

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 5 OF 2015**

*14 May 2015*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator David Bushby (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Anne McEwen (Opposition Whip)

Senator Barry O'Sullivan (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Dio Wang (Palmer United Party Whip)

Senator Catryna Bilyk

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

Senator Claire Moore

Senator Anne Ruston

Secretary: Chris Reid  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### REPORT NO. 5

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 13 May 2015 at 7.15 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 [No. 2] be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 August 2015 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the *provisions* of the Law Enforcement Legislation Amendment (Powers) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2015 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Employee Share Schemes) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 June 2015 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Defence Legislation Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2015
  - Defence Legislation (Enhancement of Military Justice) Bill 2015
  - Freedom of Information Amendment (Requests and Reasons) Bill 2015
  - Judiciary Amendment Bill 2015.
4. The Norfolk Island Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 and 7 related bills were considered at meeting 4 of 2015 on Wednesday, 25 March 2015 and not referred. These bills were reconsidered and the committee resolved to recommend that they *not* be referred.

#### *The committee recommends accordingly.*

5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Australian Centre for Social Cohesion Bill 2015
  - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2015
  - Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014
  - Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014
  - Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014.

(David Bushby)

**Chair**

14 May 2015

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill:

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014 [No. 2]

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The bill will have substantial impact on employees and registered organisations representing employees

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Union and employer groups

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): *July 2015*

Possible reporting date: *11 August 2015*

(signed)

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Print name:

*Senator Rachel Siewert.*

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: Law Enforcement Legislation Amendment (Powers) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- This Bill broadens the Australian Crime Commission's examination powers, raising human rights concerns about how these powers may jeopardise a person's right to fair trial
- The Bill raises rule of law concerns because what are effectively judicial powers are being used by an administrative body
- The government has stated that the Bill includes adequate safeguards, however these safeguards needs to be explored further by a Committee

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Law Council of Australia
- Australian Lawyers for Human Rights
- Australian Human Rights Commission
- Gilbert and Tobin Centre of Public Law
- Attorney-General's Department

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

9 – 12 June, 2015

Possible reporting date:

<sup>18</sup>  
~~25~~ June, 2015

(signed)

Print name:

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Senator Rachel Siewert.

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill:

Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Employee Share Schemes) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The bill will have substantial impact on employees wages, conditions and entitlements

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Union and employer groups

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): July 2015

Possible reporting date: 16 June  
August 2015

(signed)

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Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert