

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 16 of 2007

20 September 2007

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 19 September 2007 at 4.18 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That the **provisions** of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) Bill 2007 be **referred immediately** to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 10 October 2007 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills **not** be referred to committees:
 - Communications Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007
 - Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Review of Prudential Decisions) Bill 2007
 - Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2007
 - Lands Acquisition Legislation Amendment Bill 2007
 - National Health Security Bill 2007
 - Parliamentary (Judicial Misbehaviour or Incapacity) Commission Bill 2007
 - Privacy (Data Security Breach Notification) Amendment Bill 2007
 - Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2007
 - Workplace Relations (Guaranteeing Paid Maternity Leave) Amendment Bill 2007.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee considered a proposal to refer the Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 6) Bill 2007 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, but **was unable to reach agreement on whether the bill should be referred.**

(Stephen Parry)

Chair

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AUSTRALIAN SENATE

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism and Related Measures) Bill 2007

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the provisions of the bill relating to the creation of various offences, particularly preparatory offences contained in proposed section 272.17, including whether the proposed offences contain the necessary degree of certainty required for penal provisions, and whether the new offences are justified on the basis of a deficiency in existing laws.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Law Council of Australia
Gilbert & Tobin Centre for Public Law
Australian Federal Police
HREOC
International Commission of Jurors
Australian privacy Foundation

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

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 3 December 2007

Senator Andrew Bartlett, Australian Democrats Whip