SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 11 of 2008

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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- 1. The committee met in private session on Thursday, 18 September 2008 at 12.40 pm.
- 2. The committee resolved to recommend—That the *provisions* of the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 10 November 2008 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral).
- 3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008 [No. 2]
 - Emergency Assistance Fund for the Lower Lakes and Coorong Region of South Australia Bill 2008 [No. 2]
 - International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008
 - Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002 [2008]
 - Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2008.

The committee recommends accordingly.

- 4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Archives Amendment Bill 2008
 - Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Bill 2008
 - Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2008
 - Financial Transaction Reports Amendment (Transitional Arrangements) Bill 2008.

(Anne McEwen) **Acting Chair**18 September 2008

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The effect of changes to Child Support legislation. The new Child Support legislation has been in operation since 1 July 2008. The Bill identifies a number of areas to address anomalies. The changes to child support legislation were significant and have affected many parents.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Community Welfare organisations National Council of Single Mothers and their Children

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

(signed)

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member