

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 33**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**24 October 2018**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Chair	Hon A. D. H. Smith MP, Speaker
Members	Mrs N Marino MP (Chief Government Whip)
	Mr C Hayes MP (Chief Opposition Whip)
	Mr D Drum (Nationals Chief Whip)
	Mr S Georganas MP
	Mr L. S. O'Brien MP
	Mr G Perrett MP
	Mrs J Prentice MP
	Mr R Ramsey MP
	Ms J Ryan MP
	Mr B van Manen MP
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	Mr K Hogan MP, Deputy Speaker

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Secretary	Mr P Banson
Committee support	Mr R Selth
	Mr D Pecar
	Mr G Taylor

## Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business and of private Members' business

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1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 23 October 2018.
2. The Committee deliberated on items of committee and delegation business that had been notified, private Members' business items listed on the Notice Paper and notices lodged on Tuesday, 23 October 2018, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 26 November 2018, as follows:

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

#### COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

##### Presentation and statements

##### 1 Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs

*Breaking barriers: a national adoption framework for Australian children*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.20 am*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Banks — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

##### Notices

- 1 **MR WILKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to require certain employers to obtain certification of compliance with an equal pay standard, and for related purposes. (*Equal Pay Standard Bill 2018*)  
(*Notice given 23 October 2018.*)

*Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.*

- 2 MS MCGOWAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish the National Integrity Commission, and for related purposes. (*National Integrity Commission Bill 2018*)  
(*Notice given 23 October 2018.*)

*Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.*

- 3 MS HUSAR:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that 23 November 2018 is White Ribbon Day (WRD) followed by the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 25 November;
- (2) recognises that WRD aims to prevent violence against women by increasing public awareness and challenging attitudes and behaviours that allow gendered violence to continue;
- (3) supports the United Nations UNiTE to End Violence against Women and the 16 days of activism campaigns which are held internationally from 25 November to 10 December each year;
- (4) understands that:
  - (a) this year, as of 15 October 2018, 55 women have been killed by violence in Australia;
  - (b) one in three women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence perpetrated by someone known to them;
  - (c) each week on average one woman is killed by a current or former partner; and
  - (d) domestic and family violence is the principle cause of homelessness for women and their children;
- (5) acknowledges the high economic cost of violence against women, which is estimated to cost the Australian economy \$21.7 billion a year; and
- (6) asks all Members to show their support for the principles of WRD.

(*Notice given 15 October 2018.*)

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Husar — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 8 x 5 mins]

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

**4 MRS MARINO:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) on Remembrance Day on 11 November 2018, we commemorated the Centenary of the First World War Armistice;
  - (b) from a population of less than five million, more than 400,000 Australians enlisted to serve, and of these, more than 150,000 were wounded, gassed or taken prisoner and more than 60,000 made the ultimate sacrifice giving their lives for their country; and
  - (c) this was an enormous toll for a young nation like Australia with nearly every family and community across the country having experienced a loss of some kind; and
- (2) acknowledges:
  - (a) the service and sacrifice of Australia's current and former serving men and women;
  - (b) the unwavering commitment of the families who support our veterans on the home front; and
  - (c) and thanks all current and former defence personnel for their service.

*(Notice given 23 October 2018.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mrs Marino — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 8 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 MR DICK:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) Brisbane's southside hosts a vibrant Vietnamese-Australian community; and
  - (b) Vietnamese migration is a successful case of multiculturalism at its finest and has strengthened the social fabric of Australian society;
- (2) recognises that:
  - (a) Australia must continue to advocate for freedom and the respect of human rights for the people of Vietnam and for all people around the world;
  - (b) international human rights organisations such as Human Rights Watch, have become increasingly concerned about abuses to human rights in Vietnam;
  - (c) Vietnam's prisons currently hold at least 140 political prisoners; and

- (d) during the first five months of 2018 alone, at least 26 rights activists and bloggers were put on trial, convicted and sentenced to long prison terms; and
- (3) calls on the Australian Government to:
  - (a) exert pressure on the Vietnamese Government to allow thorough examination of claims of human rights abuses;
  - (b) seek the holding of those responsible for these abuses to account; and
  - (c) help protect vulnerable citizens from human rights abuses in Vietnam.

*(Notice given 27 June 2018; amended 13 August 2018.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Dick — 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.*

**2 MR EVANS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS):
  - (a) is a cultural institution of international renown; and
  - (b) has been central to the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies;
- (2) notes that on Monday, 15 October 2018 AIATSIS unveiled its *Strategic Plan 2018-2023* in Parliament House;
- (3) congratulates the dedicated team at AIATSIS for its ambitious strategic plan;
- (4) commends the work of AIATSIS in helping to forge a national identity that embraces, celebrates and preserves the unique cultures of Australia's First Peoples; and
- (5) encourages honourable Members to raise public awareness of the institute's collections and the great work being done by AIATSIS to assist and promote the study of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages and culture.

*(Notice given 23 October 2018.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Evans — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 6 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 KEARNEY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) a recent report into CEO remuneration found that the average total pay of ASX 100 CEOs rose by 9 per cent last year—4 times the pace of average wage growth;
  - (b) the median ASX 100 CEO earned more than \$4 million, and the average pay for ASX 100 CEOs was 75 times the average pay of full time workers, meaning a CEO takes home in a single year what it would take the average worker nearly two careers to accrue;
  - (c) excessive remuneration was not always the norm, given in the late 1970s, the BHP CEO was earning only around 6 or 7 times what an average Australian worker took home; and
  - (d) there is widespread public concern about inequality, and in particular that CEO salaries are growing at an unfair rate and leaving workers behind;
- (2) recognises that:
  - (a) large firms in the United States and the United Kingdom are required to report ratios between CEO pay and workers in their firms;
  - (b) excessive CEO pay makes firms less profitable than they should be, with experts noting that an excessive gap can hurt employee morale and reduce productivity;
  - (c) remuneration ratio transparency is not an affront, but rather a complement, to a market economy; and
  - (d) extending current market reporting requirements for public companies helps inform investors as they calculate risks and decide where to invest their money; and
- (3) calls on the Government to support Labor’s plan to implement reporting rules requiring large listed firms to publicly release the ratio of total CEO remuneration and median worker pay.

*(Notice given 23 October 2018.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Kearney — 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 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 June 2018*) on the motion of Mr Falinski—That this House:

- (1) recognises the important role that local government plays in Australia;
- (2) notes the continuing support that the Australian Government provides to local governments around Australia including:

- (a) Black Spot Program funding;
  - (b) the Bridges Renewal Program; and
  - (c) the Roads of Strategic Importance initiative; and
- (3) recognises that strong local government is important for strong and healthy communities.

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*All 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.*

**WHITE RIBBON DAY:** Resumption of debate on the motion of Ms Husar—That this House:

- (1) notes that 23 November 2018 is White Ribbon Day (WRD) followed by the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 25 November;
- (2) recognises that WRD aims to prevent violence against women by increasing public awareness and challenging attitudes and behaviours that allow gendered violence to continue;
- (3) supports the United Nations UNiTE to End Violence against Women and the 16 days of activism campaigns which are held internationally from 25 November to 10 December each year;
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  - (c) each week on average one woman is killed by a current or former partner; and
  - (d) domestic and family violence is the principle cause of homelessness for women and their children;
- (5) acknowledges the high economic cost of violence against women, which is estimated to cost the Australian economy \$21.7 billion a year; and
- (6) asks all Members to show their support for the principles of WRD.

*Time allotted — remaining private Members’  
business time prior to 1.30 pm*

*Speech time limits —*

*All 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.*



## Items for Federation Chamber (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices – continued

4 **MR CHRISTENSEN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service was renamed as Open Arms: Veterans and Families Counselling Service, by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs on 19 October 2018 to coincide with the Invictus Games;
  - (b) veterans of the Vietnam War were the first to recognise the need for specialist counselling services for Australia's returned service personnel—their lobbying resulted in the establishment of the Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service, or VVCS, in 1982;
  - (c) since its establishment, VVCS has assisted thousands of veterans and their families with mental health and relationship issues, as well as building resilience and wellbeing;
  - (d) over the years, the focus of this service has expanded to include veterans of all conflicts, their families and other members of the veteran community and the new name recognises this broader focus; and
- (2) acknowledges the significant legacy of Australia's Vietnam veterans who have ensured that future generations of serving men and women will have access to specialised mental health and wellbeing support.

*(Notice given 23 October 2018.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Christensen — 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.*

5 **MR DICK:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) there are approximately 1,500 new car dealers in Australia that operate 3,500 new vehicle outlets;
  - (b) 85 per cent of new car dealers are private or family owned businesses; and
  - (c) the Australian Automotive Dealer Association is the peak industry body exclusively representing franchised new car dealers in Australia;
- (2) recognises that:

- (a) the economic impact of the new vehicle retailing sector to Australia is significant, contributing \$14.91 billion dollars to the national economy and employing almost 70,000 Australians;
  - (b) vehicle manufacturers in Australia are increasingly behaving in a way that makes it very challenging for new car dealers to run a viable business;
  - (c) relations between manufacturers and dealers is currently governed by the Franchising Code of Conduct; and
  - (d) this code has failed to protect dealers as it does not account for the highly technical nature of the automotive industry and the scale of both dealers and manufacturers relative to regular franchisees and franchisors; and
- (3) calls on the Government to support Labor’s plan to implement an industry-specific auto dealership code that will deliver clear ground rules for manufacturers and dealerships, including obligations under the Australian Consumer Law and consumer complaints, warranty and repair processes, dealership agreements and the ability to make variations to them, and termination notices.

*(Notice given 15 October 2018.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Dick — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 8 x 5 mins]

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

## **Orders of the day - continued**

### **2 VOLUNTEERING:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 August 2018*) on the motion of Mr Vasta—That this House:

- (1) recognises the fantastic contribution that volunteers make to the community of Bonner, and to Australia in general;
- (2) notes there are 8.7 million volunteers around Australia in organisations like sports clubs, charities and schools;
- (3) congratulates the Government for allocating \$20 million in funding to support volunteering; and
- (4) notes that volunteering efforts make an estimated annual economic and social contribution of \$290 billion.

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*All 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.*

## Notices - continued

6 **MS SHARKIE:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) the scientific evidence for both the existence of climate change and the anthropogenic factors that cause it is overwhelming and compelling and should no longer be held in doubt;
- (b) climate change is projected to create serious risks to health, livelihoods, food security, water supply, human security and economic growth and that action on climate change is of critical importance to future generations of Australians;
- (c) the Australian Institute's report entitled *Climate of the Nation 2018* found that 73 per cent of Australians are concerned about climate change, up from 66 per cent in 2017, and that only 11 per cent of Australians do not think that climate change is occurring;
- (d) in March 2007, the then Opposition Leader, the Hon Kevin Rudd, stated that 'Climate change is the great moral challenge of our generation.';
- (e) in February 2010, the then Member for Wentworth, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull, stated that 'Climate change policy...is an exercise in risk management and no reasonable person could regard the risk as being so low that no action was warranted.';
- (f) the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2018 special report entitled *Global Warming of 1.5°C* concluded that human activities are estimated to have caused approximately 1°C of global warming above pre-industrial levels;
- (g) that same report concludes with high confidence that global warming is likely to reach 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels between 2030 and 2052 if it continues to increase at the current rate;
- (h) climate related risks are projected to substantially increase with global warming of 1.5°C and seriously increase with global warming of 2°C or higher; and
- (i) serious Government action on climate change in Australia has badly stalled; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

- (a) maintain its commitment to the Paris Agreement and its targets; and
- (b) take:
  - (i) genuine and meaningful action to meet those targets; and
  - (ii) significantly greater action to reduce Australia's greenhouse emissions, and as soon as possible.

(Notice given 16 October 2018.)

*Time allotted — 45 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Sharkie — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 9 x 5 mins]

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

### **Orders of the day - continued**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY:** Resumption of debate on the motion of Mrs Marino—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) on Remembrance Day on 11 November 2018, we commemorated the Centenary of the First World War Armistice;
  - (b) from a population of less than five million, more than 400,000 Australians enlisted to serve, and of these, more than 150,000 were wounded, gassed or taken prisoner and more than 60,000 made the ultimate sacrifice giving their lives for their country; and
  - (c) this was an enormous toll for a young nation like Australia with nearly every family and community across the country having experienced a loss of some kind; and
- (2) acknowledges:
  - (a) the service and sacrifice of Australia's current and former serving men and women;
  - (b) the unwavering commitment of the families who support our veterans on the home front; and
  - (c) and thanks all current and former defence personnel for their service.

*Time allotted — remaining private Members'  
business time prior to 7.30 pm*

*Speech time limits —*

*All 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 A. D. H. SMITH MP**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

23 October 2018