

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 14 of 2009

17 September 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 Wednesday, 16 September 2009 at 7.15 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill (No. 2) 2009 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 October 2009 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2009 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 26 October 2009 (see appendices 2 and 3 for statements of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2009 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 October 2009 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009 be *referred immediately* to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 October 2009 (see appendices 5, 6 and 7 for statements of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Australian National Preventive Health Agency Bill 2009
 - Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2009
 - Customs Amendment (ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2009
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2009
 - Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Participation Requirement) Bill 2009
 - Geothermal and Other Renewable Energy (Emerging Technologies) Amendment Bill 2009 (No. 2)
 - Long Service Leave Legislation Amendment (Telstra) Bill 2009
 - Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Prohibition of Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2009
 - Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 5) Bill 2009
 - Tax Laws Amendment (Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists) Bill 2009.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the Plain Tobacco Packaging (Removing Branding from Cigarette Packs) Bill 2009 to its next meeting.

(Kerry O'Brien)

Chair

17 September 2009

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill (No 2) 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Possible submissions or evidence from:

State and territory police

Anti-crime groups

Criminologists/Law Reform Institute

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

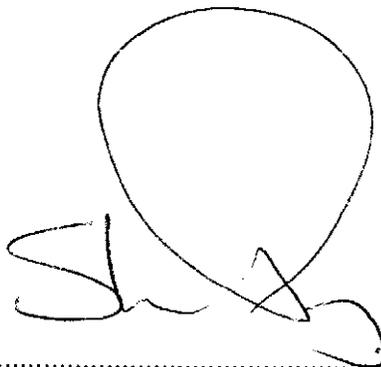
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Through October

Possible reporting date:

26th October 2009

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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 and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The impact of the changes to prospective students.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Isolated Children's Parents' Association
NUS
CAPA
Bendigo Youth Allowance Action Group
DEEWR
Deakin University

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Employment, Education and Workplace Relations

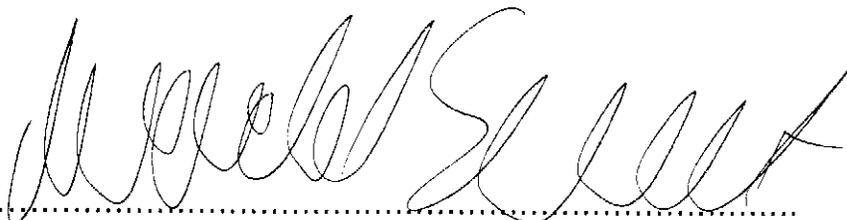
Possible hearing date(s):

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Possible reporting date:

23/10/09

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Social Security and Other Legislations Amendment (Income Support for Students)
Bill 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Possible submissions or evidence from:

All parties and individuals that submitted evidence to the Rural and Regional Affairs inquiry into Rural and Regional Access to Secondary and Tertiary Education Opportunities.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

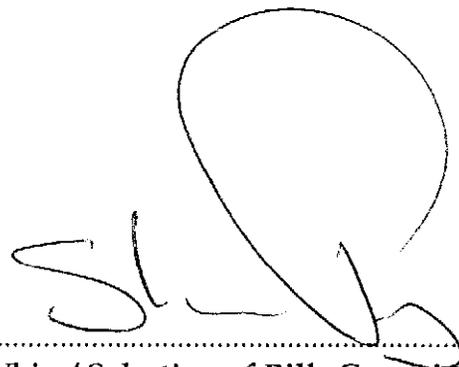
Possible hearing date(s):

Throughout October

Possible reporting date:

26th October 2009

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Law Council of Australia
Law reform Institutes
Police Agencies

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

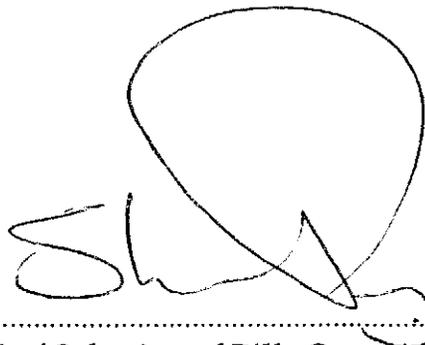
Possible hearing date(s):

Throughout October

Possible reporting date:

26 October 2009

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

This Bill represents the biggest regulatory change to the telecom market. An Inquiry is necessary to ensure that both options offered to Telstra for separation – structural and functional - will fulfil the commitment to open access and increased competition.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Telecommunication users groups, industry groups, service providers, communications experts, state governments, communications NGOs such as those appearing before the Select Committee on Broadband.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Environment Communication and the Arts Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): October

Possible reporting date: 26 October

(signed)



Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

Senator Rachel Siewert
Australian Greens Whip

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

The Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition And Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To ensure passage of important reforms to the existing telecommunications regulatory regime to provide certainty for the industry and to ensure adequate consumer safeguards are in place.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Australia Communications and Media Authority
Competitive Carriers Coalition
Australian Telecommunications Users Group
Australian Communications Consumers Action Network
Macquarie Telecom
Optus
Telstra

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment, Communications and the Arts

Possible hearing date(s):

Weeks beginning 28th Sept, 5th Oct or 12th Oct

Possible reporting date:

October 19, 2009

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Possible submissions or evidence from:

The Australian Shareholders Association
Unions – CPSU/CEPU/ACTU
Telco Analysts ie JB Were and JP Morgan

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee

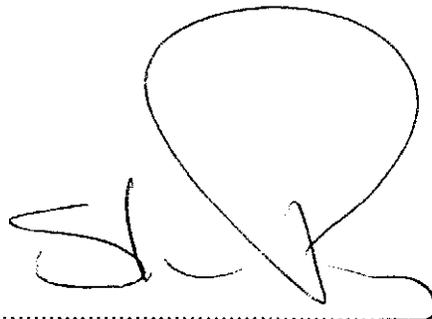
Possible hearing date(s):

12 October, amongst other dates in October

Possible reporting date:

26th October 2009

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