

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 7 of 2013

20 June 2013

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)

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Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins

Senator Mitch Fifield

Secretary: Maureen Weeks
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 19 June 2013 at 7.18 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That the Telecommunications Amendment (Get a Warrant) Bill 2013 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 31 October 2013 (see appendix for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 2013
 - Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment Bill 2013
 - Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Amendment Bill 2013
 - Sugar Research and Development Services (Consequential Amendments—Excise) Bill 2013
 - Tax Laws Amendment (Fairer Taxation of Excess Concessional Contributions) Bill 2013
 - Superannuation (Excess Concessional Contributions Charge) Bill 2013.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2013
 - Interactive Gambling Amendment (Virtual Credits) Bill 2013
 - Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2013
 - Social Security Legislation Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2013.

(Anne McEwen)

Chair

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Telecommunications Amendment (Get a Warrant) Bill 2013

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The relative merits and human rights and privacy implications should be compared for returning to the pre-2007 warrant authorisation procedures for law enforcement and intelligence agencies wishing to access telecommunications data or maintaining the current warrantless system that provides vast amounts of private data without warrant or judicial oversight.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Law Council of Australia
Law Society of New South Wales
Liberty Victoria
Australian Lawyers Alliance
Australian Human Rights Commission
Civil Liberties Australia
Human Rights Law Resource Centre Ltd
Dr Patrick Emerton, Monash University Law School
Justice John Dowd, President, Australian chapter of the Int'l Commission of Jurists
Castan Centre for Human Rights Law,
Gilbert and Tobin Centre of Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of NSW
Australian Muslim Civil Rights Advocacy Network
Sydney Centre for International Law, Faculty of Law, Sydney University
Australian Federal Police
State and Territory Police Forces
Attorney General's Department
ASIO

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Possible hearing date(s): July / August

Possible reporting date: 31 October 2013

(signed) Senator Siewert
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member