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### **Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2001**

On 19 September 2001 the Senate, on the recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee, referred the above Bill to the Committee for inquiry and report by 24 September 2001. Due to the sitting schedule of the Senate and the legislative priority for this Bill, the Committee has been given a very short inquiry timetable.

In recommending the reference of the Bill to the Committee, the Selection of Bills Committee provided the following issues for consideration:

To consider whether this legislation will safeguard the basic employment rights of people with disabilities, and to examine the concerns with the level of standards of the draft set of key performance indicators, and in particular, the ability to address the current non-compliance; issues of the development of the QA system; and the issue of those people, primarily with an intellectual disability, who are employed under inappropriate employment terms and conditions, in non-viable business enterprises, which result in poor wages and institutionalisation.

The Committee invites written submissions addressing the above issues. The submission should be lodged with the Committee by Monday, 24 September 2001. The Committee understands the restrictions imposed by the very short timetable and suggests that a submission could be in the form of pointed comments. The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically as an attached document - email: [community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au) – otherwise by fax (number 02 6277 5829).

Subject to time and the submissions that are received, the Committee will determine if a short public hearing can be held.