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Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008

On 18 September 2008 the Senate, on the recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee, referred the provisions of the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 10 November 2008.

Reasons provided for referral of the Bill and the issues for consideration by the Committee related to amendments to child support legislation in Schedule 3 of the Bill. On 23 October 2008 the Committee decided that, in light of the correspondence it has received, it would also accept submissions relating to Schedule 2 of the Bill regarding the partner service pension.

The Bill may be accessed via the link: Legislation and documentation relating to the Bill

The Committee invites you to provide a written submission addressing issues that may be of relevance to you. The submission should be lodged by 17 October 2008. The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically as an attached document – email: community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au – otherwise by fax (02 6277 5829).

Submissions become Committee documents and are made public only after a decision by the Committee. Publication of submissions includes loading them onto the internet and their being available to other interested parties including the media. Persons making submissions must not release them without the approval of the Committee. Submissions are covered by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not protected. Information relating to Senate Committee inquiries, including notes to assist in the preparation of submissions for a Committee, can be located on the Internet at http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm

Should you require further information please contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 3515.