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Terms of reference

On 13 September 2012, the International Fund for Agricultural Development Amendment Bill 2012 was referred to the Committee by the Selection Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Selection Committee's report stated the following reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Determine whether the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has fully addressed the concerns that were raised by the former Howard Government, and which prompted Australia to withdraw from the organisation in 2004.
- Consideration of the additional financial and human resources required by AusAID to support Australia's engagement with IFAD.¹

1 House of Representatives Selection Committee, *Report No. 65*, 13 September 2012, p. 3.



List of abbreviations

AMA	Australian Multilateral Assessment
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
DFID	UK Department for International Development
FATP	Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio agencies
GEF	Global Environment Facility
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
JSCT	Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
MDG	Millenium Development Goal
MOPAN	Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network
RIA	RESULTS International Australia
UN	United Nations
UNCCD	UN Convention to Combat Desertification



List of recommendations

The International Fund for Agricultural Development and the Bill

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the International Fund for Agricultural Development Amendment Bill 2012 be passed.

