

*SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE*

*REPORT NO. 2 of 2009*

*12 February 2009*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator Kerry O'Brien (Government Whip, 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 David Bushby

Senator the Hon. Helen Coonan

Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig

Senator Anne McEwen

Secretary: Maureen Weeks  
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1. The committee met in private session on Thursday, 12 February 2009 at 12.46 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Federal Financial Relations Bill 2009 **and a related bill** be *referred immediately* to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 3 March 2009 (see appendix 1 for statements of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 3 March 2009 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures) Bill 2009 be *referred immediately* to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2009 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (d) the *provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2009 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Australian Energy Market Amendment (AEMO and Other Measures) Bill 2009
  - Civil Aviation Amendment Bill 2009
  - Transport Safety Investigation Amendment Bill 2009
  - Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Commonwealth Seniors Health Card) Bill 2009.

#### *The committee recommends accordingly.*

4. The committee considered Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 and the Customs tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 noting the Senate had agreed to refer the provisions of the bills to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report.

5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bill to its next meeting:
  - Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Bill 2008.

(Kerry O'Brien)

**Chair**

12 February 2009

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: - Federal Financial Relations Bill 2009  
- Federal Financial Relations (consequential amendments and transitional provisions) 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

This is major legislation that involves potential re-drafting GST. It potentially impacts on the proportions of GST divided between the states & how grants are delivered.


Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: ASAP (no later than 11th March 2009)

(signed)



Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:**

Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

New information has emerged that requires inquiry by a committee.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

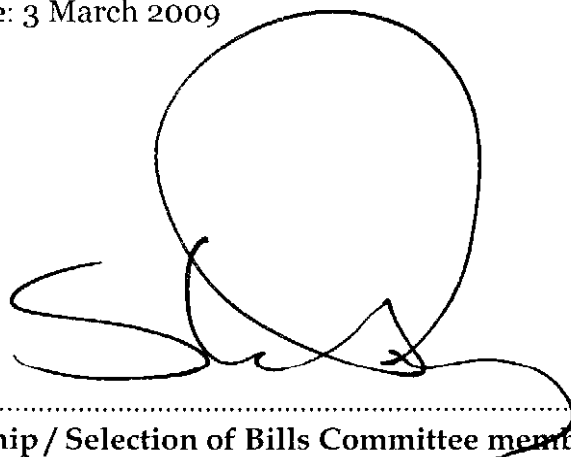
The Law Council of Australia

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:** 3 March 2009

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(signed)

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**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:**

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures Bill 2009

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

Consideration of the Bill as necessary

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Higher education providers and peak organisations in the higher education sector

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee


**Possible hearing date(s):**

Late February/early March 2009

**Possible reporting date:**

Tuesday 10 March 2009

(signed)

  
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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measure No. 1) Bill 200

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

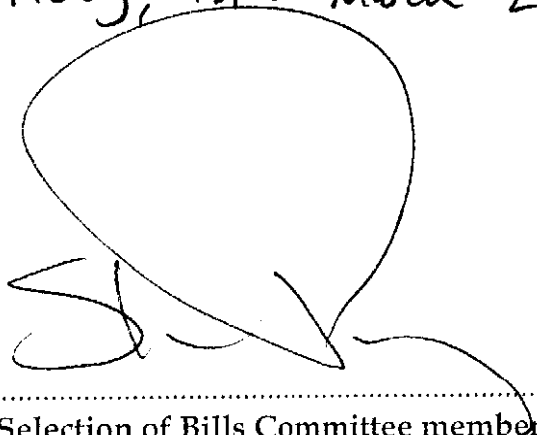
Further investigation of any unintended consequences of income test reforms & to ensure that they are adequately targeted.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: Friday, 13th March 2009.

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(signed)

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