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**Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 and two related Bills
Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009**

The Senate has transferred the inquiry into the Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill and related Bills from the Economics Committee to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee and extended the reporting date till 5 August 2009. The transfer also includes the submissions and evidence received by the Economics Committee during its period in control of the inquiry.

The Senate, on the recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee, has also referred the Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009 for inquiry and report by 5 August.

The Bills may be accessed via the following links:

[Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009](#)

[Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives \(Medicare Levy Surcharge\) Bill 2009](#)

[Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives \(Medicare Levy Surcharge — Fringe Benefits\) Bill 2009](#)

[Health Insurance Amendment \(Extended Medicare Safety Net\) Bill 2009](#)

The Committee has combined the inquiries into these Bills and now invites you to provide a written submission addressing any or all of these Bills or to expand on the comments made in an earlier submission due to the extended inquiry time frame. The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically as an attached document – email: community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au – otherwise by fax (02 6277 5829).

The Committee has scheduled hearings for 8, 9 and 10 July though it will continue to receive submissions until 24 July 2009.

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