

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 11 OF 2024

19 September 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 Jacqui Lambie (Jacqui Lambie Network Whip)

Senator Nick McKim (Australian Greens Whip)

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Secretary: Tim Bryant
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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 11 OF 2024

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 18 September 2024 at 7.15 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 December 2024 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 November 2024 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (2024 Tax and Other Measures No. 1) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 October 2024 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (f) the *provisions* of the Universities Accord (National Student Ombudsman) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 October 2024 (see appendix 6 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (g) the *provisions* of the Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers (Special Account) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 October 2024 (see appendix 7 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bill *not* be referred to committees:
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Expansion) 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

- Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Integrity and Reducing Building Costs) Bill 2024 (No. 2)
 - 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 (Removing Criminals from Worksites) 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:
- Sex Discrimination Amendment (Acknowledging Biological Reality) Bill 2024.

(Anne Urquhart)

Chair

19 September 2024

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

Name of bill: Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: This bill brings new industries into the AML/CTF regime for the first time and an inquiry allows these entities to have their say. A November report date is important to allow for early passage of the bill – to stop money launderers and terrorists from continuing to do their work, and to allow businesses time to get ready for the new rules the bill will introduce.

Possible submissions or evidence from: AUSTRAC; AGD; real estate, accountancy and law peak bodies

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

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

Possible reporting date: 13 November.

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Senator Anne Urquhart

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Consideration of the matters raised by the bill,
- impact on legal profession and legal professional privilege in particular

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Attorney General Department
Law Council of Australia
Australian Lawyers Alliance
Bar Association
AFP

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

Possible hearing date(s):

Friday 25 October, Thursday 31 October

Possible reporting date:

~~19~~ November 2024

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

Name of bill:

[Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow the Committee time to thoroughly scrutinize this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Businesses, interested parties and other stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

October 2024 to January 2025

Possible reporting date:

3 February 2025



Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill:

Combating Misinformation and Disinformation Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Appropriate scrutiny of legislation with a high degree of public interest.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Infrastructure
Australian Communications and Media Authority
Civil Society

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications

Possible hearing date(s):

11 October 2024

Possible reporting date:

11 November 2024

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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Consider details

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Experts, stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment & Communications

Possible hearing date(s): October

Possible reporting date: 25 November 2024

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

Name of bill:

[Communications Legislation Amendment \(Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation\) Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow the Committee time to thoroughly scrutinize this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Businesses, interested parties and other stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

October 2024 to January 2025

Possible reporting date:

3 February 2025



Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill: Crimes Legislation Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: This bill has many interested stakeholders who have expressed an interest in an inquiry, and the government is in favour of open debate.

Possible submissions or evidence from: AGD, Law Council, faith groups, Equality Australia

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

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date: ¹²~~13~~ December



Senator Anne Urquhart

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

[Crimes Legislation Amendment \(Hate Crimes\) Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow the Committee time to receive evidence and scrutinize this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Businesses, interested parties and other stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

October 2024

Possible reporting date:

~~14 November 2024~~

12 December 2024



Print name: Wendy Askew

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Consideration of the matters raised by the bill,
- efficacy of privacy protections in the bill to protect individuals
- legal and enforcement issues posed by doxxing reforms
- impact of changes on online platforms and social media

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Attorney General Department
OAIC
Digital Rights Watch
Australian Privacy Foundation
Law Council of Australia
Australian Lawyers Alliance
Electronic Frontiers Australia
Human Rights Law Centre
Communications Alliance
Reset Australia
Tech Council of Australia
Australian Communications Consumer Action Network
Centre for Responsible Technology (Aus. Institute branch)
Tech Policy Design Centre
Digital Industry Group Inc. (DIGI)
Adobe
Australian Digital Alliance
Facebook

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

Possible hearing date(s):

Friday 25 October, Thursday 31 October

Possible reporting date:

12 November 2024

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

Name of bill:

[Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow the Committee time to receive evidence and scrutinize 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):

October 2024

Possible reporting date:

14 November 2024



Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill: Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: There is extensive interest in the government's response to the Privacy Act review, and an inquiry allows for examination of some of the new offences contained in the bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from: AGD, Law Council, privacy advocates, tech companies, peak bodies such as ACIC and COSBOA

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

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

Possible reporting date: 14 November

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

Name of bill:

[Treasury Laws Amendment \(2024 Tax and Other Measures No. 1\)](#)
[Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow the Committee time to receive evidence and scrutinize this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Interested parties and other stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:


Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

October 2024

Possible reporting date:

24 October 2024


Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill:

[Universities Accord \(National Student Ombudsman\) Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow the Committee time to receive evidence and scrutinize this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Interested parties and other stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

October 2024

Possible reporting date:

10 October 2024



Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill:

[Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers \(Special Account\) Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow the Committee time to receive evidence and scrutinize this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Interested parties and other stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

October 2024

Possible reporting date:

30 October 2024



Print name: Wendy Askew

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers (Special Account) Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Properly scrutinise the government's legislation and provide a formal opportunity for key stakeholders to give feedback.
- Ensure 15% wage rise is adequate to support educators and interrogate mechanisms to ensure educators' wages are adequate beyond two-year limit of current legislation.
- Understand the impact of 4.4% fee cap provision.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- United Workers Union (UWU)
- The Front Project
- The Parenthood
- Early Learning and Care Council of Australia (ELACCA)
- Uniting
- Early Childhood Australia (ECA)
- SNAAIC - peak NGO National Voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Any day during the week of the 14th and/or 21st of October

Possible reporting date:

Monday ~~18th~~
11th of November

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