

*SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE*

*REPORT NO. 7 of 2012*

*21 June 2012*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator Anne McEwen (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Helen Kroger (Opposition Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Scott Ludlam (Acting Australian Greens Whip)

Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins

Senator Carol Brown

Senator David Bushby

Senator Mitch Fifield

Secretary: Maureen Weeks  
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 20 June 2012 at 7.14 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
  - (a) the Government Investment Funds Amendment (Ethical Investments) Bill 2011 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 August 2012 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the *provisions* of the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Bill 2012 and the *provisions* of the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Registration Fees) Bill 2012 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 15 August 2012 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Maritime Powers Bill 2012 and the *provisions* of the Maritime Powers (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 August 2012 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bill *not* be referred to a committee:
  - Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2012.

*The committee recommends accordingly.*

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Customs Tariff Amendment (2012 Measures No. 1) Bill 2012
  - Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting and Telecommunications Amendment) Bill 2011
  - Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Natural Program Breaks and Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2012
  - Statute Stocktake (Appropriations) Bill (No. 1) 2012.

(Anne McEwen)

**Chair**

21 June 2012

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

**Name of bill:** Government Investment Funds Amendment (Ethical Investments) Bill 2011

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

To consider the provisions of the bill and to hear from experts on the implementation and effects of the bill.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Public health organisations including Action on Smoking and Health (ASH)  
Nuclear and armaments groups including the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICANW)  
Future Fund board of Guardians  
Other experts on ethical investment frameworks

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

Finance and Public Administration

**Possible hearing date(s):**

10 August 2012

**Possible reporting date:**

22 August 2012

Senator Ludlam

(signed)

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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

**Name of bill:**

Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Bill 2012  
Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Registration Fees) Bill 2012

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

To address concerns the scheme may increase costs and green tape for those involved

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Master Builders Australia  
Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
National Electrical and Communications Authority  
Choice

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

Environment and Communications Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee

**Possible reporting date:**

To be determined by the Committee

(signed)

Senator Fifield

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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:**

*Maritime Powers Bill 2012 and Maritime Powers (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012*

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

Ensure that coverage is comprehensive; and

Ensure that powers to be conferred under the Bill are adequate and commensurate with existing powers.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Attorney-General's Department  
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service  
DIAC  
Australian Fisheries Management Authority

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by committee

**Possible reporting date:**

To be determined by committee

(signed)

Senator Fifield

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member