

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 9 OF 2019

28 November 2019

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Dean Smith (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Perin Davey (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Stirling Griff (Centre Alliance Whip)

Senator Pauline Hanson (Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Anne Urquhart (Opposition Whip)

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Senator the Hon James McGrath

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston

Secretary: Rachel Callinan
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 27 November 2019 at 7.30pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) contingent upon introduction in the Senate, the Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2019 be referred immediately to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 31 January 2020 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia's Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 February 2020 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2019 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 March 2020 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2019 and the Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 February 2020 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (e) the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 17 April 2020 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (f) the *provisions* of the Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 February 2020 (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (g) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Superannuation, Your Choice) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 February 2020 (see appendix 7 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Transparency Measures—Lowering the Disclosure Threshold) Bill 2019
 - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Transparency Measures—Real Time Disclosure) Bill 2019
 - Family Law (Self-Assessment) Bill 2019
 - Farm Household Support Amendment (Relief Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2019
 - Health Legislation Amendment (Data-matching and Other Matters) Bill 2019

- Interactive Gambling Amendment (National Self-exclusion Register) Bill 2019
 - National Self-exclusion Register (Cost Recovery Levy) Bill 2019
 - Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Single Treatment Pathway) Bill 2019
 - Official Development Assistance Multilateral Replenishment Obligations (Special Appropriation) Bill 2019
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures) Bill 2019
 - Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2019.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
 - Australian Crime Commission Amendment (Special Operations and Special Investigations) Bill 2019
 - Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019
 - Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combating Corporate Crime) Bill 2019
 - Customs Amendment (Safer Cladding) Bill 2019
 - Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
 - Family Law Amendment (Western Australia De Facto Superannuation Splitting and Bankruptcy) Bill 2019
 - Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response—Protecting Consumers (2019 Measures)) Bill 2019
 - Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response—Stronger Regulators (2019 Measures)) Bill 2019
 - Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2019
 - Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019
 - National Integrity (Parliamentary Standards) Bill 2019
 - Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2019
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019
 - Special Recreational Vessels Bill 2019
 - Student Identifiers Amendment (Enhanced Student Permissions) Bill 2019
 - Trade Support Loans Amendment (Improving Administration) Bill 2019
 - Wine Australia Amendment (Label Directory) Bill 2019.

(Dean Smith)

Chair

28 November 2019

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

Name of bill: Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To investigate the impact of the bill on current biosecurity systems and imported food requirements.
- Any additional charges or savings associated with the amendments
- Impact on biosecurity staff
- Any other related matters.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

National Farmers Federation

Inspector-General for Biosecurity

Border Force

Ports Australia

Shipping Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date: 31 January 2020



Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill: Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia's Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Stakeholders have raised concerns with the Opposition, mirrored in issues with this bill raised by the Senate Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills, relating to the impact of certain clauses on the individual rights of athletes.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Australian Athletes Alliance, players associations of individual sports, Exercise and Sports Science Australia, ASADA, others.

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

Possible hearing date(s): Suggest similar or identical timeframes to the inquiry on the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Sport Integrity Australia) Bill 2019, which was referred by the Senate on 14 November following the recommendation in Selection of Bills Committee's Report No. 8 of 2019.

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date: 3 February 2020



Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2019

Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To determine whether the Parliament of Australia should vote in favour of this bill in its current form (or in an amended form), having regard to the views of industry and other key stakeholders.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Migration Institute of Australia, Law Council of Australia, key stakeholders from the migration agent sector, Australian Migration Citizenship Service and others.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

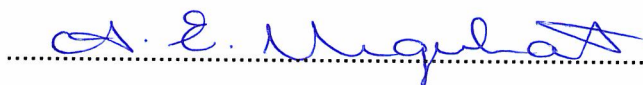
Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

27 March 2020



Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

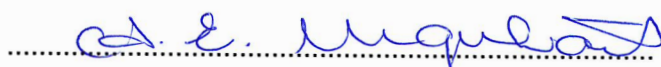
Complex levy that effectively proposes to introduce a broadband tax, and has been criticised by the Productivity Commission and the ACCC. Is a potential building block for privatisation.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Department of Communications, Telstra, Optus, Vodafone, Vocus, TPG, Opticomm, ACCC, ACCAN and other Greenfield telecommunications providers.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date: 21 February 2020



Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of Bill:

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To assess impacts of the bill's operation

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Fundraising Institute of Australia; CHOICE; ACMA; TIO; AEC; COTA; National Seniors; ACCC; Digital Rights Watch; Communications Alliance

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

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Possible reporting date:

17 April 2020

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Print Name:

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

Name of bill:

Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To ensure that the Bill sufficiently achieves its intent of addressing criminal activity at Australia's security controlled airports, security regulated seaports, and security regulated offshore oil and gas facilities.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Home Affairs;
Australian Federal Police;
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission;
Australian Institute of Criminology;
Ports Australia;
Australian Airports Association and one or two Airport Corporations (eg Sydney, Melbourne);
APPEA and/or one or two offshore oil and gas facility operators (eg INPEX, BHP, Woodside);
Fair Work Ombudsman; and
One or two relevant employee Groups (eg The Australian and International Pilots Association and the Australian Services Union)

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

December 2019

Possible reporting date:

21 7/02/2020

(signed)



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Print name:

Anne Ruston

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

Name of bill:

Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Superannuation, Your Choice) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Potential impacts on worker's super balances. Potential defaults into underperforming funds.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

ISA, FSC, Treasury, ACTU, unions

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

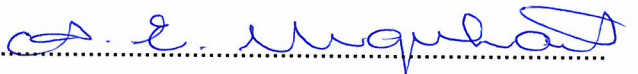
Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee

Possible reporting date:

21 February 2020

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Senator Anne Urquhart