

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 8 OF 2024

15 August 2024

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Senator Ross Cadell (The Nationals Whip)

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 14 August 2024 at 7.08 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - the *provisions* of the Universities Accord (Student Support and Other Measures) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 September 2024 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Customs Amendment (Strengthening and Modernising Licensing and Other Measures) Bill 2024
 - Customs Licensing Charges Amendment Bill 2024
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Scheduling) Bill 2024
 - Australian Capital Territory Dangerous Drugs Bill 2023
 - Better and Fairer Schools (Information Management) 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
 - Criminal Code Amendment (Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities) Bill 2023
 - Digital ID Repeal 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 (Administration) Bill 2024
 - Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2024
 - Freeze on Rent and Rate Increases Bill 2023
 - Public Service Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2024
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Extending the FBT Exemption for Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles) Bill 2024.

(Anne Urquhart)

Chair

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Universities Accord (Student Support and Other Measures)

Bill Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Necessary to:

- Consider the likely effectiveness and adequacy of the proposed support measures on students and people with student debt, particularly in the context of the current cost-of-living crisis;
- Determine whether further measures are needed to provide support to students and people with student debt

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- National Union of Students
- NTEU
- Students Against Placement Poverty
- Australian Veterinary Association
- Australian Medical Students Association
- Universities
- Individuals with student debt
- Individuals currently doing mandatory unpaid placements

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

Monday 30th September

(signed)


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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member