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Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004

On 1 December 2004 the Senate, on the recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee, has referred the above Bill to the Committee. The Committee is due to report by 8 February 2005.

The Bill, Explanatory Memoranda and second reading speech may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.aph.gov.au/ParlInfo/BillsNet/main.htm>

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

- to examine the provisions of the Bill relating to increases in the private health insurance rebate to ascertain if the Bill will increase the affordability of private health insurance for all older Australians, regardless of whether they currently hold private health insurance or not, and to examine if there are any inequity implications relating to the affordability of private health insurance for other Australians arising from the changes proposed in the Bill.

The Committee invites written submissions on the Bill. The submission should be lodged with the Committee by Tuesday, 7 December 2004. 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).