

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 55

Consideration of bills

31 May 2012

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Report relating to the consideration of bills introduced 28 to 30 May 2012

1. The committee met in private session on 30 May 2012.
2. The committee determined that the following referrals of bills to committees be made, with reasons provided by the member selecting the bill for referral—

Standing Committee on Climate Change, Environment and the Arts:

- Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Bill 2012; and
- Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Registration Fees) Bill 2012.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION: Concern that the scheme may increase costs and green tape for those involved.

Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs:

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking) Bill 2012.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION: To ensure that new criminal provisions are appropriately drafted and do not unintentionally capture non-criminal conduct, and for the consideration of the proportionality of penalties and sentences.

- Maritime Powers Bill 2012; and
- Maritime Powers (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION: To ensure that: (a) coverage is comprehensive; and (b) powers to be conferred under the bill are adequate and commensurate with existing powers.

- National Integrity Commissioner Bill 2012.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION: In accordance with the Speaker's ruling on 2 June 2011, this bill is in fact an appropriation bill contravening standing orders 179 and 180 and therefore cannot proceed in its current form. Further, the proposed powers are very wide-ranging and need further investigation.

Peter Slipper MP
Chairman

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