REPORT NO. 10 of 2012

23 August 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 the Hon Jacinta Collins

Senator Carol Brown

Senator David Bushby

Senator Mitch Fifield

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- 1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 22 August 2012 at 7.01 pm.
- 2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) contingent upon their introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Bill 2012, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2012 and the Tax Laws Amendment (Special Conditions for Not-for-profit Concessions) Bill 2012 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 September 2012 (see appendices 1 and 2 for statements of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Fair Work Amendment (Small Business—Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012 be *referred immediately* to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 29 November 2012 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Protecting Local Jobs (Regulating Enterprise Migration Agreements) Bill 2012 be *referred immediately* to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 29 October 2012 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral).
- 3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - International Monetary Agreements Amendment (Loans) Bill 2012
 - Statute Law Revision Bill 2012.

The committee recommends accordingly.

- 4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Aviation Legislation Amendment (Liability and Insurance) Bill 2012
 - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Public Interest Test) 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.

(Anne McEwen) Chair 23 August 2012

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

 Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Bill 2012
Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2012

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Examine the establishment of an independent, national regulator for the charities and not-for-profit sector

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Charities NFP/charity sector peak bodies (e.g ACOSS and the Community Council for Australia) The Department of Treasury The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 10 September 2012

(signed)

Senator McEwen

Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Tax Laws Amendment (Special Conditions for Not-for-profit Concessions) Bill 2012

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Examine amendments relating to the special conditions that apply to not-for-profits entities

Possible submissions or evidence from: NFPs/charities NFP/charity sector peak bodies The Department of Treasury The Australian Taxation Office

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 10 September 2012

(signed)

Senator McEwen

Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of Bill:

Fair Work Amendment (Small Business – Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

In undertaking the inquiry, the Committee should consider:

- 1. The impact on the small business sector of penalty rates
- 2. The importance of penalty rates to employees of small businesses
- The appropriateness of the current five-day working week approach to penalty rate allocations
- 4. The value of small businesses and their employees to the Australian economy
- 5. The flexibility of current Modern Awards for small businesses

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Council of Small Business of Australia Restaurant and Catering Australia Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Relevant industry and employee unions Fair Work Australia Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations State Small Business Commissioners

Committee to which the bill is to be referred:

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Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (Legislation)

Possible hearing date(s):

October 2012

Possible reporting date:

29 November 2012

Senator Siewert

(signed)

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee Member

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Protecting Local Jobs (Regulating Enterprise Migration Agreements) Bill 2012 House of Representatives

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Amendments have been drafted to the Bill which would broaden the scope to regulate all types of work agreements (ie Enterprise Migration Agreements, Regional Migration Agreements, work agreements).

Possible submissions or evidence from:

CFMEU, ETU, ACTU, AWU, Employer representatives (AIG, AMMA, BCA), Local Government (ALGA).

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

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Senate Standing Committees on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Possible hearing date(s): TBD

Possible reporting date: 29 October 2012

(signed)

Senator Siewert

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member