

Executive Summary

This report provides the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights' view on the compatibility with human rights as defined in the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011* of bills introduced into the Parliament during the period 23 to 26 June 2014 and legislative instruments received during the period 7 to 20 June 2014. The committee has also considered responses to the committee's comments made in previous reports.

Bills introduced 23 to 26 June 2014

The committee considered 21 bills. Of these 21 bills, 17 do not require further scrutiny as they do not appear to give rise to human rights concerns. The committee has decided to further defer its consideration of one additional bill which was introduced previously.

The committee has identified eight bills that it considers require further examination and for which it will seek further information. This includes four bills which the committee had deferred consideration of in previous reports.

Of the bills considered, those which are scheduled for debate during the sitting week commencing 14 July 2014 include:

- Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2014;
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) (No. 2) Bill 2014;
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Stronger Penalties for Serious Failures) Bill 2014.

Legislative instruments received between 7 and 20 June 2014

The committee considered 80 legislative instruments received between 7 and 20 June 2014. The full list of instruments scrutinised by the committee can be found in Appendix 1 to this report.

Of these 80 instruments, 78 do not appear to raise any human rights concerns and all are accompanied by statements of compatibility that are adequate. The committee has decided to defer its consideration of one instrument.

The committee has decided to seek further information from the relevant minister in relation to two instruments, one of which the committee had deferred consideration of in a previous report. The committee also concluded its examination of two instruments previously deferred as they have been disallowed in full by the Senate.

Responses

The committee has considered 15 responses regarding matters raised in relation to bills and legislative instruments in previous reports. The committee has concluded its examination relating to 10 bills and 2 instruments.

The committee has decided to seek further information from the relevant minister in relation to two bills and one instrument. The committee will write again to the relevant ministers in relation to these matters.

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Chair