

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 5 OF 2024

16 May 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

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Senator David Pocock

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 15 May 2024 at 7.14 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 November 2024 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Criminal Code Amendment (Protecting Commonwealth Frontline Workers) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional 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 Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 15 August 2024 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 June 2024 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Australian Postal Corporation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
 - Legislate the Date to End Live Sheep Export Bill 2024
 - Parliamentary Business Resources Legislation Amendment (Review Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2024.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Australian Capital Territory Dangerous Drugs 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
 - 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

- Excise and Customs Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2024
 - Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2024
 - Freeze on Rent and Rate Increases Bill 2023
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Extending the FBT Exemption for Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles) Bill 2024.
5. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
- New Vehicle Efficiency Standard Bill 2024
 - New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2024.

(Anne Urquhart)

Chair

16 May 2024

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

[Airline Passenger Protections \(Pay on Delay\) Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To ensure a senate enquiry has the opportunity to scrutinize the current aviation issues that this Bill seeks to address,

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Airline industry, individuals, interested parties and other stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

June – November

Possible reporting date:

18 November 2024



Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill:

[Criminal Code Amendment \(Protecting Commonwealth Frontline Workers\) Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

A short referral for the committee to investigate this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Interested parties and other stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

N/A

Possible reporting date:

20 June 2024



Print name: Wendy Askew

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

We expect that this Bill contains amendments to the Education Services for Overseas Students Act to give the education minister power to set limits on enrolments for each education provider, including specific courses or locations.

These powers are extraordinary and warrant interrogation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Universities, student unions, NTEU, international students

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Thursday 20 June
Wednesday 24 July
Thursday 8 August

Possible reporting date: 30 August 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:

[Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment \(Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade\) Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow stakeholders the opportunity to comment on this legislation through a committee process.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Interested parties and the forestry sector.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

May-June

Possible reporting date:

27 June 2024



Print name: Wendy Askew

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade) Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Possible ramifications and considerations for timber/forests standards, supply chain management, illegal logging operations, and modern slavey protections.


Possible submissions or evidence from: Advocates and peak bodies representing conservation, industry standards, trade unions, and human rights.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Possible hearing date(s): conduct on the papers

Possible reporting date: 19 June 2024

(signed)


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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member