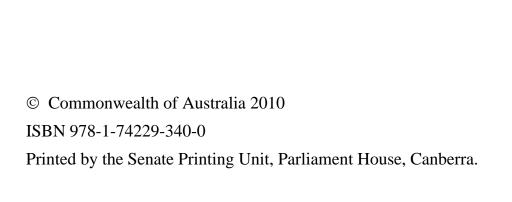
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Australian Civilian Corps Bill 2010 [Provisions]



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Inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Civilian Corps Bill 2010

Background

The Australian Civilian Corps Bill 2010 was introduced in the House of Representatives on 23 June 2010. On 24 June 2010, the Senate referred the provisions of the Bill to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 August 2010.

Purpose of the bill

The Bill sought to establish the Australian Civilian Corps. The Corps was to consist of persons engaged as Australian civilian corps employees who would perform duties overseas. The proposed legislation was to provide a legal framework for the effective and fair employment and management of these employees.

Conduct of the inquiry

The committee advertised the inquiry in the *Australian* on 30 June, 14 July and 11 August. It also wrote to relevant ministers and departments calling for written submissions and contacted a number of other organisations, commentators and academics inviting them to make submissions to the inquiry. The committee has received one submission.

On 19 July 2010, the Governor-General prorogued the 42nd Parliament and dissolved the House of Representatives. After due consideration, the committee has resolved not to continue its inquiry into the provisions of the Bill. If the Bill is reintroduced in the new parliament, the Senate may again refer it to the committee for inquiry.

Senator Mark Bishop Chair