

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 14 OF 2015

12 November 2015

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator David Bushby (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Anne McEwen (Opposition Whip)

Senator Matthew Canavan (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Dio Wang (Palmer United Party Whip)

Senator Catryna Bilyk

Senator David Fawcett

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

Senator Claire Moore

Secretary: Chris Reid
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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 11 November 2015 at 7.19 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Criminology Research) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 November 2015 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 March 2016 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Health Insurance Amendment (Safety Net) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 November 2015 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP Reform) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2015 (see appendices 4 and 5 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Cessation of Visa Labels) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 25 February 2016 (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015
 - Crimes Legislation Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2015
 - Defence Legislation Amendment (First Principles) Bill 2015
 - Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015
 - Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 5) Bill 2015.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill 2015.

5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Amending Acts 1990 to 1999 Repeal Bill 2015
 - Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Amendment Bill 2015
 - Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment (Securing the Automotive Component Industry) Bill 2015
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2015
 - Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014
 - Export Control Amendment (Quotas) Bill 2015
 - Migration Amendment (Free the Children) Bill 2015
 - Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2015) Bill 2015
 - Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014
 - Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 3) 2015
 - Tax Laws Amendment (Gifts) Bill 2015
 - Treasury Legislation Amendment (Repeal Day 2015) Bill 2015
 - Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Expanded Gold Card Access) Bill 2015.

(David Bushby)

Chair

12 November 2015

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

Name of bill:

Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Criminology Research) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To ensure proper scrutiny of the Bill and to ensure that the new Criminology and Justice Research Centre continues to operate an open access library, provide strong and independent research with continued access to datasets currently available to the Australian Institute of Criminology and operate without funding restrictions.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Institute of Criminology
Australian Crime Commission
Attorney Generals Department
Rick Sarre, President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology
John Myrtle, Associate Investigator, ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security,
Griffith University, QLD

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

30 November 2015

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The measure contained in the Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015, is poorly understood given the complexity of this area of public policy. The Bill does not create new revenue for Western Australia it simply tightens up the accounting period and brings revenue forward and will reduce the same revenue earlier than is currently the case. The understanding of this is poor and I believe through proper presentation and discussion during the committee process the Senate will be better informed.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

State and Territory Governments, government agencies including Commonwealth Grants Commission, Economists

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

✓ Possible reporting date:

16 March 2016

(signed)

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Print name: Zhenya Wang

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

Name of bill: Health Insurance Amendment (Safety Net) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To examine the impact of changes to the Medicare safety nets on all patients but especially those requiring access to psychiatrists, radiation oncology patients and those accessing assisted reproductive technology services

Possible submissions or evidence from: Australian Medical Association, Royal Australia New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, National Association of Practising Psychiatrists, The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists, Department of Health, Consumers Health Forum

Committee to which bill is to be referred:
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:
23 November

Senator Anne Urquhart

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP Reform) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Scrutinise effect of government proposals for VET FEE-HELP reform and proposed opposition amendments

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Stakeholders - TAFE Directors, Private providers (ACPET), TAFE Chairs
Students & Consumer advocates
Staff - AEU, NTEU
Education Experts

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

18 February 2016

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

[Higher Education Support Amendment \(VET FEE-HELP Reform\) Bill 2015](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To review the impact and potential outcomes of the reforms within this Bill, and whether they are sufficient to fix the problems currently occurring the for-profit VET sector

Possible submissions or evidence from:

ASQA
AEU
NTEU
TAFE Directors Australia
Council of Private Higher Education
Department of Education and Training
Grattan Institute

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment

Possible hearing date(s):

Late November – Late February

Possible reporting date:

✓ March 2-5 2016

(signed)

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Print name: _____

Rachel Sweeney

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

Name of bill:

Migration Legislation Amendment (Cessation of Visa Labels) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To further investigate potential impacts and unintended consequences of the Bill

Possible submissions or evidence from:

*Department of Immigration and Border Protection
Department of Foreign Affairs*

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

25 *February 2016*

Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—
PRESENTATION OF 14TH REPORT OF 2015—
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON
12 NOVEMBER 2015**

At the end of the motion, add, “and in respect of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill 2015, the provisions of the bill be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 November 2015.”