

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 1 OF 2016

4 February 2016

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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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 3 February 2016 at 7.17 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Australian Crime Commission Amendment (National Policing Information) Bill 2015 and the Australian Crime Commission (National Policing Information Charges) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2016 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [No. 2] and the Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [No. 2] be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2016 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015 and the Income Tax Rates Amendment (Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015 and the Medicare Levy Amendment (Attribution Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015 and the Income Tax (Attribution Managed Investment Trusts – Offsets) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2016 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Water Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2015 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2016 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2015
 - Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2015
 - Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Amendment Bill 2015
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2015
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Payment Surcharges) Bill 2015
 - Insolvency Law Reform Bill 2015
 - Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015

- Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2015 Measures No. 6) Bill 2015
- Tax Laws Amendment (Implementation of the Common Reporting Standard) Bill 2015.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment (Securing the Automotive Component Industry) Bill 2015
 - Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014
 - Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014
 - Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business Restructure Roll-over) Bill 2016
 - Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Expanded Gold Card Access) Bill 2015.

(David Bushby)

Chair

4 February 2016

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

Name of bill:

Australian Crime Commission Amendment (National Policing Information) Bill 2015
Australian Crime Commission Amendment (National Policing Information Charges) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

For further scrutiny of the Bill and an opportunity for stakeholders to raise any concerns with the proposed merger of CrimTrac into the Australian Crime Commission and to allow an opportunity for concerns with the implementation of, or timeline for, the proposed merger to be resolved.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

State and Territory Attorney's General
Attorney General's Department
CrimTrac
Australian Crime Commission
State Police Commissioners
AFP
Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology
ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security, Griffith University, QLD
Australian Strategic Policy Institute

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

15 March 2016

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Print name: Senator Anne McEwen

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

Name of bill:

Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [No. 2]
Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013
[No. 2]

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Detailed consideration of the impact of the legislation

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Employee associations
Employer association
Department of Employment

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

15/3/16

*Agree to refer
not agree on
date.*

Print name: _____ Senator Anne McEwen _____

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

Name of bill: Social Security Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Concerns raised by stakeholders, in particular:

- Concerns from stakeholders about changes for students studying part-time
- Concerns from the stakeholders on restricting access to special benefits

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- NTEU
- NUS
- NWRN
- ACOSS
- Sydney Welfare Rights Centre
- Other community organisations

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

- Hearing on the papers

Possible reporting date:

- ~~17~~ March 2016

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(signed)

Print name: _____

Michael Siewert

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Tax Laws Amendment (New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts) Bill 2015 and associated bills.

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Further examination is required of drafting and implementation issues identified during consultation with sector stakeholders.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Treasury
- Tax academics
- Major banks
- Australian Custodial Services Association

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

~~15 March 2016~~

10 March 2016

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Print name: _____ Senator Anne McEwen _____

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Water Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2015

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Primary concerns are with changes under Item 27 (Section 106) which allows trade revenue to be used for 'environmental activities' instead of being limited to buying more water for the Murray Darling Basin. There is also no clarity on how projects would be defined as an environmental activity and on what basis a decision is made as to whether a project adheres to that classification.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Stakeholders (e.g. Australian Conservation Foundation)

Relevant government departments (e.g. Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder)

Researchers

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Monday 15th February

Wednesday 17th February

Possible reporting date:

~~Tuesday 15th March 2016~~

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Rachel Siewert

Print name: _____

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—
PRESENTATION OF 1ST REPORT OF 2016—
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON
4 FEBRUARY 2016**

At the end of the motion, add, “but, in respect of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 [No. 2] and the Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 [No. 2] the Education and Employment Legislation Committee report by 15 March 2016.”.