

Senator McKenzie

AMENDMENT TO BUSINESS OF THE SENATE NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 4 STANDING IN THE NAME OF SENATOR BELL

Omit “23 March 2026”, substitute “14 May 2026”.

The amended motion would read as follows:

That the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by **14 May 2026**
~~23 March 2026~~:

The impact of Labor’s rushed firearms legislation on lawful manufacturing and Australia’s sovereign defence capability, with particular reference to:

- (a) the proposed definition of ‘firearms manufacture material’, including material said to ‘support or facilitate’ manufacture or modification of firearms, parts or accessories;
- (b) the risk that lawful subcontracted machining and production of firearm components will be retrospectively captured and criminalised, including through ordinary business handling of technical files;
- (c) the practical effect of linking Commonwealth criminal liability to state and territory licensing regimes that are onerous and often unworkable for legitimate manufacturers and suppliers;
- (d) the consequences for Defence supply chain resilience and sovereign capability if contractors and service providers withdraw from lawful work due to the threat of a five-year gaol term; and
- (e) any other related matters.

As listed on page 3 of today’s Notice Paper