

# **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 14 OF 2018**

*29 November 2018*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator David Bushby (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Brian Burston (United Australia Party Whip)

Senator Stirling Griff (Centre Alliance Whip)

Senator Peter Georgiou (Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip)

Senator Derryn Hinch (Derryn Hinch's Justice Party Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Anne Urquhart (Opposition Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

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Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins

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Secretary: Rachel Callinan  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### REPORT NO. 14 OF 2018

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 28 November 2018 at 7.30 PM.
2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Regulation) Bill 2018 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 February 2019 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Australian Cannabis Agency Bill 2018
  - Australian Research Council Amendment (Ensuring Research Independence) Bill 2018
  - Customs Amendment (Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2018
  - Customs Tariff Amendment (Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2018
  - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2018
  - Future Drought Fund Bill 2018
  - Future Drought Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2018
  - Halal Certification Transitional Authority Bill 2018
  - Intelligence Services Amendment Bill 2018
  - Migration Amendment (Streamlining Visa Processing) Bill 2018
  - Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australia Fund Bill 2018
  - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018
  - Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Supporting Retirement Incomes) Bill 2018.
4. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement (see appendix 2 for statements of reasons for proposed referrals):
  - Australian Citizenship Amendment (Strengthening the Citizenship Loss Provisions) Bill 2018
  - Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Legislation Amendment Bill 2018
  - National Integrity Commission Bill 2018
  - National Integrity (Parliamentary Standards) Bill 2018
  - Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty Consequential Amendments Bill 2018 and the Passenger Movement Charge Amendment (Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty) Bill 2018
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (Strengthening Corporate and Financial Sector Penalties) Bill 2018.

(David Bushby)

**Chair**

29 November 2018

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

Name of bill: Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Regulation) Bill 2018

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To investigate the impact of the bill on the regulation of agricultural and veterinary medicines products in Australia
- To scrutinise amendments to the
  - *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992*
  - *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994 (the Code Act), and;*
  - *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment Act 2013 (the Amendment Act).*
- To investigate the impact of the bill on agricultural industries and other relevant stakeholders.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority
- Department of Health
- Department of Industry and Science
- National Farmers' Federation
- Australian Council of Trade Unions
- CropLife
- Animal Medicines Australia
- Veterinary Manufacturers and Distributors Association - VMDA

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

**To be determined by the committee**

Possible reporting date: 11 February 2019

  
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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

Name of bill: Australian Citizenship Amendment (Strengthening the Citizenship Loss Provisions) Bill 2018

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

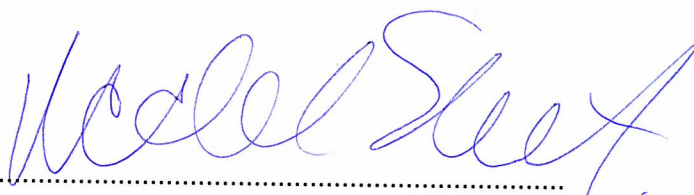
Possible submissions or evidence from:

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

Possible hearing date(s): 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan

Possible reporting date: Second sitting Wednesday of 2019

(signed)



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Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bill: Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

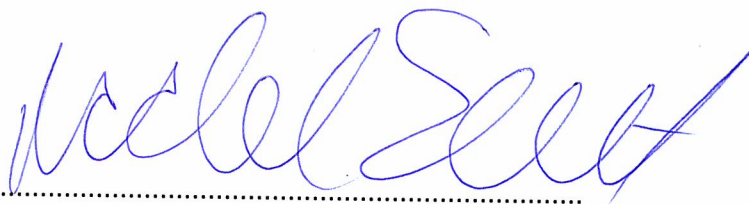
Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred: *Legal & Constitution Affairs  
References Committee.*

Possible hearing date(s): 13,14<sup>th</sup> December

Possible reporting date: First sitting Wednesday of 2019

(signed)

  
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Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert

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

Name of bills:

- National Integrity Commission Bill 2018 (McGowan PMB)
- National Integrity (Parliamentary Standards) Bill 2018 (McGowan PMB)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To inquire into the various measures that would be brought about by these bills, including the way in which the proposed national integrity commission would interact with existing Commonwealth integrity agencies, as neither Bill has been the subject of an exposure draft or any form of public consultation;
- To hear the views of legal experts, stakeholder groups, existing federal and state integrity agencies, civil society organisations and members of the Australian public about the merits and any potential problems with the model, jurisdiction, procedures, powers and other measures related to establishment of a national integrity commission and the parliamentary standards enforcement system proposed by these two bills.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- The Law Council of Australia
- State and Territory Bar Associations
- Federal police and integrity agencies
- State integrity agencies
- The Attorney-General's Department
- Legal experts
- Civil society organisations such as the Australia Institute
- Members of the Australian public

Committee to which bills are to be referred:

Senate Legal & Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee

Possible reporting date:

5 April 2019.



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Senator Anne Urquhart

## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of bill:**

Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty Consequential Amendments Bill 2018, and  
Passenger Movement Charge Amendment (Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty)  
Bill 2018

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

Impact on Australia's relationship with Timor  
Impact on business in the region

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science  
Woodside  
ConocoPhillips  
Santos  
INPEX  
Eni  
Tokyo Timor Sea Resources  
Woodside  
Shell  
Osaka Gas

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the committee

**Possible reporting date:**

12 February 2019



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Senator Anne Urquhart



## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of bill:** Treasury Laws Amendment (Strengthening Corporate and Financial Sector Penalties) Bill 2018

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

This Bill responds to the ASIC Enforcement Review Taskforce Report, released in December 2017.

Since this Report was released, the Banking Royal Commission has uncovered widespread and systematic misconduct across the financial services industry.

Given the new evidence that has come to light, it would be appropriate to refer the Bill to inquiry for careful consideration to ensure it sufficiently strong and robust to tackle corporate misconduct.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Consumer Action Law Centre, Financial Rights Legal Centre, ASIC, the ACCC, experts on corporate misconduct and financial crime, the Law Council of Australia, State, Territory and International Bar Associations (e.g. the Victorian Bar and Criminal Bar Association), state and territory law associations/institutes (e.g. Law Institute of Victoria, NSW Law Society).

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

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

**Possible reporting date:** 12 February 2019



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Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—  
PRESENTATION OF 14 REPORT OF 2018—  
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON  
THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2018**

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At the end of the motion, add, “and, in respect of the:

- (a) Australian Citizenship Amendment (Strengthening the Citizenship Loss Provisions) Bill 2018, the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Legislation Amendment Bill 2018, and the Intelligence Services Amendment Bill 2018, the bills not be referred to committees for inquiry and report;
- (b) National Integrity Commission Bill 2018, the provisions of the bill be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 April 2019;
- (c) Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty Consequential Amendments Bill 2018 and the Passenger Movement Charge Amendment (Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty) Bill 2018, the provisions of the bills be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 February 2019; and
- (d) Electoral Legislation Amendment (Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2018, the provisions of the bill not be referred to a committee.”.