

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 17 of 2008

4 December 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, 4 December 2008 at 10.44 am.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Defence Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee for inquiry and report by 20 February 2009;
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 24 February 2009;
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 20 February 2009 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Federal Justice System Amendment (Efficiency Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 17 February 2009 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 20 February 2009;
 - (f) the *provisions* of the Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 20 February 2009 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (g) the *provisions* of the Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 30 April 2009 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (h) the Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 27 March 2009.
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Auditor-General Amendment Bill 2008
 - Aviation Legislation Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008

- Corporations Amendment (No. 1) Bill 2008
- Customs Amendment (Enhanced Border Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2008
- Employment and Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 2008
- Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008
- Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Identity Crimes and Other Measures) Bill 2008
- Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008
- Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 6) Bill 2008
- Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medical Devices and Other Measures) Bill 2008.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Bill 2008 to its next meeting.

(Anne McEwen)

Acting Chair

4 December 2008

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of bill: FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA AMENDMENT
(CRIMINAL JURISDICTION) BILL 2008**

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Complex changes to Federal Court procedures

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Federation of Community Legal Services
Liberty
Human Rights Law Centre

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional

Possible hearing date(s):

February 2009

Possible reporting date:

March 2009

(signed)


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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: **FEDERAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AMENDMENT (EFFICIENCY MEASURES) BILL (NO. 1) 2008**

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The number of changes to judicial process, referrals, interlocutory orders

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Federation of Community Legal Services
Liberty
Human Rights Law Centre

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional

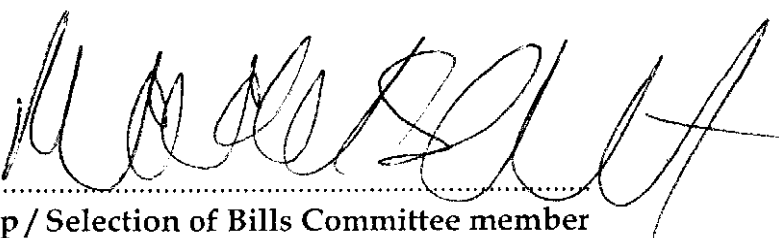
Possible hearing date(s):

February 2009

Possible reporting date:

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Complex legislation with jail term should be looked at by the Economic Committee

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Trade Practices Committee Law Council, Chair David Poddar

Prof Bob Baxt, Brent Fisse plus other Trade Practices Lawyers

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

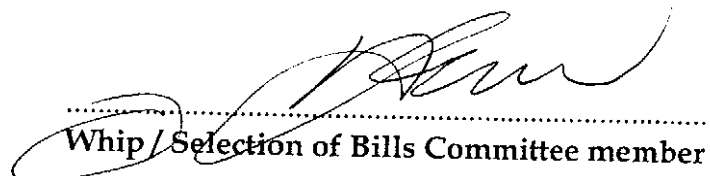
Senate Economics Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

20th Feb 2008

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: URANIUM ROYALTY (NORTHERN TERRITORY) BILL 2008

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Ensuring world's best practice implemented regarding Australian uranium developments and process

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Uranium Association
ANSTO
Northern Lands Council
Top End Aboriginal Conservation Alliance
Central Lands Council
Arid Lands Environment Centre
Australian Conservation Foundation
Australian Alliance Against Uranium

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics

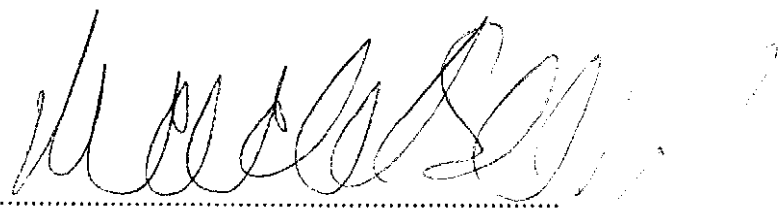
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March 2009

Possible reporting date:

April 2009

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