

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 1 OF 2021

4 February 2021

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Dean Smith (Government Whip, Chair)

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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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Secretary: Tim Bryant
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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 3 February 2021 at 7.15 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the COAG Reform Fund Amendment (No Electric Vehicle Taxes) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 April 2021 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Data Availability and Transparency Bill 2020 and the Data Availability and Transparency (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 29 April 2021 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Migration and Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Information Provisions) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2021 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Benefit to Australia) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 March 2021 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Serious Incident Response Scheme and Other Measures) Bill 2020
 - Australian Immunisation Register Amendment (Reporting) Bill 2020
 - Export Control Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2020
 - Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response No. 2) Bill 2020
 - Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2020 Measures No. 2) Bill 2020.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
 - Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019
 - Customs Amendment (Safer Cladding) Bill 2019
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals and Other Measures) Bill 2020
 - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2020
 - Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
 - Education Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Save the Koala) Bill 2021
 - Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2019
 - Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019

- Intelligence Oversight and Other Legislation Amendment (Integrity Measures) Bill 2020
- Interactive Gambling Amendment (Prohibition on Credit Card Use) Bill 2020
- Migration Amendment (New Maritime Crew Visas) Bill 2020
- Narcotic Drugs Amendment (Medicinal Cannabis) Bill 2021
- Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
- Security Legislation Amendment (Critical Infrastructure) Bill 2020
- Social Security Amendment (COVID-19 Supplement) Bill 2020
- Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Student Assistance and Other Measures) Bill 2021
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2019
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019.

(Dean Smith)

Chair

4 February 2021

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

Name of bill: *COAG Reform Fund Amendment (No Electric Vehicle Taxes) Bill 2020*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Examination of the implications of this bill, which would address barriers to the uptake of electric vehicles in Australia.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- The Australia Institute
- Electric Vehicles Council
- Australian Electric Vehicles Association
- ClimateWorks Australia
- State and territory governments

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Senate Economics Committee

Possible hearing date(s): 3 hearings to be held subject to the Committee diary

Possible reporting date: 30 April 2021

(signed)



Print name:

Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bill: *Data Availability and Transparency Bill 2020; Data Availability and Transparency (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2020*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: *To consider legal, ethical and privacy ramifications of the Bill in relation to sharing of Australians' data.*

Possible submissions or evidence from: *Privacy and data experts including leading tech lawyer Peter Leonard (Data Synergies), Jordan Wilson-Otto (Victorian Director of GovHack), Dr Thalia Anthony (Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney), Michele Bahari (Senior privacy professional – International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)) Tim de Sousa (International Association of Privacy Professionals), Anna Johnston (Principal, Salinger Privacy), James Logan (Information security professional), Melanie Marks (Principal of elevenM).*

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

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

Possible reporting date:
29 April 2021

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill:

- *Data Availability and Transparency Bill 2020*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Privacy concerns
- Potential engagement of Australian Privacy Principle 6
- Timing of bill vis a vis review of the *Privacy Act 1988*

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Academia and think tanks
- Privacy and human rights advocates and experts
- Tech sector

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): TBC

Possible reporting date: 23 June 2021

(signed)



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Isaac Neil Stewart

Print name: _____

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

Name of bill:

- *Migration and Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Information Provisions) Bill 2020*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Transparency and natural justice concerns
- Will deny people access to information used against them in visa cancellation decisions made by the Department/Minister when contesting those decisions in court
- Disproportionate sentencing provisions

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Academics and think tanks
- Public interest, transparency and accountability (inc. FOI), legal, human rights, and refugee advocates and experts

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): TBC

Possible reporting date: 20 May 2021

(signed)



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Rachel Sweet

Print name: _____

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

- *Migration and Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Information Provisions) Bill 2020*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- *Allow for stakeholder feedback and investigation of proposed legislation*

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- *Law Council of Australia*
- *Refugee Legal*
- *Other legal bodies*

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:

- *Wednesday 10 March 2021*



Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill: *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage
Amendment (Benefit to Australia) Bill 2020*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

*To consider the impact of a new object clause on
decision making in the OPGGS Act.*

Possible submissions or evidence from: *Foreign owned hydrocarbon
companies who deal with NOPTA + NOPSEMA, Greenpeace,
Joint Authorities, Minister for Resources, Joint Authorities.*

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Standing Committee on Economic - Legislative

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: *25 February 2021*

(signed)



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Print name: SENATOR PAULINE HANSON

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—
PRESENTATION OF 1ST REPORT OF 2021—
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON
4 FEBRUARY 2021**

At the end of the motion, add, “and, in respect of the Security Legislation Amendment (Critical Infrastructure) Bill 2020 and the Intelligence Oversight and Other Legislation Amendment (Integrity Measures) Bill 2020, the bills not be referred to committees”.