SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 8 OF 2019

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- 1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 13 November 2019 at 7.37pm.
- 2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 February 2020 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Sport Integrity Australia) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 February 2020 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (c) the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 19 March 2020 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
- 3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Aged Care Legislation Amendment (New Commissioner Functions) Bill 2019
 - Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill
 2019
 - Education Legislation Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019
 - Fair Work Amendment (Restoring Penalty Rates) Bill 2018 [No. 2]
 - Productivity Commission Amendment (Addressing Inequality) Bill 2017.
- 4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
 - Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia's Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019
 - Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019
 - Customs Amendment (Safer Cladding) Bill 2019
 - Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
 - Family Law (Self-Assessment) Bill 2019
 - Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2019
 - Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019
 - Health Legislation Amendment (Data-matching and Other Matters) Bill 2019
 - Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Single Treatment Pathway)
 Bill 2019
 - National Integrity (Parliamentary Standards) Bill 2019

- Official Development Assistance Multilateral Replenishment Obligations (Special Appropriation) Bill 2019
- Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2019
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019
- Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2019
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures)
 Bill 2019
 - Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2019.
- 5. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
 - Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Cessation) Bill 2019 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral)

(Dean Smith)

Chair

14 November 2019

Name of bill:

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To determine whether the Parliament of Australia should vote in favour of this bill in its current form (or in an amended form), having regard to the views of industry and other key stakeholders

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Various banks and financial institutions (including professional services, superannuation and financial services firms), representatives from the gambling sector, representatives from the real estate sector, the Department of Home Affairs (specifically AFP and AUSTRAC), the Law Council of Australia and other commercial law representatives.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date: **21 February 2019**

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Senator Anne Urguhart

Name of bill: Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To ensure current glaring money laundering/terrorism financing risks (e.g. a range of services provided by lawyers, accountants, conveyancers, real estate agents, high-value dealers, trust and company service providers, and offshore-based businesses) that aren't currently captured by the AML/CTF Act are fully examined.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Transparency International Australia, Australian Council for International Development, Australian Privacy Foundation, Law Council of Australia

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

Possible hearing date(s): 6-7 February 2020

Possible reporting date: 21 February 2020

(signed)

Print name:

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia's Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Sport Integrity Australia) Bill 2019
Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: - Hear from stakeholders - Examine issues around self-incrimination - Ensure Wood Review recommendations are implemented appropriately
Possible submissions or evidence from: - Athletes' associations across major sports codes
Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs
Possible hearing date(s): On the papers
Possible reporting date: February 2020
(signed) Rachel Sievent
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Name of bill:

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Determine details of current policy measures in place to address tax evasion and use of tax havens by grant recipients and Government suppliers
- Determine any need for amendments to ensure that the Bill operates as intended

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Government Agencies: Treasury, Finance, ATO

Civil Society: Tax Justice Network, Tax Institute of Australia, CPA Australia, CAANZ, Institute

of Public Accountants

Significant Government Contractors: Serco, Transfield, Paladin, etc.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

(Canberra – February 2020 Sydney – February 2020) To be determined by the Committee

Possible reporting date:

19 March 2020

Senator Anne Urquhart

Name of bill: Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Cessation) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Human rights concerns, given the Government's track record with citizenship bills (bill will originate in the House on Thursday 19 September 2019).

Possible submissions or evidence from: legal and human rights experts and advocates such as The Law Council of Australia, Australian Lawyers for Human Rights, Australian Human Rights Commission, and Civil Liberties Australia.

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

Possible hearing date(s): 7-8 November 2019

Possible reporting date: 4 December 2019

(signed)

Print name:

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At the end of the motion, add "and, in respect of the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Cessation) Bill 2019, the bill not be referred to a committee".