



THE SENATE  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

*SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE*

*REPORT NO. 6 of 2002*

*21 August 2002*

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Jeannie Ferris (Acting Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Sue Mackay (Opposition Whip)

Senator Lyn Allison (Australian Democrats Whip)

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Senator the Hon. Ian Campbell

Senator Joseph Ludwig

Secretary: Rosemary Laing  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met on Tuesday, 20 August 2002.

2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—

(a) the *provisions* of the following bills be *referred immediately* to committees:

Bill title	Committee	Reporting date
Research Involving Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral)	Community Affairs Legislation	24 October 2002
Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Bill 2002 Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2002 (see appendix 2 for statement of reasons for referral)	Select Committee on Superannuation	26 September 2002
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2002 (see appendix 3 for statement of reasons for referral)	Select Committee on Superannuation	26 September 2002

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

- Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- Customs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- Import Processing Charges (Amendment and Repeal) Bill 2002
- Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Disability Reform) Bill (No. 2) 2002
- Family Law Amendment (Joint Residency) Bill 2002
- Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002
- Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Industry Measures) Bill 2002
- Industry, Tourism and Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2002
- Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2002
- National Environment Protection Council Amendment Bill 2002
- Plant Health Australia (Plant Industries) Funding Bill 2002
- Sex Discrimination Amendment Bill 2002
- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2002
- Trade Practices Amendment (Liability for Recreational Services) Bill 2002
- Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2002 Budget Measures) Bill 2002
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Remedies for Unprotected Action) Bill 2002
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Simplifying Agreement-making) Bill 2002.

*The committee recommends accordingly.*

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

*Bill deferred from meeting of 19 March 2002*

- Aviation Legislation Amendment Bill 2002

*Bill deferred from meeting of 14 May 2002*

- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Boundary Extension) Amendment Bill 2002

*Bills deferred from meeting of 18 June 2002*

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Scrutiny of Board Appointments) Amendment Bill 2002
- Taxation Laws Amendment (Structured Settlements) Bill 2002

*Bills deferred from meeting of 25 June 2002*

- Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002  
Transport Safety Investigation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002

*Bills deferred from meeting of 20 August 2002*

- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002  
Australian Heritage Council Bill 2002  
Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review and Other Matters) Bill 2002
- Medical Indemnity Agreement (Financial Assistance—Binding Commonwealth Obligations) Bill 2002
- New Business Tax System (Consolidation, Value Shifting, Demergers and Other Measures) Bill 2002
- Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Employee Involvement and Compliance) Bill 2002
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment Bill 2002.

(Jeannie Ferris)  
**Acting Chair**

21 August 2002



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of bill:**

Research Involving Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002

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

To consult widely with various stakeholders in the community to inform the Senate in its deliberations on the bill. The Senate last considered embryo and cloning issues in 1986.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Representatives from the medical science research community (domestic and international, private and public) patient and other health care groups; ethics groups and other community stakeholders.

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

Refer provisions of the bill to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee.

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee.

**Possible reporting date:**

14 November 2002

(signed)

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**Senator Ron Boswell**  
Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners)  
Bill 2002  
Name of bill • Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2002

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: These bills involve a significant revenue expense. The co-contribution is anticipated to cost \$270 million over 3 years (revised down from \$337m in the Govt's election package). There has been some public criticism of the measures so it is important that the Senate has opportunity to take evidence on the measures.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Treasury, Aust. Tax office, Assoc. Superannuation Funds Aust (ASFA), Investment + Financial Services Assoc (IFSA), Aust Institute of Super Trustees (AIST), ACTU

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Senate select on Superannuation

Possible hearing date(s): 30 August (Canb), 2 + 3 Sept, 11 Sept

Possible reporting date: 26 September 2002

(signed)

  
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2002

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

This bill proposes a substantial change to the existing regulated superannuation industry and in its current form may result in vastly different retirement incomes for many Australians. The claims made in the EM to the bill must be tested against evidence to the contrary.

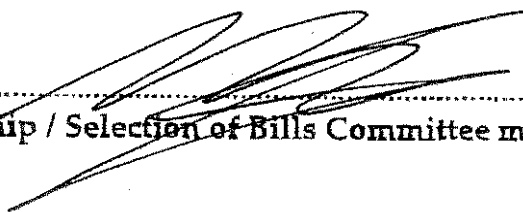
Possible submissions or evidence from: Treasury, Aust. Tax office, Assoc. Superannuation Funds Aust (ASFA), Investment & Financial Services Assoc (IFSA), Aust Institute of Super Trustees (AIST), NFF, ACCI, ACTU, Financial Planning Assoc, Corporate Super Assoc.

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

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