

*SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE*

*REPORT NO. 2 of 2012*

*1 March 2012*

## **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

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Senator Carol Brown

Senator Mitch Fifield

Secretary: Maureen Weeks  
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1. The committee met in private session on Thursday, 1 March 2012 at 11.19 am.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening) Bill 2012 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2012 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the *provisions* of the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (R 18+ Computer Games) Bill 2012 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 March 2012 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill 2012 be *referred immediately* to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2012 (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:
  - Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2012
  - Corporations Amendment (Phoenixing and Other Measures) Bill 2012
  - Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Protecting Elector Participation) Bill 2012
  - Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012
  - Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012
  - Higher Education Support Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012
  - Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill (No. 1) 2012
  - Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Disability Support Pension Participation Reforms) Bill 2012
  - Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Obligations and Prudential Standards) Bill 2012.

*The committee recommends accordingly.*

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting and Telecommunications Amendment) Bill 2011
  - Corporations Legislation Amendment (Audit Enhancement) Bill 2012
  - Indirect Tax Laws Amendment (Assessment) Bill 2012
  - Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012
  - Public Service Amendment Bill 2012
  - Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Natural Program Breaks and Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2012
  - Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 1) Bill 2012.

(Anne McEwen)

**Chair**

1 March 2012

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### Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of bill:** Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Screening) Bill 2012

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

- The privacy and health issues at stake with this technology require input from experts.
- Security and counter-terrorism experts should also be surveyed as to whether these invasive scans actually enhance security.
- The Information Commissioner's office has been conducting consultations for the Office of Transport Security and given that no material has been released for public discussion, a Senate Inquiry would help to provide more detail about the consultation process.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

- Medical professionals expert in millimetre wave body scanners
- Civil liberties organisations
- Law Council
- Information Commissioner
- Privacy Commissioner

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

Rural Affairs and Transport Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):** April

**Possible reporting date:** 9 May 2012

(signed)

Senator Siewert

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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

Name of bill: **Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (R 18+ Computer Games) Bill 2012**

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

- Extent of material currently Refused Classification that would be permissible under the new regime
- Likely guidelines to qualify for R18+ and MA15+

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Attorney-General's Department  
Classification Board  
The Australian Council on Children and the Media  
Representatives of gaming production companies

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

**Possible hearing date(s):**

As determined by the Committee

**Possible reporting date:**

As determined by the Committee

(signed)

Senator Fifield

~~Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member~~

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### Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of bill:** Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill

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

- ensure that it delivers the workplace productivity measures for women that it is allegedly designed to do so;
- consider the impact, if any, of the legislation of the EOWW Act and EOWA within the framework of existing workplace-related legislation; and
- consider the effects of the proposed legislation on social inclusion, the economy, the labour market and business competitiveness.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

- Australian Centre for Leadership for Women
- Australian Council of Trade Unions
- Australian Federation of Employers and Industries
- Australian Federation of University Women
- Australian Industry Group
- Australian Women's Coalition
- Community Employers WA
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- Disability Services Australia
- Diversity Council of Australia
- EOWA
- Relevant State & Territory Governments
- Relevant employer and industry groups
- Submitters to the 2009 review of the Act

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

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee

**Possible reporting date:**

To be determined by the Committee

Senator Fifield

(signed)

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**Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member**