

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 13 OF 2024

21 November 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)

Senator Ralph Babet

Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm

Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher

Senator Maria Kovacic

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Secretary: Tim Bryant
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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 20 November 2024 at 7.14 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Free TAFE Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 February 2025 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Commitment to Public Ownership) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 6 February 2025 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Oversight Legislation Amendment (Robodebt Royal Commission Response and Other Measures) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 January 2025 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Scams Prevention Framework Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 January 2025 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 January 2025 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Aged Care Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
 - Aged Care (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024
 - Customs Amendment (ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area Second Protocol Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2024
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals and Other Measures) Bill 2024
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fair and Transparent Elections) Bill 2024 (No. 2)
 - Health Insurance (Pathology) (Fees) (Repeal) Bill 2024
 - Help to Buy Bill 2023 [No. 2]
Help to Buy (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2023 [No. 2]
 - Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Amendment Bill 2024
 - National Organic Standard Bill 2024
 - Navigation Amendment 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 (Australian Energy Regulator Separation) Bill 2024
 - 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 (Electoral Reform) Bill 2024
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Communications) Bill 2024
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fair Territory Representation) Bill 2024
 - 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
 - Health Legislation Amendment (Modernising My Health Record—Sharing by Default) Bill 2024
 - Interactive Gambling Amendment (Ban Gambling Ads) Bill 2024
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Extending the FBT Exemption for Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles) Bill 2024.

5. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
 - Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024.

(Anne Urquhart)

Chair

21 November 2024

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

Name of bill:

[Free TAFE Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow the Committee to scrutinise this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Interested parties and stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

January 2025

Possible reporting date:

~~30 January~~ 27 February 2025

(signed)



Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill:

National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Commitment to Public Ownership) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow the Committee to scrutinise this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Interested parties and stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

January 2025

Possible reporting date:

27 February 2025

(signed)

Print name: Wendy Askew



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

Name of bill:

[Oversight Legislation Amendment \(Robodebt Royal Commission Response and Other Measures\) Bill](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow the Committee to scrutinise this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Interested parties and stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

January 2025

Possible reporting date:

30 January 2025

(signed)



Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill:

[Scams Prevention Framework Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow the Committee to scrutinise this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Interested parties and stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

January 2025

Possible reporting date:

17 February 2025

(signed)



Print name: Wendy Askew

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Scams Prevention Framework Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the Bill in more detail and hear from stakeholders

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- CHOICE
- CALC
- ACCAN
- The Australian Communications Consumer Action Network
- Financial Rights Legal Centre
- Super Consumers Australia
- Financial Counselling Australia
- WEstjustice
- Consumer Credit Legal Service WA
- Consumer Policy Research Centre
- AFCA
- ACCC
- Treasury
- COBA
- DIGI
- Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman
- Telstra
- Optus
- TPG Telecom
- ANZ
- CommBank
- NAB
- Westpac

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

- 13, 16 or 17 December 2024

Possible reporting date:

23 January, 2025

(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:

Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow the Committee to scrutinise this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Interested parties and stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

January 2025

Possible reporting date:

30 January 2025

(signed)



Print name: Wendy Askew

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—
PRESENTATION OF 13TH REPORT OF 2024—
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON
21 NOVEMBER 2024**

At the end of the motion, add: “, and the provisions of the Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024 be referred immediately to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 November 2024”.