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Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2006

The Senate, on the recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee, has referred the provisions of the above Bill to the Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2006. The Committee was asked particularly to examine the potential to improve the operation of the Advanced Payment Option.

The Minister's second reading speech relating to the Bill is attached for your information. The Bill, Explanatory Memorandum, Parliamentary Library Bills Digest and other information relating to the inquiry may be accessed on the Committee's website at: http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac_ctte/hoscom/index.htm

The Committee invites written submissions relating to the Bill addressing the above issue or other issues which are of relevance to your organisation. Submissions relating to the Bill should be lodged by Thursday, 13 April 2006. The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically as an attached document - email: community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au - otherwise by fax (number 02 6277 5829).

The Committee intends to hold a hearing on the Bill in late April.