



THE SENATE  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

*SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE*

*REPORT NO. 4 of 2002*

*19 June 2002*

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Paul Calvert (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Sue Mackay (Opposition Whip)

Senator Vicki Bourne (Australian Democrats Whip)

Senator Julian McGauran (National Party of Australia Whip)

Senator Geoffrey Buckland

Senator the Hon. Ian Campbell

Senator Trish Crossin

Senator Jeannie Ferris

Secretary: Rosemary Laing  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### REPORT NO. 4 OF 2002

1. The committee met on Tuesday, 18 June 2002.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—

(a) That, the following bills be *referred immediately* to committees as follows:

Bill title	Committee	Reporting date
Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme Amendment Bill 2002 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral)	Economics Legislation	24 June 2002
New Business Tax System (Consolidation) Bill (No. 1) 2002 (see appendix 3 for statement of reasons for referral)	Economics Legislation	25 June 2002
Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Bill (No. 2) 2002 (see appendix 4 & 4b for statement of reasons for referral)	Select Committee on Superannuation	25 June 2002
Superannuation Guarantee Charge Amendment Bill 2002 (see appendix 4 & 4a for statement of reasons for referral)		
Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002 (see appendix 5 for statement of reasons for referral)	Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation	18 September 2002

(b) That the *provisions* of the Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002 be referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for report by 20 August 2002 (see appendix 2 for statement of reasons for referral).

(c) That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:

- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges) Amendment Bill 2002
- Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2002
- Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Disability Reform) Bill 2002

- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits—Budget Measures) Bill 2002
- New Business Tax System (Imputation) Bill 2002
- New Business Tax System (Franking Deficit Tax) Bill 2002
- New Business Tax System (Franking Deficit Tax) Bill 2002
- Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment Bill 2002
- Plant Breeder's Rights Amendment Bill 2002
- Statute Law Revision Bill 2002
- Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Disposal of Assets—Integrity of Means Testing) Bill 2002
- Taxation Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2002
- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2002
- Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2002

*The committee recommends accordingly.*

3. The committee *deferred* consideration of the following bills to the next meeting:

*Bills deferred from meeting of 19 March 2002*

- Aviation Legislation Amendment Bill 2002
- Copyright Amendment (Parallel Importation) Bill 2002

*Bills deferred from meeting of 14 May 2002*

- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Boundary Extension) Amendment Bill 2002
- Health Insurance Commission Amendment Bill 2002
- Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Industry Measures) Bill 2002
- Research Agencies Legislation Amendment Bill 2002

*Bills deferred from meeting of 18 June 2002*

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Scrutiny of Board Appointments) Amendment Bill 2002
- Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Australians Working Together and other 2001 Budget Measures) Bill 2002

- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2002
- Taxation Laws Amendment (Structured Settlements) Bill 2002

(Paul Calvert)

**Chair**

19 June 2002



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

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

**Name of Bill:** Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme Amendment Bill 2002

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

To examine the provisions of the bill providing for the extension of the diesel fuel rebate scheme to power generation by retail/hospitality businesses in terms of the possible impacts on the uptake of renewable and alternative fuels.

**Possible submission or evidence from:**

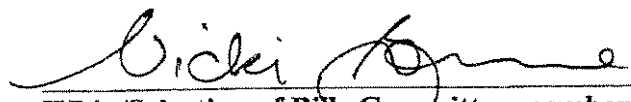
State Sustainable Energy Departments/Authorities  
Australian Greenhouse Office  
Australian EcoGeneration Association  
Elgas Limited – Mr Warring Neilsen, Manager Corporate Affairs

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

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:** As soon as practicable

(signed)

  
Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member



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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

## Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of Bill:** Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002

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

Examine the provisions of the bill which extends the Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme (PELS) to students at four private institutions, three of which are not universities, and the effect of creating a new list of eligible unfunded institutions in regards to the framework of eligible institutions in the Higher Education Funding Act.

Also, examine the issues in regard to access in private education markets, including public support of discriminatory selection criteria; consider the appropriate accountability mechanisms for institutions who are not on List A or B of the s.4 of the HEFA (1988), and issues that go to the robustness of courses, assessment and accreditation of institutions that do not engage in research or lack relevant infrastructure associated with university teaching and learning.

**Possible submission or evidence from:**

AVCC

NTEU

NUS

CAPA

Bond University

Melbourne College of Divinity

Tabor College

Christian Heritage College

ACPET

Professor Bruce Chapman

Professor Simon Marginson

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:** As soon as practicable

(signed)

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Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member

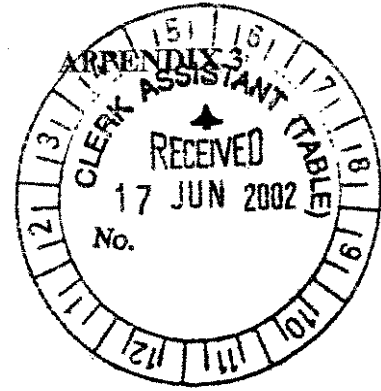
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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee



Name of bill NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (CONSOLIDATION) BILL (NO. 1) 2002

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

To explore the detail behind the costings of the measure,  
especially with regard to costs to the revenue,  
and costs to business.

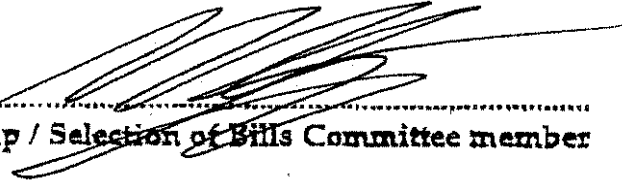
Possible submissions or evidence from: Treasury, ATO,  
COSEOA, ACCI, CPA, ICA, National Institute of Accountants,  
BCA, Tax Institute of Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred: ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Possible hearing date(s): In the week 19-22 /8

Possible reporting date: In the week 26-29 /8

(signed)

  
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member





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**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

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

**Name of Bill:** Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Bill (No.2) 2002  
Superannuation Guarantee Charge Amendment Bill 2002

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

To examine the impact of the bills in relation to requiring employers to make at least quarterly superannuation contributions on small and large business; to consider concerns regarding the impact on casual and part time wage earners of amending the earnings amending the superannuation guarantee earnings threshold to \$1350 per quarter; and the costing and number of persons impacted by these provisions.

**Possible submission or evidence from:**

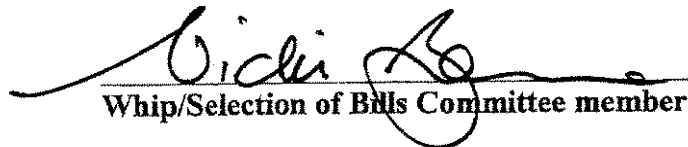
Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia Ltd  
Superannuation Australia  
Corporate Superannuation Association Inc  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Select Committee on Superannuation

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:** As soon as practicable

(signed)

  
Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Superannuation Guarantee Charge  
Amendment Bill (No 2) 2002

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

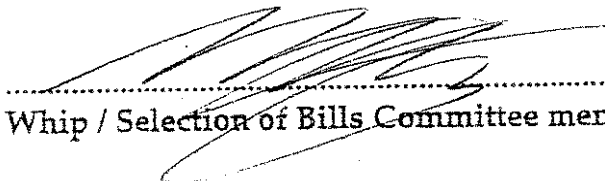
As for Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation)  
Bill 2002 - please see that proposal.

Possible submissions or evidence from: TREASURY, A.T.O, ASFA,  
AUST. CONSUMERS ASSOC., ACTU, ISFA.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: SENATE SELECT  
(SUPERANNUATION)

Possible hearing date(s): 20 JUNE 02

Possible reporting date: 26 JUNE 02

(signed)   
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Bill  
(No 2) 2002

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- bills confer an unfair tax cut to only high income earners
- some existing casual employees will be cut out of the super system.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Treasury, ATO, ASFA,  
Aust Consumers Assoc, ACTU, ISFA

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Senate Select (Superannuation)

Possible hearing date(s): 20 June 2002

Possible reporting date: 26 June 2002

(signed)

  
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



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

**Name of Bill:** Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002

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

To examine the provisions of the bill in relation to paid maternity leave, its length, level of payment, eligibility, coverage and exclusions, administrative arrangements, impact on women workers and their families, impact on employers and workplaces, impact on government (including financial impact), impact on government employees, relationship with international conventions and standards, and effects upon equal employment opportunity in the workplace.

**Possible submission or evidence from:**

State and federal governments  
 Local Government, including Local Government Association  
 Employer organizations (ACCI, AIG, COSBOA)  
 Individual employers (Westpac, Guinness, Esprit, Savings and Loans Building Society, Australian Catholic University)  
 Individual small businesses  
 Women's organizations (WEL, Business and Professional Women, National Pay Equity Coalition)  
 ACTU  
 Individual unions (ASU, SDA, AEU, AMWU, LHMU, ANF, CPSU).

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:** As soon as practicable.

(signed)

Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member