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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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- **The Committee has commented on these bills**

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.

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2001

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 9 August 2001 by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration. [Portfolio responsibility: Special Minister of State]

The bill proposes to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* to provide that, following elections, public funding for the Liberal Party is to be paid to the agent of the Liberal Party of Australia (the Federal Secretariat) rather than to the State and Territory Divisions of the Party.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2001

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 8 August 2001 by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration. [Portfolio responsibility: Justice and Customs]

The bill proposes to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* to implement changes resulting from the second review of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (commonly referred to as the Harmonized System). The second review focused on deleting those headings and subheadings in the Principal Act where there are low levels of international trade.

Amendments are proposed to:

- delete headings and subheadings where there are low levels of international trade;
- reflect changes in industry practices and technological developments;
- provide new headings and subheadings to allow signatory parties to separately identify new products such as certain categories of waste and narcotic substances; and
- clarify certain existing descriptions and terminology.

The bill will also align Australia's tariff structure with the international standard.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Education, Training and Youth Affairs Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 8 August 2001 by the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs. [Portfolio responsibility: Education, Training and Youth Affairs]

The bill proposes to amend the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988* and the *Student Assistance Act 1973* to reflect the application of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* from 15 December 2001. In general terms, the bill:

- clarifies that the *Criminal Code* applies to offence provisions within portfolio legislation;
- clarifies the physical and fault elements of offences;
- amends portfolio legislation to remove unnecessary duplication of the general offence provisions in the *Criminal Code*; and
- amends certain offence provisions to expressly provide that they are offences of strict liability.

Strict liability offences

Various provisions

The effect of this bill is to include, in legislation administered within the Education, Training and Youth Affairs portfolio, a number of offences which are specified as offences of strict liability. An offence is one of strict liability where it provides that a person may be punished for doing something, or failing to do something, whether or not they have a guilty intent. The Committee is usually concerned at the imposition of strict liability and is currently inquiring generally into the issue.

The Explanatory Memorandum states that these particular amendments are intended to ensure that when Chapter 2 of the *Criminal Code* is applied to all Commonwealth criminal offences, from 15 December 2001, “the relevant offences continue to have the same meaning and to operate in the same manner as they do at present”.

The Committee has considered a number of bills which make similar provision for legislation administered within other portfolio areas. With regard to this bill, the Committee **seeks the Minister's advice** as to whether any of its provisions converts an offence which previously was not one of strict liability into such an offence.

Pending the Minister's advice, the Committee draws Senators' attention to these 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.

Government Advertising (Objectivity, Fairness and Accountability) Bill 2001

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 6 August 2001 by Mr Beazley as a Private Member's bill.

The bill proposes to amend the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* to require government advertising to meet minimum standards with respect to objectivity, fairness and accountability, and to prohibit the expenditure of public funds for party political advertising.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Health and Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 8 August 2001 by the Minister for Community Services. [Portfolio responsibility: Health and Aged Care]

The bill proposes to amend 15 Acts administered within the Health and Aged Care portfolio to reflect the application of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* from 15 December 2001. The amendments made by the bill include:

- specifying the physical elements of an offence and corresponding fault elements, where these fault elements vary from those specified by the Code;
- specifying that an offence is one of strict liability; and
- converting penalties currently expressed as dollar amounts to penalty units, where appropriate.

Strict liability offences

Various provisions

The effect of this bill is to include, in legislation administered within the Health and Aged Care portfolio, a number of offences which are specified as offences of strict liability. An offence is one of strict liability where it provides that a person may be punished for doing something, or failing to do something, whether or not they have a guilty intent. The Committee is usually concerned at the imposition of strict liability and is currently inquiring generally into the issue.

The Explanatory Memorandum accompanying this bill does not set out the policy adopted, or guidelines used, to specify existing offences as offences of strict liability – the Committee assumes that the purpose of the bill is to ensure that offences will have the same meaning and operate in the same manner as they do at present when Chapter 2 of the *Criminal Code* is applied to all Commonwealth criminal offences.

On this assumption, the Committee **seeks the Minister's advice** as to whether this bill converts any offence which previously was not one of strict liability into a strict liability offence.

Pending the Minister's advice, the Committee draws Senators' attention to these 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.

State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001

This bill was introduced into the Senate on 7 August 2001 by Senator Murray as a Private Senator's bill.

The bill proposes to implement Article 25 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights so that the 'one vote, one value' principle is observed as closely as possible in state and territory elections. The bill also provides that registered political parties and members of relevant legislatures have standing to bring actions under the bill.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 8 August 2001 by the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs. [Portfolio responsibility: Education, Training and Youth Affairs]

The bill proposes to amend the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000* to increase the amount of establishment assistance for new non-government schools in line with the current estimates of demand for the program years 2001-2004.

The measure contained in this bill was previously contained in the *Innovation and Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2001*. On 29 June 2001 the Senate split that bill into three separate bills.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Trade Practices Amendment (Telecommunications) Bill 2001

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 9 August 2001 by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts. [Portfolio responsibility: Communications, Information Technology and the Arts]

The bill proposes to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974* to streamline the telecommunications access regime. Specific provisions encourage commercial negotiation and the expedition of the resolution of access disputes notified to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

The bill also contains application and transitional provisions.

Limiting the rights of parties to arbitration Proposed new section 152DOA

Item 19 of Schedule 1 to this bill proposes to insert a new section 152DOA in the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. This new section specifies the matters to which the Australian Competition Tribunal may have regard when it is conducting a review of a determination of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) in arbitrating a telecommunications access dispute. At present, review by the Tribunal is a re-arbitration of the dispute, and the Tribunal may have regard to any information, documents or evidence which it considers relevant, whether or not those matters were before the ACCC in the course of making its initial determination. Proposed new section 152DOA will, in effect, limit the Tribunal to consideration of information, documents or evidence which were before the ACCC initially.

Referring to this provision, the Explanatory Memorandum (at pp 13-14) states that determinations by the ACCC “involve a lengthy and complex hearing process” and that restricting the material which the Tribunal may consider “will ensure that the Tribunal process involves a review of the Commission’s decision, rather than a complete re-arbitration of the dispute”. The Explanatory Memorandum goes on to observe that:

Although this option should reduce delay in the review of Commission decisions, it will reduce the extent of Tribunal review. On balance, it is

considered that the limitations on the review are justified on the basis of the length and depth of the Commission's arbitration process.

Given that this provision will reduce the extent of Tribunal review, the Committee **seeks the Minister's advice** as to how the existing review processes have been abused and whether the Tribunal has been consulted about the proposed changes.

Pending the Minister's advice, the Committee draws Senators' attention to the provision, as it 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.

Imposing limits on judicial review **Proposed new sections 152DPA and 152DR**

Items 20 and 21 of Schedule 1 to this bill propose to insert new sections 152DPA and 152DR in the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. Each of these sections makes provision for review by the Federal Court of a decision of the Australian Competition Tribunal in the arbitration of an access dispute.

Under proposed section 152DPA, where a party seeks review under the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977* (the ADJR Act), the Federal Court is not permitted to make an order staying or otherwise affecting the operation or implementation of the Tribunal's decision. This is contrary to the normal practice when a judicial decision is taken on appeal – ie, that no action is taken on that decision until the outcome of the appeal is determined. This section also expressly removes the application of those sections of the ADJR Act which enable a judge to stay the operation of a decision pending the hearing of a review.

New section 152DR similarly prohibits the Federal Court from making any order staying or otherwise affecting the operation of a Tribunal decision when an aggrieved party has appealed to the Court (rather than sought judicial review under the ADJR Act as contemplated under proposed section 152DPA).

The Explanatory Memorandum (at page 14) seeks to justify these proposals in general terms by noting that section 152DNB of the Trade Practices Act already provides that a party who receives an unfavourable determination from the ACCC cannot have that decision stayed by the Federal Court – these proposals will simply extend this prohibition on staying final determinations to determinations of the Tribunal. In so doing, they will ensure the consistent operation of Part XIC of the Act.

Noting this, the Committee **seeks the Minister's advice** as to:

- the effect on the rights of the parties where an ACCC access determination is not stayed as a result of section 152DNB but then later overturned by the Tribunal, and, in particular, how a party is compensated for any economic disadvantage that it may suffer because such a determination is not stayed;
- whether any other Commonwealth legislation permits a determination or other order to operate even though it is subject to review;
- whether the Federal Court was consulted or notified about this reduction in its jurisdiction; and
- why these provisions are necessary.

Pending the Minister's advice, the Committee draws Senators' attention to these 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.

Wool International Amendment Bill 2001

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 9 August 2001 by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. [Portfolio responsibility: Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry]

The bill proposes to amend the *Wool International Act 1993* to enable WoolStock Australia Ltd to bring forward its winding up and final cash distribution to shareholders. WoolStock Australia will now be wound up as soon as practicable after the last stockpile wool is disposed of, rather than after the end of the financial year in which the stockpile sales are completed, as is currently required.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Workplace Relations Amendment (Minimum Entitlements for Victorian Workers) Bill 2001

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 9 August 2001 by the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business. [Portfolio responsibility: Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business]

The bill proposes to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* to enhance the safety net entitlements for employees in Victoria not covered by federal awards or agreements, whilst protecting the single system of regulation applying in Victoria.

The measures contained in this bill were previously included in Schedule 15 of the *Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (More Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 1999*, which has been under consideration by the Senate for almost two years.

The bill also contains application and saving provisions.

Abrogation of the privilege against self-incrimination Proposed new subsections 542(8) and (9)

Among other things, item 3 of Schedule 2 to this bill proposes to insert a new section 542 in the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*. This section sets out the powers of inspectors in determining whether minimum pay rates are being paid to contract outworkers.

Proposed new subsection 542(8) provides that a person is not excused from producing a document to an inspector on the grounds that production of the document may tend to incriminate that person. However, proposed new subsection 542(9) states that any document produced, and any information or thing obtained as a direct or indirect consequence of the production of the document, is not admissible in evidence in criminal proceedings (other than proceedings for providing false or misleading information).

In these circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on these provisions.

PARLIAMENTARY AMENDMENTS AND THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

AMENDMENTS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (6 August – 9 August)

Financial Sector (Collection of Data – Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2001: On 8 August, the House of Representatives agreed to amend this bill. These amendments raised no issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

International Maritime Conventions Legislation Amendment Bill 2001: On 9 August, the House of Representatives agreed to amend this bill. These amendments raised no issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

Taxation Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2001: On 8 August, the House of Representatives agreed to amend this bill. These amendments raised no issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

Workplace Relations Amendment (Termination of Employment) Bill 2000: On 9 August, the House of Representatives agreed to a number of Senate amendments to this bill. These amendments raised no issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

AMENDMENTS RAISING ISSUES WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

Finance and Administration Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill (No 1) 2001

Strict and absolute liability offences Various provisions

This bill proposes consequential amendments to a number of Acts administered within the Finance and Administration portfolio to reflect the application of the Criminal Code to existing offence provisions. The Committee considered the bill in *Alert Digest No. 6 of 2001* in which it made no comment.

On 8 August 2001, the House of Representatives amended the bill by inserting a new Schedule 1A. This Schedule makes provision in similar terms to offence provisions in two additional Acts: the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*. In general terms, this new Schedule specifies that a number of offences are offences of strict and absolute liability.

With regard to this new Schedule, the Committee **seeks the Minister's advice** as to whether any of its provisions creates a new strict liability offence, or converts an offence which previously was not one of strict liability into such an offence.

Pending the Minister's advice, the Committee draws Senators' attention to these 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.

Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Bill 2001

Commencement

Subclause 2(3)

The Committee considered this bill in *Alert Digest No. 6 of 2001* in which it made certain comments in relation to the bill's delayed commencement. Subclause 2(3) provided that the amendments proposed in Part 2 of the bill might commence 12 months after assent.

The Committee sought the Minister's advice as to the effect of *Drafting Instruction No 2 of 1989*, issued by the Office of Parliamentary Counsel, which states that, as a general rule, where a clause provides for commencement after Assent, the preferred period should not be longer than 6 months. The *Drafting Instruction* goes on to state that, where a longer period is chosen, "Departments should explain the reason for this in the Explanatory Memorandum".

On 26 June 2001, the Minister advised that a 12 month period was necessary "to provide adequate time for the systems to be put in place to transfer the data collection and other responsibilities from the RBA to APRA" (see the Committee's *Tenth Report of 2001* at page 449).

On 8 August 2001, subclause 2(3) was amended in the House of Representatives to provide that Parts 2, 3 and 4 might all commence 12 months after assent. The Committee, therefore, **seeks the Minister's advice** as to whether the reason for the delayed commencement of Part 2 of the bill provided in his letter of 26 June similarly applies to the delayed commencement of Parts 3 and 4.

Pending the Minister's advice, the Committee continues to draw 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.

AMENDMENTS IN THE SENATE

(6 August – 9 August)

Environment Legislation Amendment Bill (No 2) 2001: On 6 August, the Senate agreed to amend this bill. These amendments raised no issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

National Crime Authority Legislation Amendment Bill 2000: On 8 August, the Senate agreed to amend this bill. These amendments raised no issues within the Committee's terms of reference. In its *Seventh Report of 2001*, the Committee drew the Senate's attention to a number of issues, including the removal of the defence of reasonable excuse, and the removal of derivative use immunity. The Senate amendments to the bill included a requirement for the review of the operation of these provisions after 5 years.

Workplace Relations Amendment (Termination of Employment) Bill 2000: On 7 and 8 August, the Senate agreed to amend this bill. These amendments raised no issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE SCRUTINY OF BILLS

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		HOUSE	SENATE		SOUGHT	RECEIVED	
Bills Carried over from 1999/2000							
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2000	18(6.12.00)	29.11.00	6.2.01	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs	7.12.00 27.2.01	15.1.01 27.2.01	1(7.2.01) 2(28.2.01)
Administrative Review Tribunal Bill 2000	10(16.8.00)	28.6.00	6.2.01	Attorney-General	17.8.00	6.8.01	9(8.8.01)
Administrative Review Tribunal (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000	15(1.11.00)	12.10.00	6.2.01	Attorney-General	2.11.00	6.8.01	9(8.8.01)
Aviation Noise Ombudsman Bill 2000	13(4.10.00)	4.9.00		Mr Albanese MP	5.10.00	6.10.00	DNP 2.4.01
Broadcasting Services Amendment Bill 2000 (previous citation: Broadcasting Services Amendment Bill (No. 4) 1999)	1(16.2.00)	9.12.99	7.11.00	Communications, Information and the Arts	17.2.00 9.11.00	4.5.00 8.1.01	16(8.11.00) 1(7.2.01)
Convention on Climate Change (Implementation) Bill 1999	14(22.9.99)		2.9.99	Senator Brown	3.9.99		
Criminal Code Amendment (Theft, Fraud, Bribery and Related Offences) Bill 1999 (new citation: Criminal Code Amendment (Theft, Fraud, Bribery and Related Offences) Bill 2000)	19(1.12.99)	24.11.99	30.10.00	Justice and Customs	2.12.99	15.3.00 11.00	15(1.11.00) 2(28.2.01)
Defence Legislation Amendment (Enhancement of the Reserves and Modernisation) Bill 2000	17(29.11.00)	9.11.00	7.2.01	Defence	30.11.00 1.3.01	5.12.00 7.3.01	2(28.2.01) 3(7.3.01)

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Job Network Monitoring Authority Bill 2000	16(8.11.00)	30.10.00		Ms Kernot	9.11.00		DC
Job Network Monitoring Authority Bill 2000 [No. 2]	16(8.11.00)		31.10.00	Senator Collins	9.11.00		
Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001 (previous citation: Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000)	4(5.4.00)	14.3.00	26.2.01	Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	6.4.00 1.3.01	26.4.00 20.4.01	2(28.2.01) 6(23.5.01)
Migration Legislation Amendment (Integrity of Regional Migration Schemes) Bill 2000	18(6.12.00)	9.11.00	27.3.01	Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	7.12.00	5.2.01	4(28.3.01)
Pig Industry Bill 2000	18(6.12.00)	30.11.00	8.3.01	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	7.12.00	14.2.01	4(28.3.01)
Postal Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2000	5(12.4.00)	6.4.00	--	Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	13.4.00	--	DC
Remuneration Tribunal Amendment Bill 2000	18(6.12.00)	29.11.00	8.3.01	Finance and Administration	7.12.00	31.1.01	4(28.3.01)
<i>Roads to Recovery Act 2000</i>	18(6.12.00)	30.11.00	5.12.00	Transport and Regional Services	7.12.00	6.4.01	6(23.5.01)

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Bills being dealt with in 2001							
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001	9(8.8.01)	27.6.01		Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	9.8.01		
Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2001	2(28.2.01)	24.5.01	8.2.01	Health and Aged Care	1.3.01	26.3.01	4(28.3.01)
Australian Securities and Investments Commission Bill 2001	6(23.5.01)	4.4.01	18.6.01	Treasurer	24.5.01	18.6.01	7(20.6.01)
Aviation Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001	6(23.5.01)	5.4.01		Transport and Regional Services	24.5.01	19.6.01	
Communications and the Arts Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000	1(7.2.01)	30.11.00	8.2.01	Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	8.2.01	26.2.01	2(28.2.01)
Copyright Amendment (Parallel Importation) Bill 2001	3(7.3.01)	28.2.01	28.6.01	Attorney-General	8.3.01	15.5.01	9(8.8.01)
Crimes Amendment (Age Determination) Bill 2001	4(28.3.01)	7.3.01	4.4.01	Justice and Customs	29.3.01	2.4.01	5(4.4.01)
<i>Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Act 2001</i> (previous citation: Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Bill 2000)	1(7.2.01) 4(28.3.01)	6.12.00	26.3.01	Justice and Customs	8.2.01 29.3.01	27.3.01 12.6.01 7.8.01	4(28.3.01) 7(20.6.01) 9(8.8.01)
Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No.2) 2001	4(28.3.01)	8.3.01	29.3.01	Justice and Customs	29.3.01	27.4.01	6(23.5.01)

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Cybercrime Bill 2001	9(8.8.01)	27.6.01		Justice and Customs	9.8.01		
Dried Vine Fruits (Rate of Primary Industry (Customs) Charge) Validation Bill 2001	5(4.4.01)	29.3.01	18.6.01	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	5.4.01	14.6.01	7(20.6.01)
Dried Vine Fruits (Rate of Primary Industry (Excise Levy) Validation Bill 2001	5(4.4.01)	29.3.01	18.6.01	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	5.4.01	14.6.01	7(20.6.01)
Electoral and Referendum Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001	4(28.3.01)	7.3.01	2.4.01	Finance and Administration	29.3.01 24.5.01	4.5.01	6(23.5.01)
Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000	1(7.2.01)	8.2.01	6.12.00	Environment and Heritage	8.2.01	26.2.01	2(28.2.01)
Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000	1(7.2.01) 8(27.6.01)		7.12.00	Environment and Heritage	28.6.01	20.8.01	10(22.8.01)
Fair Prices and Better Access for All (Petroleum) Bill 2001	8(27.6.01)		19.6.01	Senator Schacht	28.6.01		
Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001	4(28.3.01)	8.3.01	29.3.01	Treasurer	29.3.01	27.4.01	6(23.5.01)
Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) Bill 2001	*6(10.5.00) 7(21.6.01)	13.4.00	18.6.01	Attorney-General	21.6.01	26.6.01	8(27.6.01)
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Bill 2001	6(23.5.01)	5.4.01	20.8.01	Treasurer	24.5.01	30.6.01	10(22.8.01)
Financial Services Reform Bill 2001	6(23.5.01)	5.4.01	9.8.01	Treasurer	24.5.01	7.8.01	9(8.8.01)

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Financial Services Reform (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2001	7(20.6.01)	7.6.01	9.8.01	Treasurer	21.6.01 9.8.01	7.8.01	9(8.8.01)
Foreign Affairs and Trade Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000	1(7.2.01)	6.12.00	5.4.01	Foreign Affairs and Trade	8.2.01	2.4.01	5(4.4.01)
General Insurance Reform Bill 2001	9(8.8.01)	28.6.01		Treasurer	9.8.01		
<i>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Actl 2001</i>	6(23.5.01)	4.6.01	5.4.01	Environment and Heritage	24.5.01	6.7.01	9(8.8.01)
Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001	6(23.5.01)	5.4.01	18.6.01	Health and Aged Care	24.5.01	21.6.01	8(27.6.01)
Intelligence Services Bill 2001	9(8.8.01)	27.6.01		Foreign Affairs	9.8.01		
International Maritime Conventions Legislation Amendment Bill 2001	6(23.5.01)	4.4.01	21.8.01	Transport and Regional Services	24.5.01	1.8.01	10(22.8.01)
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000	1(7.2.01)	5.3.01	6.12.00	Justice and Customs	8.2.01	20.2.01	2(28.2.01)
Measures to Combat Serious and Organised Crime Bill 2001	6(23.5.01)		4.4.01	Justice and Customs	24.5.01	Briefing	8(27.6.01)
Migration Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001	6(23.5.01)	5.4.01	18.6.01	Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	24.5.01	13.6.01	7(20.6.01)
Migration Legislation Amendment (Electronic Transactions and Methods of Notification) Bill 2001	6(23.5.01)	5.4.01	18.6.01	Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	24.5.01	13.6.01	7(20.6.01)

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Migration Legislation Amendment (Immigration Detainees) Bill 2001	6(23.5.01)	5.4.01	27.6.01	Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	Briefing	25.6.01	8(27.6.01)
Migration Legislation Amendment (Immigration Detainees) Bill (No. 2) 2001	9(8.8.01)	27.6.01		Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	9.8.01		
National Crime Authority Legislation Amendment Bill 2000 [2001]	1(7.2.01)		7.12.00	Justice and Customs	8.2.01	13.2.01	7(20.6.01)
<i>New Business Tax System (Capital Allowances) Bill 2001</i>	7(20.6.01)	24.5.01	26.6.01	Treasurer	21.6.01	30.7.01	9(8.8.01)
Parliamentary (Choice of Superannuation) Bill 2001	4(28.3.01)	5.3.01		Mr P Andren MP	29.3.01	3.4.01	
Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2000	1(7.2.01)	6.12.00	5.4.01	Industry, Science and Resources	8.2.01	5.3.01	5(4.4.01)
Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001	4(28.3.01)	24.5.01	8.3.01	Prime Minister	29.3.01	27.4.01	6(23.5.01)
Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001	7(20.6.01)	6.6.01		Reconciliation and ATSI Affairs	21.6.01		
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2000	1(7.2.01)	7.12.00	24.5.01	Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business	8.2.01 21.6.01	2.4.01 20.8.01	7(20.6.01) 10(22.8.01)
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Post-retirement Commutations) Bill 2000	1(7.2.01)	7.12.00	1.3.01	Finance and Administration	8.2.01	28.2.01	3(7.3.01)

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Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001	7(20.6.01)	7.6.01	26.6.01	Treasurer	21.6.01	27.6.01	9(8.8.01)
<i>Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Act 2001</i> (previous citation: Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2000)	*14(11.10.00) 2(28.2.01)	7.9.00	5.10.00	Treasurer	12.10.00 1.3.01	31.10.00 27.6.01	*15(1.11.00) 9(8.8.01)
Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2000	1(7.2.01)	5.3.01	7.12.00	Health and Aged Care	8.2.01	20.2.01	2(28.2.01)
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medical Devices) Bill 2001	5(4.4.01)	29.3.01	7.8.00	Health and Aged Care	5.4.01	13.6.01	9(8.8.01)
Treasury Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill (No. 2) 2001	6(23.5.01)	5.4.01		Treasurer	24.5.01		
Treasury Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill (No. 3) 2001	9(8.8.01)	28.6.01		Treasurer	9.8.01	17.8.01	