

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 12**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**26 February 2020**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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## 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, 25 February 2020.
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, 25 February 2020, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 2 March 2020, as follows:

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

##### Notices

- 1 MR BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to recognise and declare a climate change emergency, and for related purposes. (*Climate Emergency Declaration Bill 2020*)  
(Notice given 25 February 2020.)

*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 CLAYDON:** To move—That this House:
  - (1) notes that:
    - (a) International Women's Day will be held on Sunday, 8 March 2020; and
    - (b) the theme for 2020 is 'Each for Equality', which calls on all of us to 'Celebrate women's achievement. Raise awareness against bias. Take action for equality';
  - (2) recognises that entrenched gender inequities remain, including:
    - (a) high rates of family and domestic violence, sexual violence and harassment;
    - (b) the under-representation of women in leadership roles; and
    - (c) pay inequity and the undervaluation of work in traditionally female industries; and
  - (3) calls on the Government to:
    - (a) make gender equality a central priority;
    - (b) commit to urgent action to improve Australian women's:
      - (i) safety and physical security;
      - (ii) economic security and retirement incomes;
      - (iii) health and reproductive rights; and
      - (iv) representation in Australian parliaments; and
    - (c) reinstate the Women's Budget Statement.

(Notice given 25 February 2020.)

*Time allotted — 50 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Claydon — 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 PEARCE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that new Defence projects such as the Boxer Combat Reconnaissance Vehicles built under the \$5 billion LAND 400 Phase 2 Mounted Combat Reconnaissance Capability program support the development of defence industry and small business in electorates across Australia;
- (2) supports job creation in construction and sustainment;
- (3) recognises this project presents an exciting opportunity for Australian industry to play a vital role in delivering leading-edge capability and technology to Australia's army; and
- (4) acknowledges the Government's significant \$200 billion investment in Australia's defence capability.

*(Notice given 11 February 2020.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Pearce — 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 MR T. R. WILSON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) the Jewish Australian Internet Radio (J-AIR) is an outstanding broadcasting service that brings together Jewish culture, news, analysis, music, comedy, personalities and performers for audiences in Melbourne and through the internet;
  - (b) since 2014, the volunteers at J-AIR have worked tirelessly to give Jewish people a voice and provide awareness of the ongoing safety and security challenges faced by Melbourne's Jewish community;
  - (c) as demonstrated by the 2019 Executive Council of Australian Jewry report, the character of anti-Semitism has worsened in Australia and services like J-AIR play a crucial security role;
  - (d) J-AIR has begun working closely with the Community Security Group (CSG) to combat the rise of anti-Semitism and ensure the safety and security of the Jewish community in Victoria; and

- (e) the absence of a community broadcasting licence limits of the capacity of J-AIR to fulfil these critical functions; and
- (2) calls on the Australian Communications and Media Authority to consider the new relationship with the CSG and allocate J-AIR a community broadcasting licence in the Melbourne Radio Licence Area.

*(Notice given 25 February 2020.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr T. R. Wilson — 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.*

## **Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)**

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

#### **Notices**

#### **1 MR SHORTEN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) on 20 January 2020 the final report from the review of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* was handed down by Mr David Tune AO PSM; and
  - (b) the report made 29 recommendations that have been endorsed by the disability sector, including people with disability, service providers and carers; and
- (2) calls on the Government to act on the recommendations of the review as soon as possible.

*(Notice given 12 February 2020.)*

*Time allotted — 45 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Shorten — 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

**1 DISABILITY RELATED HEALTH SUPPORTS:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 September 2019*) on the motion of Mr C. Kelly—That this House:

- (1) notes the Council of Australian Governments Disability Reform Council met on 28 June 2019 and resolved a number of long-standing issues, including the interaction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) with the health system;
- (2) welcomes the council's agreement to a range of disability-related health supports that will be provided through the NDIS; and
- (3) notes the:
  - (a) NDIS will fund disability-related health supports where the supports are required as a result of the participant's disability and assist the participant to undertake activities of daily living;
  - (b) types of health supports that will be funded by the NDIS include continence supports, dysphagia and nutrition supports, respiratory supports and supports for wound and pressure care; and
  - (c) approach agreed to by the council to fund disability related health supports under the NDIS recognises participants need to be placed at the centre of all decisions.

*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

**2 MR GILES:** To move—That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable John Cain, and acknowledges his extraordinary contribution to public life and to the State of Victoria, in particular as Premier from 1982 to 1990.

(*Notice given 24 February 2020.*)

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Giles — 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 – continued

**2 MEDICARE:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 2019*) on the motion of Dr Gillespie—That this House:

- (1) notes the Government’s commitment to Medicare;
- (2) further notes:
  - (a) the record level of funding to Medicare in 2018-19 of \$24.1 billion, which is an increase of 3.5 per cent in benefits paid in the 2017-18 financial year;
  - (b) that the national GP bulk billing rate of 86.2 per cent is a four percentage point increase on the 2012-13 figure of 82.2 per cent when Labor were last in office; and
  - (c) that patients made 136.5 million bulk billed GP visits in 2018-19, up 3.3 million visits on the previous financial year;
- (3) acknowledges that on 1 July 2019, the Government increased the patient rebate for further GP items on the Medicare Benefits Schedule, and that specialist procedures, allied health services and other GP services such as mental health and after hours services, were indexed; and
- (4) congratulates the Government for ensuring the Medicare Benefits Schedule Review will continue to ensure that Medicare services are effective and appropriate for patients now and into the future

*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  
= 9 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

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

- (1) thanks the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) for its service in delivering vital emergency broadcasts and comprehensive coverage during the catastrophic fires;
- (2) acknowledges the dramatic rise in emergency broadcasts—from 256 in 2017 to 371 in 2018-19 and 673 so far this year, which have been delivered without additional funding to cover the resources which have been poured into the emergency broadcast effort;
- (3) recognises that since Boxing Day, as bushfires raged across Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia, the ABC handled more than 100 emergency broadcasts in a single week, receiving widespread praise for the practical, life-saving information and the professionalism on display;

- (4) notes the heavy damage sustained to ABC radio and television network infrastructure during the bushfires, particularly at Bateman's Bay in New South Wales and East Gippsland in Victoria;
- (5) commends the ABC for mobilising to restore local radio stations as a priority because of their critical role in providing information to communities during disasters;
- (6) acknowledges that the ABC should not be put into a position of having to economise on its emergency broadcasting due to Government funding cuts; and
- (7) calls on the Government to reverse the \$83.7 million paused in indexation funding as a matter of urgency.

*(Notice given 24 February 2020.)*

*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**

#### **3 ONLINE SAFETY:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 2020*) on the motion of Mr Connelly—That this House:

- (1) recognises:
  - (a) that society is more connected online than ever before in history; and
  - (b) the importance of keeping Australians safe online;
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) the Government established the world's first Children's eSafety Commissioner in 2015, and expanded this role to cover all Australians in 2017;
  - (b) in 2018 the Office of the eSafety Commissioner undertook research to examine some of the challenges faced by young people aged 8 to 17 in Australia online; and
  - (c) this research indicated that:
    - (i) 25 per cent of young people have been contacted by strangers/someone they did not know;
    - (ii) 13 per cent of young people reported receiving repeated unwanted online messages from someone; and
    - (iii) 13 per cent of young people reported having lies or rumours spread about them;
- (3) further notes the bipartisan support for the work of the Office of the eSafety Commissioner; and
- (4) congratulates the Government for this world first initiative.



*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*  
*Speech time limits —*  
*All 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.*

## **Notices – continued**

### **4 MS TEMPLEMAN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) there are 120,000 older Australians waiting for their approved home care package, with many waiting more than two years for the care they have been approved for;
  - (b) more than 16,000 older Australians died waiting for their approved home care package they were assessed for in 2017-18—sadly, that was around 300 older Australians that died each week in that year waiting for care;
  - (c) there are around 14,000 older Australians who entered residential aged care prematurely because they couldn't get the care they were assessed and approved for in 2017-18—sadly, that was around 200 older Australians each week having no other choice but to enter residential aged care; and
  - (d) the number of older Australians waiting for home care grew from 88,000 to 120,000 since 2017; and
- (2) condemns the Government for its inadequate response to the Royal Commission's interim report and not providing the home care older Australians need.  
*(Notice given 25 November 2019.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*  
*Speech time limits —*  
*Ms Templeman — 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**

### **4 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING:** Resumption of debate *(from 24 February 2020)* on the motion of Mr Pearce—That this House:

- (1) notes the:
  - (a) creation of 1.2 million jobs since the Coalition Government was elected, with 140,000 young Australians securing employment over that time period;
  - (b) strong commitment of the Government to reform the vocational education and training sector to better meet the demands of the modern Australian economy; and

- (c) leadership of the Government in November 2018 to commission the Joyce Review, a comprehensive expert review of the Australian vocational education and training system which was delivered in March 2019; and
- (2) welcomes the implementation of the Skills Package, a \$525 million suite of measures that includes:
  - (a) a National Careers Institute and the appointment of a National Careers Ambassador;
  - (b) the Foundation Skills for Your Future program—an initiative which will support workers by improving literacy, numeracy, and digital literacy;
  - (c) a streamlined Incentives for Australian Apprenticeships program, which will encourage employers to take on apprentices and trainees;
  - (d) additional incentives to both employers and apprentices in areas affected by skills shortages under the Additional Identified Skills Shortage Payment measure;
  - (e) establishing ten industry training hubs in areas of high unemployment;
  - (f) further addressing youth unemployment in regional areas by funding 400 Commonwealth Scholarships for Young Australians;
  - (g) a National Skills Commission and pilot skills organisations that will promote a nation-wide approach to skills development and enhance the role of industry in designing training courses;
  - (h) an extension of the National Rugby League’s VET Apprenticeship Awareness Program; and
  - (i) Energising Tasmania—a partnership between the Commonwealth and the Tasmanian Government to train a skilled workforce for jobs for the future in pumped hydro and energy infrastructure; and
- (3) welcomes the prospect of creating a further 80,000 apprenticeships in occupations with skills shortages over the coming five years.

*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  
= 8 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

26 February 2020