

# **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 4 OF 2024**

*27 March 2024*

## **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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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### REPORT NO. 4 OF 2024

1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 26 March 2024 at 7.13 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) the Customs Amendment (Preventing Child Labour) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 July 2024 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the *provisions* of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 June 2024 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Net Zero Economy Authority Bill 2024 and the Net Zero Economy Authority (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2024 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (d) the *provisions* of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2024 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2024
  - Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2024.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay) Bill 2024
  - Australian Capital Territory Dangerous Drugs Bill 2023
  - Australian Postal Corporation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
  - 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
  - Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Declared Areas) Bill 2024
  - Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus No. 1) Bill 2024
  - Criminal Code Amendment (Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities) Bill 2023
  - Criminal Code Amendment (Protecting Commonwealth Frontline Workers) Bill 2024
  - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fair and Transparent Elections) Bill 2024 (No. 2)

- Electoral Legislation Amendment (Lowering the Voting Age) Bill 2023 [No. 2]
  - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Protecting Environmental Heritage) Bill 2024
  - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020
  - Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2024
  - Freeze on Rent and Rate Increases Bill 2023
  - Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade) Bill 2024
  - Legislate the Date to End Live Sheep Export Bill 2024
  - Migration Amendment (Removal and Other Measures) Bill 2024
  - New Vehicle Efficiency Standard Bill 2024  
New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2024
  - Parliamentary Business Resources Legislation Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2024
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (Delivering Better Financial Outcomes and Other Measures) Bill 2024
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (Financial Market Infrastructure and Other Measures) Bill 2024.
5. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Divestiture Powers) Bill 2024.

(Anne Urquhart)

**Chair**

27 March 2024

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

Name of bill: Customs Amendment (Preventing Child Labour) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Elimination of child labour is an important goal that requires complex trade reform. The potential impact on import/export focused industries, customs enforcement agencies and trade relationships are some of the principal issues.

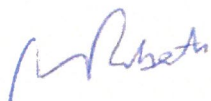
Possible submissions or evidence from: Industry groups – Australian Industry Group, Council of small businesses, Department of Home Affairs, Australian Human Rights Commission, other human rights groups.

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

Possible hearing date(s): TBD

Possible reporting date: 1 July 2024

(signed)



Print name:

Malcolm Roberts

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

**Name of bill:** National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1) Bill


**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:** There is widespread interest in the effect of this legislation both across the parliament, and by the wider disability sector. Therefore, it is expected it will not be uncontroversial and a committee process will be useful to settle any outstanding issues. The Government proposes a reporting date of 24 April 2024 in order to meet the timeframes by which this legislation needs to take effect.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:** Disability representative organisations and peak organisations. Individual participants, families and carers. Those who work in the disability sector, including service providers.

**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:** 24 April 2024



Senator Anne Urquhart

## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of bill:** National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

High volume of stakeholder inquiries on this issue  
Complex legislative landscape  
Huge impact on people's lives if legislation is harmful

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Participants  
Families and carers  
Service providers  
Advocacy organisations

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

11 - 21 June 2024

**Possible reporting date:**

~~19 July 2024~~

20 June 2024

(signed)



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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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

Name of bill:

National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To carefully scrutinise this legislation and hear from interested parties.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

A range of stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

April, May and June

Possible reporting date:

<sup>20</sup>  
13 June 2024



Print name: Wendy Askew



**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:** Net Zero Economy Authority Bill 2024, Net Zero Economy Authority (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

Examine legislation

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Next Economy, climate groups, unions

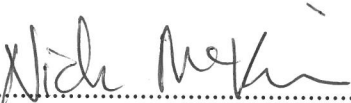
**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Finance and Public Administration

**Possible hearing date(s):** 23 and 29 April (backload hearing dates preferably)

**Possible reporting date:** 10 May

(signed)

  
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**Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member**

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

Name of bill:

Net Zero Economy Authority Bill 2024

Net Zero Economy Authority (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To carefully scrutinise this legislation and hear from interested parties.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

A range of stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

April, May and June

Possible reporting date:

14 June 2024



Print name: Wendy Askew

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

- Name of bill:

**Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024**

- Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Significant interest in these reforms.

- Possible submissions or evidence from:

Cancer Council, Lung Foundation, Australian Medical Association, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

- Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- Possible hearing date(s):

During April break from sittings.

- Possible reporting date:

Report by 8 May 2024.



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Anne Urquhart  
Chief Government Whip in the Senate  
Chair  
Selection of Bills Committee

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

Name of bill:

[Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment \(Vaping Reforms\) Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To carefully scrutinise this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

A range of stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

April and May

Possible reporting date:

8 May 2024



Print name: Wendy Askew

## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of bill:** Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

High volume of stakeholder inquiries on this issue  
Significant health concerns involved – vaping harm vs tobacco uptake risk  
Concerns on capacity of GP practices to enable prescription model

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Public Health Organisations  
Medical Advocacy Organisations  
Vape consumers

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

15 – 24 May 2024

**Possible reporting date:**

8 May 2024

(signed)



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**Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member**

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—PRESENTATION OF  
4TH REPORT OF 2024—AMENDMENTS AGREED TO BY THE  
SENATE ON 27 MARCH 2024**

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- (1) At the end of the motion, add “, and:
  - (a) the provisions of the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Declared Areas) Bill 2024 and Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus No. 1) Bill 2024 not be referred to a committee;
  - (b) the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Delivering Better Financial Outcomes and Other Measures) Bill 2024 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 June 2024; and
  - (c) the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Financial Market Infrastructure and Other Measures) Bill 2024 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 April 2024”.
- (2) At the end of the motion, add “and, in respect of the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Divestiture Powers) Bill 2024, the bill be referred immediately to the Select Committee on Supermarket Prices for inquiry and report by 7 May 2024”.