

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 12 of 2008

25 September 2008

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Anne McEwen (Acting Government Whip, Acting Chair)

Senator Stephen Parry (Opposition Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (The Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Steve Fielding (The Family First Party Whip)

Senator Judith Adams

Senator the Hon. Helen Coonan

Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig

Secretary: Maureen Weeks
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1. The committee met in private session on Thursday, 25 September 2008 at 12.36 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 13 October 2008;
 - (b) the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television Switch-over) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 25 November 2008;
 - (c) the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 10 November 2008 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the National Rental Affordability Scheme Bill 2008 and the National Rental Affordability Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 20 November 2008 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee for inquiry and report by 24 November 2008 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (f) the *provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 13 October 2008 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (g) the *provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (Education Refund) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 13 October 2008; and

- (h) the *provisions* of the Temporary Residents' Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 and the Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 20 November 2008.
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
- Archives Amendment Bill 2008
 - Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Bill 2008
 - Financial Transaction Reports Amendment (Transitional Arrangements) Bill 2008
 - National Measurement Amendment Bill 2008
 - Stolen Generations Reparations Tribunal Bill 2008.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Dairy Adjustment Levy Termination Bill 2008
 - Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2008
 - Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008
 - Road Charges Legislation Repeal and Amendment Bill 2008
 - Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) Bill 2008
 - Schools Assistance Bill 2008
 - Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008 (No. 2)
 - Trade Practices Amendment (Clarity in Pricing) Bill 2008
 - Transport Security Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008
 - Urgent Relief for Single Age Pensioners Bill 2008
 - Water Amendment Bill 2008.

(Anne McEwen)
Acting Chair
25 September 2008

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: *Commonwealth Radioactive Waste*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: *management (repeal + consequential Amendment Bill 2008)*
various grounds for repeal and inconsistencies with other legislations.

Possible submissions or evidence from: *environmental, indigenous, legal experts*

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

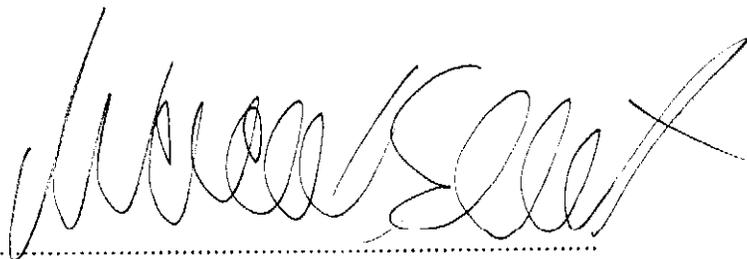
Environment, communications and Arts

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

10 November 2008

(signed)



Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: National Rental Affordability Scheme
(Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- whether the Bill is targeted to deliver affordable housing to those in greatest need
- whether the Bill is an efficient + effective way to deliver increased affordable housing
- whether the Bill facilitates investment in social housing by not for profit community housing organisations, as well as private investors

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Welfare + Advocacy Groups - Academics with expertise in this area.
- Community Housing Associations
- Planning + Building Associations + other industry groups

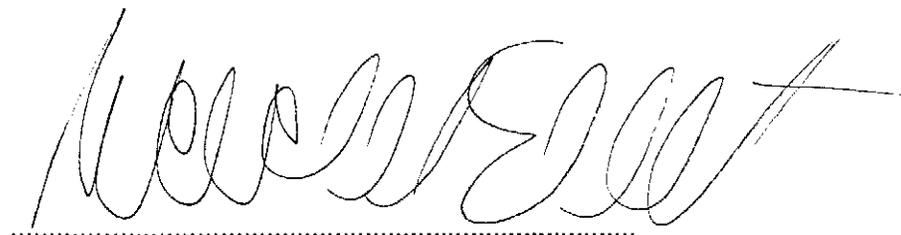
Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Social Security Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform) Bill 2008

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The Bill is providing for a new framework of compliance measures for employment related social security benefits. Concerns have been raised by social service providers that these measures would have a detrimental impact on vulnerable job seekers.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Council of Social Services
Catholic Social Services Australia
Uniting Care
Angicare
Welfare Rights Advocacy Service

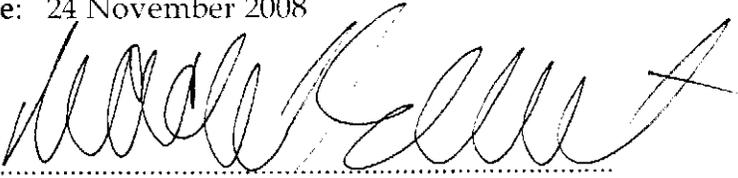
Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 24 November 2008

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

This bill proposes to make a number of tax technical changes to GST & FBT legislation and thus would require additional scrutiny

Possible submissions or evidence from:

CPA Australia

Institute of Chartered Accountants

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

13 October 2008

(signed)

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Senator Helen Coonan