reporting date: BY TUESDAY NEXT WEEK 19/6/07.

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member 12/06/07



THE SENATE

CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Am
(Township Leasing) Bill
Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: 2007

To consider merits of township leasing model,
particularly the entity holding the head lease.

Possible submissions or evidence from: NT Land Councils and other relevant parties

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal + Con

Possible hearing date(s): ~~23/8/07~~

Possible reporting date: 23/8/07

(signed) [Signature] 12/6/07
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

APPENDIX 5

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE****Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the impact of the 2007 higher education Budget measures on the university sector and university students; and

To seek further information on how these proposed measures will operate.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Universities Australia
National Tertiary Education Union
National Union of Students
Group of Eight Universities
Australian Technology Network of Universities
Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations
Federation of Australian Scientific and Technological Societies
Department of Education, Science and Training

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 3 August 2007

Senator Andrew Bartlett, Australian Democrats Whip