

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 12 OF 2023

19 October 2023

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Anne Urquhart (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Wendy Askew (Opposition Whip)

Senator Ross Cadell (The Nationals Whip)

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

Senator Nick McKim (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Ralph Babet

Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm

Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher

Senator Matt O'Sullivan

Senator David Pocock

Senator Paul Scarr

Senator Lidia Thorpe

Senator Tammy Tyrrell

Senator David Van

Secretary: Tim Bryant
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 18 October 2023 at 7.14 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 November 2023;
 - (b) the Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 June 2024 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Support for Small Business and Charities and Other Measures) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 November 2023 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Paid Parental Leave Amendment (More Support for Working Families) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 February 2024 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Australian Capital Territory Dangerous Drugs Bill 2023
 - Australian Education Amendment (Save Our Public Schools) Bill 2023
 - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Ban on Gambling Advertisements During Live Sport) Bill 2023
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Continuing ACCC Monitoring of Domestic Airline Competition) Bill 2023
 - Criminal Code Amendment (Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities) Bill 2023
 - Crown References Amendment Bill 2023
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Lowering the Voting Age) Bill 2023
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020
 - Fair Work Amendment (Right to Disconnect) Bill 2023 [No. 2]
 - Freeze on Rent and Rate Increases Bill 2023
 - Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review Scheme No. 2) Bill 2023

- Migration Amendment (Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure and Other Measures) Bill 2023
- Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Domestic Reserve) Bill 2023
- Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Bill 2023
Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Bill 2023
Primary Industries (Services) Levies Bill 2023
Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Bill 2023
Primary Industries Levies and Charges Disbursement Bill 2023
Primary Industries (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Supporting the Transition to Work) Bill 2023.

(Anne Urquhart)

Chair

19 October 2023

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To hear from traditional owners and other stakeholders about the importance of protecting First Nations underwater cultural heritage both tangible and intangible.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Traditional Owners, environmental groups, academics, legal experts, relevant departments, NOPSEMA.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): April and May

Possible reporting date: 28th June 2024

(signed)



Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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

Name of bill:

Treasury Laws Amendment (Support for Small Business and Charities and Other Measures) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Detailed Bill

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Various Stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Oct - Dec

Possible reporting date:

23 November 2023

(signed)



Wendy Askew

Print name: _____

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Paid Parental Leave Amendment (More Support for Working Families) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To hear evidence from the sector

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Women's Economic Equality Taskforce
- Economic Justice Australia
- The Parenthood
- Unions

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): 5 February 2024

Possible reporting date: 9 February 2024

(signed)



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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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

Name of bill:

Paid Parental Leave Amendment (More Support for Working Families) Bill 2023

This Bill amends the Paid Parental Leave Act 2010 to expand the Government payment from 20 weeks to 26 weeks by July 2026.

The Bill implements the second tranche of the Government's PPL reform announced in the 2022-23 October Budget. It follows changes commencing 1 July 2023 to make the scheme more accessible, flexible and gender equitable.

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

High public interest in the ongoing reform and enhancement of the Scheme. .

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Women's Groups

Unions

Business Peaks

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee (CALC)

Possible hearing date(s):

1 hearing – can accommodate in Canberra with virtual participation encouraged for accessibility.

29 January 2024 TBC

Possible reporting date: 9 February 2024


(signed)

Print name: