

*SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE*

*REPORT NO. 12 of 2012*

*20 September 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 Carol Brown

Senator David Bushby

Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins

Senator Mitch Fifield

Secretary:     Maureen Weeks  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### REPORT NO. 12 OF 2012

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 19 September 2012 at 7.18 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the following bills be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 29 October 2012:
    - Clean Energy Amendment (International Emissions Trading and Other Measures) Bill 2012
    - Clean Energy (Charges—Excise) Amendment Bill 2012
    - Clean Energy (Charges—Customs) Amendment Bill 2012
    - Excise Tariff Amendment (Per-tonne Carbon Price Equivalent) Bill 2012
    - Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Per-tonne Carbon Price Equivalent) Bill 2012
    - Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Per-tonne Carbon Price Equivalent) Bill 2012
    - Clean Energy (Unit Issue Charge—Auctions) Amendment Bill 2012(see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Food Labelling) Bill 2012 (No. 2) be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting day of 2013 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Dental Benefits Amendment Bill 2012 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 29 October 2012 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (d) the *provisions* of the Law Enforcement Integrity Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 November 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:
  - Corporations Legislation Amendment (Derivative Transactions) Bill 2012
  - Higher Education Support Amendment (Maximum Payment Amounts and Other Measures) Bill 2012
  - Higher Education Support Amendment (Streamlining and Other Measures) Bill 2012
  - Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2012
  - International Fund for Agricultural Development Amendment Bill 2012
  - Personal Liability for Corporate Fault Reform Bill 2012

- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2012 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2012
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Further MySuper and Transparency Measures) Bill 2012
- Tax Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 5) Bill 2012.

The committee considered the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Declared Commercial Fishing Activities) Bill 2012 and, noting that the bill had passed the Senate on 18 September 2012, resolved to recommend that the bill *not* be referred to a committee.

*The committee recommends accordingly.*

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Public Interest Test) Bill 2012
  - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Making Marine Parks Accountable) Bill 2012 [No. 2]
  - Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012
  - Migration Amendment (Reform of Employer Sanctions) Bill 2012
  - Minerals Resource Rent Tax Amendment (Protecting Revenue) Bill 2012
  - National Health Security Amendment 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
  - Superannuation Laws Amendment (Capital Gains Tax Relief and Other Efficiency Measures) Bill 2012
  - Superannuation Auditor Registration Imposition Bill 2012.

(Anne McEwen)

**Chair**

20 September 2012

## **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

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

**Name of bill:**

Clean Energy Legislation Amendment (International Emissions Trading and Other Measures) Bill  
Excise Tariff Amendment (Per-tonne Carbon Price Equivalent) Bill  
Clean Energy (Charges-Excise) Amendment Bill  
Clean Energy (Charges-Customs) Amendment Bill  
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Per-tonne Carbon Price Equivalent) Bill  
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Per tonne Carbon Price Equivalent) Bill  
Clean Energy (Unit Issue Charge-Auctions) Amendment Bill

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

To examine proposed legislation changes to the Carbon Tax regulatory and administrative arrangements and impacts on affected Australian businesses.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Affected businesses  
Energy economists

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

Economics Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

September / October 2012

**Possible reporting date:**

October / November 2012

Senator Fifield

(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:** Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Food Labelling) Bill 2012

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**  
To consult further with producers, industry and stakeholders.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**  
TBC

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

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

**Possible reporting date:** 1<sup>st</sup> day of sitting 2013

Senator Siewert

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(signed)

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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

**Name of bill:** *Dental Benefits Amendment Bill 2012*

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

Consider the implications for the dental health of Australians.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Australian Dental Association (NSW)

Consumer Health Forum of Australia

The Association for the Promotion of Oral Health

State and Territory public dental health services

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

Community Affairs

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by committee

**Possible reporting date:**

To be determined by committee

Senator Fifield

(signed)

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**Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member**

## **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

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

**Name of bill:** Law Enforcement Integrity Legislation Amendment Bill

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

Extensive proposed changes to integrity testing regime and increased powers need to be thoroughly examined by the committee.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service  
Australian Federal Police  
Australian Crime Commission  
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity  
Attorney-General's Department

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

Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs.

**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**