

Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

43rd Parliament (28 September 2010 to 31 December 2010)

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members

Senator the Hon H Coonan (Chair), Senator Bishop (Deputy Chair), and Senators Marshall, Pratt, Siewert and Troeth

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Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises bills and Acts of Parliament and reports to the Senate whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:

- trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
- inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

Between 28 September 2010 and 31 December 2010, the committee considered 111 bills, and commented on 31 bills in three Alert Digests. The committee also produced three Reports containing correspondence from Ministers addressing its concerns.

New references

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

- Nil

Alert Digests tabled

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

- No. 8 of 2010 (27 October 2010)
- No. 9 of 2010 (17 November 2010)
- No. 10 of 2010 (24 November 2010)

Reports presented

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

- Eighth Report of 2010 (27 October 2010)
- Ninth Report of 2010 (17 November 2010)
- Tenth Report of 2010 (24 November 2010)

Meetings

28 September 2010–31 December 2010

Private: 4

Briefings: 0

Total: 4