

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 51

Private Members' business

and

referral of bills to committee

10 May 2012

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Report relating to private Members' business and the consideration of bills introduced 8 to 9 May 2012

1. The committee met in private session on 8 and 9 May 2012.
2. The committee determined that the following bills be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Migration for inquiry and report:
 - Migration (Visa Evidence) Charge Bill 2012; and
 - Migration (Visa Evidence) Charge (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION: The explanatory memorandum does not explain how many visas will be affected by this charge nor what visa sub-classes are affected. For example, will a child visa need to be evidenced, for example so that the child can go to school? Isn't this another barrier to participation? Nor is a reason given why this extremely high charge of \$250 is necessary. According to the explanatory memorandum, it is expected that this charge will raise \$90 million over three years.

3. The committee recommends that the following item of private Members' business listed on the Notice Paper be voted on:

Order of the Day—

Air Services (Aircraft Noise) Amendment Bill 2011 (Mrs Moylan).

Peter Slipper MP
Chairman

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