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THE SENATE

Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protections) Bill 2017

(Amendment to be moved by Senator Whish-Wilson, on behalf of the Australian Greens, in committee of the whole)

(1) Page 2 (after line 11), after clause 3, insert:

4 Review of operation of amendments

(1) Within 2 years after the commencement of this section, the Minister must cause to be conducted an independent review of the operation of the amendments made by this Act.

(2) The review must:
   (a) specifically examine the effectiveness of whistleblower protections amended or introduced by this Act;
   (b) consider how the introduction of a rewards system for whistleblowers may increase reporting of corruption, fraud, tax evasion or avoidance, and misconduct within the corporate sector; and
   (c) consider and examine an appropriate rewards or bounties system for whistleblowers who provide information that leads to successful enforcement action.

(3) The Minister must cause to be prepared a written report of the review within 12 months of the review commencing.

(4) The Minister must cause copies of the report to be tabled in each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the day on which the report is given to the Minister.

[independent review]