

*SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE*

*REPORT NO. 12 of 2011*

*15 September 2011*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator Anne McEwen (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Helen Kroger (Opposition Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Judith Adams

Senator Carol Brown

Senator Mitch Fifield

Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig

Secretary:     Maureen Weeks  
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 14 September 2011 at 7.10 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
  - (a) the Constitutional Corporations (Farm Gate to Plate) Bill 2011 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 November 2011 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral).
  - (b) the Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011 be ***referred immediately*** to the Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 November 2011 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (c) the Quarantine Amendment (Disallowing Permits) Bill 2011 be ***referred immediately*** to the Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 November 2011 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills ***not*** be referred to committees:
  - Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill 2011
  - National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2011
  - Parliamentary Service Amendment (Parliamentary Budget Officer) Bill 2011
  - Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Oils in the Antarctic Area) Bill 2011.

***The committee recommends accordingly.***

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Clean Energy Bill 2011 and 17 related bills
  - Landholders' Right to Refuse (Coal Seam Gas) Bill 2011
  - Migration Amendment (Declared Countries) Bill (No. 2) 2011
  - Steel Transformation Plan Bill 2011
  - Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011.

(Anne McEwen)

**Chair**

15 September 2011

## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of Bill:**

Constitutional Corporations (Farm Gate to Plate) Bill 2011

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

In undertaking the inquiry, the Committee should consider:

1. The need for greater consumer information on supermarket pricing
2. The low farm gate prices offered to Australian producers
3. The large mark-ups on fresh produce
4. The impact of the Coles/Woolworths duopoly on farm gate prices and mark-ups

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Coles

Woolworths

Foodland

IGA

National Farmers' Federation

South Australian Farmers' Federation

Horticulture Industry Network (and partnership associations)

Choice

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

Senate Standing Committee on Economics (Legislation)

**Possible hearing date(s):**

October 2011

**Possible reporting date:**

24 November 2011

Senator Siewert

(signed)

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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:**

Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Qantas Airways Limited  
Qantas CEO, Alan Joyce  
Australian and International Pilots Association  
Transport Workers Union  
Flight Attendants Association of Australia  
Australian Council of Trade Unions  
Australian Licensed Aircraft Engineers Association  
Australian Services Union  
Australian Workers' Union  
Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union  
Department of Finance and Deregulation

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

Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee  
... to be heard jointly with the Inquiry into the Air Navigation and  
Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011.

**Possible hearing date(s):**

September / October 2011

**Possible reporting date:**

02 November 2011

Senator Siewert

(signed)

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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:**

Quarantine Amendment (Disallowing Permits) Bill 2011

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
Biosecurity Australia  
Department of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
AUSVEG  
Apple and Pear Association Ltd  
South Australian Fresh Fruit Growers Association  
Fruit Growers Victoria Limited  
Growcom  
New South Wales Farmers Association  
Charles Sturt University lecturer in constitutional law, Mr Bede Harris  
FoodLegal, Australian food law expert, Mr Joe Lederman  
Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA  
Tasmanian Primary Industries Minister Bryan Green

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

Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

September / October 2011

**Possible reporting date:**

02 November 2011

Senator Siewert

(signed)

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