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Private Health Insurance Bill 2006 [provisions] and related Bills

On 7 December 2006 the Senate, on the recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee, referred the following Bills to the Community Affairs Committee, for inquiry and report by 26 February 2007:

Private Health Insurance Bill 2006

Private Health Insurance (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006

Private Health Insurance (Prostheses Application and Listing Fees) Bill 2006

Private Health Insurance (Collapsed Organization Levy) Amendment Bill 2006

Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy Amendment Bill 2006

Private Health Insurance (Council Administration Levy) Amendment Bill 2006

Private Health Insurance (Reinsurance Trust Fund Levy) Amendment Bill 2006

The Bills, Explanatory Memoranda and Minister's second reading speech may be accessed via the link: <u>legislation and documentation relating to the Bills</u>

The Committee invites you to provide a written submission addressing issues that may be of relevance to you. The submission should be lodged by 25 January 2007. The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically as an attached document – email: community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au – otherwise by fax (02 6277 5829).

Submissions become Committee documents and are made public only after a decision by the Committee. Publication of submissions includes loading them onto the internet and their being available to other interested parties including the media. Persons making submissions must not release them without the approval of the Committee. Submissions are covered by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not protected.

Information relating to Senate Committee inquiries, including notes to assist in the preparation of submissions for a Committee, can be located on the Internet at http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm

The Committee intends to hold a public hearing in Canberra on 2 February 2007. Should you require further information please contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 3515.