

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 6

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

19 March 2014

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Chair	Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, Speaker
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Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business and of private Members' business

1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 18 March 2014.
2. The committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members' business on Monday, 24 March 2014, as follows:

Items for House of Representatives Chamber (10.10 am to 12 noon)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Presentation and statements

1 Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services

Report on Annual Reports.

The Committee determined that statements may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.20 am.

Speech time limits —

Mr Coleman — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR RUDDOCK: To move—That this House:

- (1) commends the Government for fulfilling the promise it took to the people at the last federal election with the announcement of the \$3 billion M1-M2 Link, 'NorthConnex';
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) investment in infrastructure is a crucial component for economic growth; and
 - (b) the Government:
 - (i) is delivering on its commitment to build the M1-M2 Link; and
 - (ii) gives credit to the New South Wales Government and Transurban for their role in this development; and
- (3) recognises:
 - (a) that the M1-M2 Link is a greatly needed piece of infrastructure and is the missing link in Sydney's transport system;

- (b) the benefits that the link will provide in reducing travel time, traffic congestion and pollution, and providing safer roads; and
- (c) that this infrastructure will not only benefit the people of North-West Sydney and the central coast, but will have a flow on effect to all areas of Sydney. (*Notice given 17 March 2014.*)

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Ruddock — 10 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 1 x 10 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue at a later hour in the
Federation Chamber.*

2 MS PARKE: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) since 1 July 1932 when ABC Radio first came on air, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), created by the Australian Parliament, has played an integral and essential role in serving communities from all corners of the Australian Federation;
- (b) the ABC and more recently, the Special Broadcasting Corporation (SBS), have played a key role in facilitating the evolution of a diverse but cohesive Australian polity, contributed significantly to the creation of a distinctive Australian identity, and been a critical guarantor of the quality and strength of Australian democracy;
- (c) the ABC's Charter states the broadcaster shall 'contribute to a sense of national identity and inform and entertain, and reflect the diversity of the Australian community';
- (d) public broadcasting plays an irreplaceable role in delivering a range of services that have not been provided and are not likely to be provided by private media organisations, including high-quality educational children's television, comprehensive emergency services broadcasts, non-English language and multicultural programming, and comprehensive coverage of major civic and sporting events, and democratic processes;
- (e) the news, information, entertainment, and emergency service announcements provided by the ABC are of particular importance in regional and remote communities across Australia;
- (f) the ABC has a longstanding and established reputation, based on public opinion data and independent analysis, as the most trusted and trustworthy source of television and radio news in Australia;
- (g) the conservative think-tank, the Institute of Public Affairs, has called for the breakup and/or privatisation of the ABC and SBS; and
- (h) on the day before the election, on 6 September 2013, speaking live to SBS from Penrith football stadium, the Prime Minister said, 'No cuts to education, no cuts to health, no change to pensions, no change to the GST and no cuts to the ABC or SBS'; and

- (2) calls on the Government to:
- (a) confirm the Prime Minister's clear and unequivocal commitment that there will be no cuts to the ABC or SBS;
 - (b) cease its unwarranted, politically motivated vilification of the ABC as a news organisation, and its baseless criticism of the ABC's organisational independence and integrity;
 - (c) respect the ABC's mandate to provide innovative and comprehensive broadcasting services, which in this digital age includes many platforms and cannot be confined to radio and television; and
 - (d) uphold the ABC and SBS Acts in respect of the arms-length, merit-based, and consultative protocols used for the appointment of ABC and SBS Board members. (*Notice given 24 February 2014.*)

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Parke — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 10 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

3 MR HAWKE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
- (a) that in April 2007, the previous government promised to lift Australia's productivity performance by implementing a 'one regulation in, one regulation out' policy, but instead, between 2007 and 2013 it added over 21,000 new regulations and repealed 105;
 - (b) the findings of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry's 2012 National Red Tape Survey which showed that:
 - (i) 44 per cent of businesses spend between one and five hours a week complying with government (federal, state or local) regulatory requirements (filling out forms, applying for permits, reporting business activity);
 - (ii) 72 per cent of businesses say the time they are spending on red tape has increased in the last two years; and
 - (iii) 54.3 per cent say that complying with government regulations has prevented them from making changes to grow or expand their business; and
 - (c) that in 2013, Australia was ranked 128 out of 148 nations on the World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index in terms of its regulatory burden;
- (2) recognises:
- (a) the need for significant deregulation and the removal of burdensome red and green tape to allow businesses in the Australian economy to grow;

- (b) that the Government has a plan to cut regulation across all areas of government, including on the Parliament's first repeal day scheduled for 26 March 2014;
 - (c) that the House Standing Committee on the Environment is currently inquiring into the impact of 'green tape' and issues related to environmental regulation and deregulation; and
 - (d) that identifying other obsolete and outdated legislative instruments and removing them from the statute books will reduce the regulatory burden on the Australian economy; and
- (3) commends the Government for undertaking this approach to deregulation to boost productivity in the Australian economy. (*Notice given 17 March 2014.*)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 12 noon.

Speech time limits —

Mr Hawke — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 + 4 x 5 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MS ROWLAND: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) Australia's co-sponsorship of the 2012 United Nations General Assembly Human Rights Council resolution calling on the Government of Sri Lanka to implement the recommendations of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission of Sri Lanka and to take credible and independent actions to ensure justice, equity, accountability and reconciliation for all Sri Lankans;
 - (b) Australia's co-sponsorship of the 2013 United Nations General Assembly Human Rights Council resolution expressing concern at continuing reports of violations of human rights in Sri Lanka, and reiterating the call upon the Government of Sri Lanka to implement the Commission's recommendations and to fulfil its commitment to conduct an independent and credible investigation into allegations of violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law;
 - (c) reports of continuing violations of human rights in Sri Lanka, intimidation of and reprisals against human rights defenders, members of civil society and journalists, threats to judicial independence and the rule of law, and a rapid rise in violence and discrimination on the basis of religion or belief in Sri Lanka; and
 - (d) the conclusion of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights that national mechanisms have consistently failed to establish the truth and achieve justice in Sri Lanka, and her recommendation that the Human Rights Council establish an international inquiry mechanism to further investigate the alleged violations of human rights law and international humanitarian law and monitor any domestic accountability processes; and
- (2) calls on the Australian Government to:
 - (a) maintain Australia's strong record of support for human rights at the 25th session of the Human Rights Council; and
 - (b) join with the United Kingdom, United States of America and other co-sponsoring nations and commit the Australian Government to the strongest possible support for draft Human Rights Council resolution A/HRC/25/L.1.

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Ms Rowland — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

Orders of the day

1 M1-M2 LINK: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That this House:

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 - (a) investment in infrastructure is a crucial component for economic growth; and
 - (b) the Government:
 - (i) is delivering on its commitment to build the M1-M2 Link; and
 - (ii) gives credit to the New South Wales Government and Transurban for their role in this development; and
- (3) recognises:
 - (a) that the M1-M2 Link is a greatly needed piece of infrastructure and is the missing link in Sydney’s transport system;
 - (b) the benefits that the link will provide in reducing travel time, traffic congestion and pollution, and providing safer roads; and
 - (c) that this infrastructure will not only benefit the people of North-West Sydney and the central coast, but will have a flow on effect to all areas of Sydney.
(*Notice given 17 March 2014.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

First Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 1 x 10 + 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

Notices — continued

2 MR RIPOLL: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) with concern that the Minister for Small Business, after more than six months in the job, has failed to implement a single recommendation of the ‘Wein Review’ into the Franchising Code of Conduct (the Code);
 - (b) that on 7 January 2014 the Minister is quoted in the *Australian Financial Review* as saying that ‘the Coalition would act early in 2014 to “maintain world-class regulatory support for a crucial part of the economy”’ and on 6 January 2014 he is quoted in the *SmartCompany* magazine as saying that the Coalition is ‘working as we speak’ to ensure that changes are made, with a regulatory impact process expected to be completed by mid-year;
 - (c) that 30 April 2014 is the 12 month anniversary of Mr Wein handing the previous government his ‘Wein Review’ recommendations; and

- (d) that the overwhelming majority of Australia's franchise sector, including the peak industry associations, stakeholders and small businesses operating under the Code, have provided input to the previous government's consultation process and expect the Minister to broadly implement the recommendations of the 'Wein Review'; and
- (2) resolves that the Minister immediately act to provide certainty for this important small business sector and introduce into this Parliament the recommendations from the 'Wein Review' including but not limited to:
 - (a) building on an effective disclosure regime by ensuring that disclosure remains relevant, timely, effective, and reflects modern changes in our economy such as the growth of online shopping;
 - (b) clarifying that the Government expects franchisors and franchisees to act in good faith towards one another by making it a requirement under the Code; and
 - (c) enhancing compliance and enforcement of the Code by providing additional tools to the Commonwealth regulator, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. (*Notice given 17 March 2014.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Mr Ripoll — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

3 MS GAMBARO: To move—That this House:

- (1) supports Australia's presidency of the 2014 G20 culminating in the G20 Leaders Summit to be held in Brisbane in November;
- (2) calls on all available opportunities to be extended to businesses and community groups to participate in and maximise their engagement with Australia's G20 presidency; and
- (3) recognises the importance of such a high level meeting to Australia, particularly the economic, tourism and international business engagement opportunities that will result from Australia's G20 presidency, including the positive impacts on Queensland. (*Notice given 17 March 2014.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Ms Gambaro — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

4 DR LEIGH: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) prior to the 1999 referendum to alter the Constitution to establish the Commonwealth of Australia as a republic, many opponents (including monarchists and direct electionists) fomented the expectation that if the vote were defeated, another referendum would be put within a few years;
 - (b) 14 years on, public support for Australia becoming a republic remains solid; and
 - (c) Australian engagement with Asia has strengthened, with the former government's White Paper on Australia in the Asian Century reminding us that our future lies in our region; and
- (2) calls upon the Parliament to make it a priority to hold a referendum to alter the Constitution to establish the Commonwealth of Australia as a republic, so that every Australian child can aspire to be our Head of State. (*Notice given 19 November 2013.*)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.30 pm.

Dr Leigh — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 4 x 5 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

THE HON BRONWYN BISHOP MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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