

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 6 of 2009

1 June 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 Judith Adams

Senator David Bushby

Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig

Senator Anne McEwen

Secretary: Maureen Weeks
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1. The committee met in private session on Monday, 1 June 2009 at 8.01 am to consider proposals relating to the order of 14 May 2009 pertaining to the referral of certain budget-related bills to committees (“the order of 14 May 2009”).
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That, instead, the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 be referred to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by no later than the commencement of business on 22 June 2009 (see appendix 1 for statements of reasons that the bill be referred on different terms).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Higher Education Support Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009
 - Social Security Amendment (Training Incentives) Bill 2009
 - Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Apprentices) Bill 2009
 - Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009
 - Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2009.(see appendix 2 for statements of reasons that the bills not be referred)

The committee recommends accordingly and reports to the President.

4. The committee also considered two proposals relating to the Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 and two related bills. The committee could not reach agreement and the bills continue to stand referred to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 June 2008 (see appendices 3 and 4 for statements of reasons that the bills be referred on different terms).
5. The committee notes that the following bills stand referred to committees to report by 16 June 2009, in accordance with the order of 14 May 2009:
 - Guarantee of State and Territory Borrowing Appropriation Bill 2009, to the Economics Legislation Committee; and
 - Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Bill 2009, to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee.

(Kerry O’Brien)

Chair

1 June 2009

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of bill: TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2009 BUDGET MEASURES NO. 1) BILL
2009**

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To assess for any unintended consequences and impact on Australian resident taxpayers; determine the impact of changes to indexation; impact on retirement incomes and salary sacrificing arrangements and impact on the savings of Australians into the future.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Committee

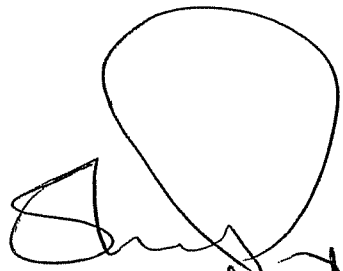
Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

24 June 2009.

(signed)

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member


Chief Opposition Whip

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Proposal - Bill to not be referred or referred on different terms

Name of bill:

Bill to be referred: Yes / No (circle one)

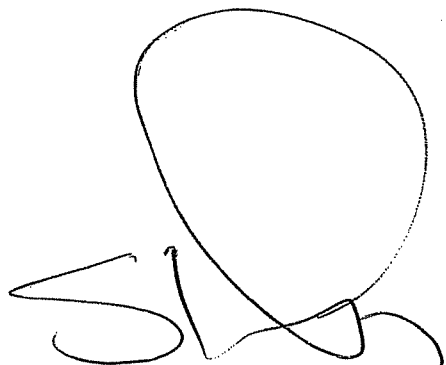
Higher Education Support Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009
Social Security Amendment (Training Incentives) Bill 2009
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Apprentices) Bill 2009
Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2009

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Proposed reporting date:

Reasons for differing terms: No requirement for committee inquiry.

(signed)


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Whip/ Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal - Bill to not be referred or referred on different terms

Name of bills:

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2009

Bill to be referred: Yes / No (circle one)

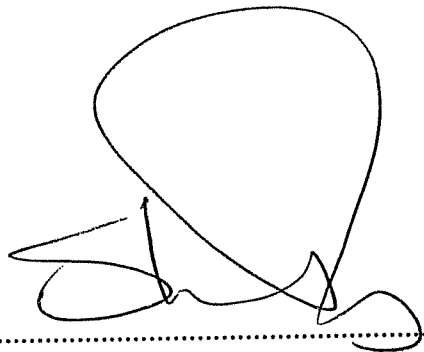
Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Proposed reporting date: 5 August 2009

Reasons for differing terms:

According to the Government's announcement, this package does not commence until 1 July 2010 therefore it is not essential for consideration before 1 July 2009.

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal - Bill to not be referred or referred on different terms

Name of bills:

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2009

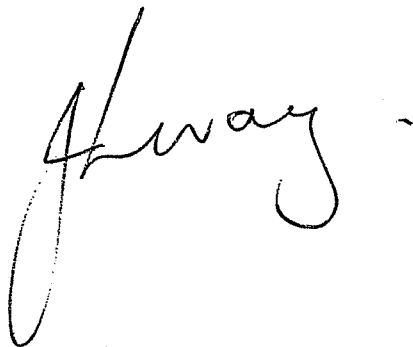
Bill to be referred: Concerned about the proposed reporting date of 5 August

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Proposed reporting date: 16 June 2009

Reasons for differing terms:

This legislation is an important part of the overall budget and should be considered in a timeframe that is consistent with the other budget measures.

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Variation of Selection of Bills recommendation

(amendment to motion to adopt report)

Senator Parry

I move the following amendment—at the end of the motion, add:

but, in respect of the Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 and two related bills:

- (a) the reference of the bills to the Economics Legislation Committee be transferred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 August 2009; and
- (b) in considering this matter, the Community Affairs Legislation Committee may consider the relevant evidence and records of the Economics Legislation Committee.