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## Terms of Reference

Extract from **Standing Order 24**

- (1) (a) At the commencement of each Parliament, a Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills shall be appointed to report, in respect of the clauses of bills introduced into the Senate, and in respect of Acts of the Parliament, whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:
- (i) trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
  - (ii) make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
  - (iii) make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
  - (iv) inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
  - (v) insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.
- (b) The committee, for the purpose of reporting upon the clauses of a bill when the bill has been introduced into the Senate, may consider any proposed law or other document or information available to it, notwithstanding that such proposed law, document or information has not been presented to the Senate.



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This Digest is circulated to all Honourable Senators.  
Any Senator who wishes to draw matters to the attention of the  
Committee under its terms of reference is invited to do so.



## **Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007**

Introduced into the House of Representatives on 21 March 2007

Portfolio: Ageing

### **Background**

This bill amends the *Aged Care Act 1997* to support amendments to the *Aged Care Principles 1997*, which are designed to implement new arrangements for allocating subsidies in residential aged care by replacing the Resident Classification Scale with the Aged Care Funding Instrument.

### **The bill**

- empowers the Secretary of the Department of Health and Ageing to define the type and form of records that an approved provider must keep;
- empowers the Secretary of the Department of Health and Ageing to suspend approved providers from making appraisals and reappraisals for a period of time or to attach conditions to the conduct of such appraisals and reappraisals;
- outlines the process for applying to have a suspension lifted;
- specifies the time periods within which residential aged care appraisals and reappraisals can be conducted for different categories of care recipients; and
- outlines the process for reappraising the classification level of a care recipient.

The bill also contains application and transitional provisions.

## **Commencement on Proclamation Schedule 1**

Item 2 in the table to subclause 2(1) of this bill provides that Schedule 1 will commence on Proclamation, but must commence within 12 months of Assent in any event. The Committee takes the view that Parliament is responsible for determining when laws are to come into force. The Committee will generally not comment where the period of delayed commencement is six months or less. Where the delay is longer the Committee expects that the explanatory memorandum to the bill will provide an explanation. This is consistent with Paragraph 19 of Drafting Direction No. 1.3, which states that '[i]f the specified period option is chosen, the period should generally not be longer than 6 months. A longer period should be explained in the Explanatory Memorandum'. Unfortunately, the explanatory memorandum provides no explanation for the extended delay in commencement.

The Committee **seeks the Minister's advice** as to the reason for this extended delay in commencement and whether it would be possible to include the reason for the delay in the explanatory memorandum.

*Pending the Minister's advice, the Committee draws Senators' attention to the provisions, as they may be considered to delegate legislative powers inappropriately, in breach of principle 1(a)(iv) of the Committee's terms of reference.*

## **'Henry VIII' clause Schedule 1, item 22**

The table at proposed new subsection 27-2(1) of the *Aged Care Act 1997*, to be inserted by item 22 of Schedule 1, specifies the circumstances when a particular classification will expire and when the expiry date occurs. Proposed new subsection 27-2(6) provides that '[t]he Classification Principles may specify that: (a) a different \*expiry date applies in relation to a classification to that provided for under this section; or (b) a different reappraisal period applies in respect of an expiry date to that provided for under this section.' Proposed new subsection 27-2(6) is therefore an example of a 'Henry VIII' clause.

A ‘Henry VIII’ clause is an express provision which authorises the amendment of either the empowering legislation, or any other primary legislation, by means of delegated legislation. Since its establishment, the Committee has consistently drawn attention to ‘Henry VIII’ clauses and other provisions which (expressly or otherwise) permit subordinate legislation to amend or take precedence over primary legislation. Such provisions clearly involve a delegation of legislative power and are usually a matter of concern to the Committee.

The Committee notes that while proposed new subsection 27-2(6) creates a delegation of legislative power it is not possible to ascertain whether or not this delegation is appropriate, as neither the explanatory memorandum nor the second reading speech provide an explanation of why a ‘Henry VIII’ clause is considered necessary. The Committee therefore **seeks the Minister’s advice** as to why it was considered necessary for the Classification Principles to be able to specify different expiry dates and reappraisal periods to those outlined in proposed new subsection 27-2(1), rather than making amendments to the primary legislation as necessary.

*Pending the Minister’s advice, the Committee draws Senators’ attention to the provision, as it may be considered to delegate legislative powers inappropriately, in breach of principle 1(a)(iv) of the Committee’s terms of reference.*

### **Insufficiently defined administrative powers Schedule 1, item 16, section 25-4D**

Proposed new subsection 25-4D(1), to be inserted by item 16 of Schedule 1, provides that if the Secretary of the Department of Health and Ageing requires further information to decide whether to lift an approved provider’s suspension from making appraisals and reappraisals, the Secretary ‘may give the applicant a written notice requiring the applicant to give the further information within 14 days after receiving the notice, or within such shorter period as is specified in the notice.’ Failure to provide the additional information within the time specified will result in the approved provider’s application to have their suspension lifted being taken to have been withdrawn.

Where a bill confers powers of this nature on an official, the Committee has an expectation that these powers will be exercised in a way that is not arbitrary or unreasonable. The clause as currently written would allow the Secretary to request information within very short periods of time, should he or she choose to do so, without having regard to the circumstances of the approved provider or what would be considered reasonable in the normal course of events.

The Committee **seeks the Minister's advice** as to why it was considered necessary for the Secretary to be able to specify a period of less than 14 days for the production of additional information and whether it might be possible to limit this power in some way so as to ensure that it is not used in an arbitrary or unreasonable manner.

*Pending the Minister's advice, the Committee draws Senators' attention to the provision, as it may be considered to make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers, in breach of principle 1(a)(ii) of the Committee's terms of reference.*

## **Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Advertising and Other Matters) Bill 2007**

Introduced into the House of Representatives on 22 March 2007

Portfolio: Attorney-General

### **Background**

This bill amends the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995* to establish industry based self-assessment schemes that will allow:

- certain films and computer games to be advertised prior to classification; and
- applications for classification of a film, which is comprised of episodes of a television series that has already been broadcast in Australia, to be accompanied by a report from an authorised assessor.

The bill also:

- updates the definition of *advertisement* to explicitly include advertising on the internet and to exclude product merchandising such as clothing;
- provides for a number of safeguards to protect the integrity of the National Classification System; and
- contains application and consequential provisions.

### **Commencement on Proclamation Schedule 1**

Item 2 in the table to subclause 2(1) of this bill provides that Schedule 1 will commence on Proclamation, but must commence within 12 months of Assent in any event. The Committee takes the view that Parliament is responsible for determining when laws are to come into force. The Committee will generally

not comment where the period of delayed commencement is six months or less. Where the delay is longer the Committee expects that the explanatory memorandum to the bill will provide an explanation. The Committee notes that in this instance the explanatory memorandum points out that this '12 month period is necessary to enable complementary State and Territory legislation to be enacted.'

*In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.*

### **Typographical errors Explanatory memorandum**

Paragraph 30 of the explanatory memorandum states that new subsection 33(6) clarifies that the instrument is not a legislative instrument. The Committee assumes that this is meant to read subsection 33(7). There also appear to be a number of other errors, such as repeated words (paragraph 14) or missed words (paragraph 34) at various points throughout the explanatory memorandum. The Committee draws these apparent errors to the Minister's attention.

## **Criminal Code Amendment (Anti-Child Abuse and Pornography Materials) Bill 2007**

Introduced into the Senate on 21 March 2007

By Senator Ludwig

### **Background**

This bill amends the *Criminal Code Act 1995* to make it a criminal offence to transmit child pornography and/or child abuse material by post. It also increases the penalties for a range of similar crimes to bring them into line with the penalties for importation under the *Customs Act 1901*.

*The Committee has no comment on this bill.*

## Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

Introduced into the House of Representatives on 22 March 2007  
Portfolio: Education, Science and Training

### Background

This bill amends the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* (ESOS Act) and the *Migration Act 1958* to implement recommendations of the evaluation of the ESOS Act and to address other issues identified by the Department in administering the Act.

The bill:

- clarifies the main purposes of the ESOS Act;
- extends the scope of the ESOS Act to include education delivered on Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands;
- allows designated authorities to approve arrangements where the course provider (other than the registered provider) is located in a different state to the registered provider;
- clarifies the roles of education providers and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) under the National Code 2007, where an overseas student has breached an education provider's policy on course progress or attendance and the breach is reported;
- provides for mandatory written agreements with overseas students; and
- removes the requirement for providers to pay a penalty for late payment of the annual Fund contribution.

The bill also contains application provisions.

## Wide delegation of power Schedule 1, item 1

Proposed new paragraph 4B(3)(b) of the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000*, to be inserted by item 1 of Schedule 1, would permit the Minister responsible for administering the *Christmas Island Act 1958* to delegate all or any of his or her functions or powers as a designated authority under the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* either to a member of the Senior Executive Service in the Australian Public Service or to ‘an officer or employee of a State.’ This provision gives the relevant Minister a very wide discretion in determining to whom to delegate powers and functions in respect to State based employees, as it provides no limits regarding the qualifications or attributes of the intended delegate. The Committee has consistently drawn attention to legislation which allows delegations to a relatively large class of persons, with little or no specificity as to their qualifications or attributes.

The Committee notes that rank profiles in State Public Service structures may vary from one jurisdiction to the next and that, as a result, it may be very difficult to include any requirement about the rank of a state government employee delegate that is analogous to the Senior Executive Service in the Australian Public Service. This was the reason given for a similar drafting of a delegation provision in the Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greater Sunrise) Bill 2007. Unlike that bill, however, the explanatory memorandum to the Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 does not proffer any explanation for the wide delegation of powers to state government officials. The Committee therefore **seeks the Minister’s advice** as to the reason for this wide discretion and whether it should be limited in some way.

*Pending the Minister’s advice, the Committee draws Senators’ attention to the provision, as it may be considered to make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers, in breach of principle 1(a)(ii) of the Committee’s terms of reference.*

## COMMENTARY ON AMENDMENTS TO BILLS

### **Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007**

On 22 March 2007 the Senate agreed to amend the bill. The amendment raises no issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

### **Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2007**

On 22 March 2007 the Senate agreed to four amendments to the bill, one of which falls within the Committee's terms of reference.

#### **Retrospective commencement Amendment item (1)**

Amendment item (1) inserts a new Clause 2, page 2 (table item 6) of the bill, which will make a change to the definition of 'non-reportable cash transaction' in the *Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988* retrospective to 13 December 2006. The change to the definition is achieved by amendment item (4).

During debate in the Senate on 21 March 2007 the Minister indicated that the change to the definition of a 'non-reportable cash transaction' was necessary to correct an unintended outcome of a previous change to the definition by item 56 of the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2006*. The retrospectivity will ensure that the 'offence of structuring remains illegal notwithstanding the provisions in the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Act being proclaimed as not to commence until December 2008'.

*In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.*

## **Native Title Amendment Bill 2006**

On 23 and 26 March 2007 the Senate agreed to 15 amendments to the bill, one of which falls within the Committee's terms of reference.

### **Legislative Instruments Act – disallowance Amendment item 6, subsection 203AD(1B)**

Amendment item 6 inserts a proposed new subsection 203AD(1B), which states that section 42 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* does not apply to a legislative instrument made by the Minister under subsection 203AD (1A) of the Native Title Amendment Bill 2006. The result is that a legislative instrument made under subsection 203AD (1A), which relates to recognition of representative bodies for transitionally affected areas, will not be disallowable.

During debate in the Senate on 23 March 2007 the Minister for Justice and Customs explained that it was necessary to exempt these instruments from disallowance as 'these instruments are mandatory in nature. The bill provides that the minister must recognise an existing representative body that applies to be recognised for its area in response to an invitation made during the transition period. It also provides that that representative body must be recognised for the term specified in the invitation. If parliament disallowed these instruments there would no longer be compliance with the statutory requirement.'

*In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.*

## Private Health Insurance Bill 2006

On 23 March 2007 the Senate agreed to 107 amendments to the bill, a number of which fall within the Committee's terms of reference.

### Retrospective application

#### Amendment item (50), sub-clause 121-7(2)

Amendment item (50) inserts a proposed new clause 121-7 regarding conditions on declarations of hospitals. Proposed new sub-clause 121-7(2) provides that the Private Health Insurance (Health Insurance Business) Rules may specify conditions to which the declarations are subject and that these conditions 'apply to all such declarations, whether or not the declarations were made before the conditions were so specified'. As such, conditions specified under the Health Insurance (Health Insurance Business) Rules will apply retrospectively.

As a matter of practice the Committee draws attention to any bill which seeks to have retrospective impact and will comment adversely where such a bill has a detrimental effect on people. The Committee has long taken the view that the explanatory memorandum to a bill should set out in detail the reasons that retrospectivity is sought and whether it adversely affects any person other than the Commonwealth. Unfortunately the supplementary explanatory memorandum does not provide a rationale for why these conditions need to apply retrospectively, nor whether this retrospectivity will adversely affect any person. The Committee **seeks the Minister's advice** as to the reason for this retrospective application and whether it will adversely affect any person.

*Pending the Minister's advice, the Committee draws Senators' attention to the provisions, as they may be considered to trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties, in breach of principle 1(a)(i) of the Committee's terms of reference.*

**‘Henry VIII’ clause****Amendment item (85), clause 217-80**

Amendment item (85) inserts a proposed new clause 217-80, which specifies how references in the bill to the application of provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001* are to be interpreted. It provides that certain Rules made under this bill may, for the purposes of the application of the sections, override regulations and other instruments made under the Corporations Act, as well as the Act itself. Proposed new clause 217-80 is, therefore, an example of a ‘Henry VIII’ clause.

In its *Second Report of 2007* the Committee reported the Minister’s advice regarding a number of ‘Henry VIII’ clauses in the bill, including clauses that would permit the Private Health Insurance (Health Benefits Fund Enforcement) Rules to modify various provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Committee indicated that it would have been helpful if the explanatory memorandum to the bill had explained the need for the ‘Henry VIII’ clauses. In this instance, the Committee notes that the supplementary explanatory memorandum advises that this clause is based on the present section 7 of the *National Health Act 1953*.

*In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.*

**Private Health Insurance (Reinsurance Trust Fund Levy) Amendment Bill 2006**

On 23 March 2007 the Senate requested three amendments to the bill. These amendments raise no issues within the Committee’s terms of reference.

**Private Health Insurance (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006**

On 23 March 2007 the Senate agreed to 51 amendments to the bill. These amendments raise no issues within the Committee’s terms of reference.

## SCRUTINY OF STANDING APPROPRIATIONS

The Committee has determined that, as part of its standard procedures for reporting on bills, it should draw senators' attention to the presence in bills of standing appropriations. It will do so under provisions 1(a)(iv) and (v) of its terms of reference, which require the committee to report on whether bills:

- (iv) inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- (v) insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

Further details of the Committee's approach to scrutiny of standing appropriations are set out in the committee's *Fourteenth Report of 2005*. The following is a list of the bills containing standing appropriations that have been introduced since the beginning of the 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament.

### **Bills introduced with standing appropriation clauses - 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

*Indicates passed by Senate	Bills and Clauses
*	<b>Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005</b> – clause 17
*	<b>Appropriation (Regional Telecommunications Services) Bill 2005-2006</b> – clause 13
*	<b>Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) Bill 2005</b> – subclause 8(2)
*	<b>Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005</b> – subclause 5(3)
*	<b>Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Bill 2006</b> – clause 49
*	<b>Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005</b> – clause 23
*	<b>Australian Trade Commission Legislation Amendment Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 4, item 16
*	<b>Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme—Initial Measures) Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 5, subitem 20(3)
	<b>Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 1, item 13, section 9G

*	<b>Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill 2004</b> – Schedule 1, item 397, paragraphs 124(1)(b) and (c) and item 422, subsection 235(2)  [also Schedule 1, items 58, 63, 82, 86, 95, 99, 114, 135, 136, 145, 153, 164, 169, 182, 197, 205, 218, 261, 293, 317, 324, 370, 419, 437, 448, 484 and 493 – CRF appropriated by virtue of section 21 of the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i> ]
*	<b>Future Fund Bill 2006</b> – CRF appropriated by virtue of section 21 of the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i>
*	<b>Housing Loans Insurance Corporation (Transfer of Assets and Abolition) Repeal Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 2, subitem 1(3)
*	<b>Housing Loans Insurance Corporation (Transfer of Pre-transfer Contracts) Bill 2006</b> – clause 9
*	<b>Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005</b> – Schedule 2, subitem 720(4)
*	<b>Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2004</b> – Schedule 1, item 3, subsection 14A(1)
*	<b>Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 2, subitem 8(1)
	<b>Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 1, subitem 43(3)
*	<b>National Water Commission Bill 2004</b> – CRF appropriated by virtue of section 21 of the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i>
*	<b>Offshore Petroleum Bill 2005</b> – clause 56
*	<b>Plant Health Australia (Plant Industries) Funding Amendment Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 1, item 17, section 10B
	<b>Private Health Insurance Bill 2006</b> – clause 282-40 and subclause 318-5
	<b>Private Health Insurance (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006</b> – subclause 39(2)
*	<b>Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Bill 2004</b> – clause 133
*	<b>Skilling Australia’s Workforce Bill 2005</b> – clause 40
*	<b>Social Security and Veterans’ Entitlements Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments to Increase Assistance for Older Australians and Carers and Other Measures) Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 4, subitem 1(4)
*	<b>Superannuation Bill 2005</b> – subclause 29(4)
*	<b>Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005</b> – Schedule 5, item 1, subsection 4AA(5) and Schedule 6, item 1, subsection 12A(5)
*	<b>Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Future Proofing and Other Measures) Bill 2005</b> – Schedule 1, item 1, subsections 158ZO(4), 158ZP(7) and 158ZQ(5) and Schedule 3, item 1, subsection 136C(4)
*	<b>Textile Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Post-2005 Scheme) Bill 2004</b> – Schedule 1, item 12, section 37ZH and subsection 37ZJ(3)

*	<b>Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Bill 2004</b> – CRF appropriated by virtue of section 21 of the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i>
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**Other relevant appropriation clauses**

*Indicates Passed by Senate	Bills and Clauses
*	<b>AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004</b> – Schedule 2, item 3: special appropriation clause – for a finite amount and a finite period of time.
*	<b>Social Security Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments for Carers) Bill 2005</b> – Schedule 2, item 1: special appropriation clause – for a finite period of time (i.e. for circumstances arising in a particular financial year).

## STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE SCRUTINY OF BILLS

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Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2006	7(9.8.06)	19.6.06		Mr Katter	10.8.06		
<b>Bills dealt with in 2007</b>							
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		HOUSE	SENATE		SOUGHT	RECEIVED	
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Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Debt Agreements) Bill 2007	2(28.2.07)	15.2.07	20.3.07	Attorney-General	1.3.07	15.3.07	3(21.3.07)
Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006	1(7.2.07)	1.3.07	6.12.06	Attorney-General	8.2.07	26.2.07	2(28.2.07)
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment Bill 2006	1(7.2.07)	7.12.06	8.2.07	Attorney-General	8.2.07	26.2.07	2(28.2.07)
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Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007	2(28.2.07)	7.2.07	28.2.07	Human Services	1.3.07	27.3.07	4(28.3.07)

NAME OF BILL	ALERT DIGEST	INTRODUCED		MINISTER	RESPONSE		REPORT NUMBER
		HOUSE	SENATE		SOUGHT	RECEIVED	
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Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2006	1(7.2.07)	7.12.06		Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	8.2.07		
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