

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 32

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

26 May 2021

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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, 25 May 2021.
2. The Committee deliberated on items of private Members' business items listed on the Notice Paper and notices lodged on Tuesday, 25 May 2021, and determined the order of precedence and times on Wednesday, 2 June 2021, as follows:

Items for Federation Chamber (10.30 am to 1 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MS VAMVAKINO: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) recent violence in Israel and the Palestinian territories has resulted in the deaths of at least 222 Palestinians in Gaza, including 63 children, and 12 Israelis, including two children;
 - (b) a ceasefire was declared on 20 May 2021; and
 - (c) according to the United Nations, more than 74,000 Palestinians in Gaza were displaced from their homes during the conflict;
- (2) recognises that the impact of this violence is far-reaching, and that many in the Australian community are hurting at this difficult time; and
- (3) calls on the Government to ensure Australia is working constructively to support security and human rights in advance of a just and enduring two-state solution in the Middle East.

(Notice given 25 May 2021.)

Time allotted — 35 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Vamvakinou — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 7 x 5 mins]

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

2 MR RAMSEY: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) 2021 marks 100 years since the discovery of insulin by Canadian surgeon Frederick Banting;
 - (b) Frederick Banting along with his colleagues Professor John McLeod, medical student Charles Best and researcher Dr James Collip, solved the problem of how extracted insulin could be used to treat a person with diabetes;
 - (c) insulin was first administered to a 14 year old boy, Leonard Thompson at the Toronto General Hospital—it was lifesaving for Leonard and for millions of others diagnosed with diabetes over the ensuing years; and
 - (d) for their discovery, Banting and McLeod won the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 1923 and shared their prize money with Best and Collip;
- (2) recognises that:
 - (a) diabetes is a serious and complex metabolic disease that affects the lives of many Australians;
 - (b) more than 1.4 million Australians currently have diabetes and are registered with the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS); and
 - (c) Australians like Anna Moresby, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes as a child during World War 2, can live long and productive lives because of the discovery of insulin—Anna has just received a Kellion Victory Medal for living with diabetes for 80 years; and
- (3) acknowledges that:
 - (a) the Government has a long-standing commitment to the NDSS, established in 1987, which assists people with diabetes to self-manage their diabetes through provision of subsidised insulin pen needles and pump consumables, glucose monitoring strips, continuous glucose monitors and flash monitors, and important information, resources, education and support programs and other services;
 - (b) there has been strong bi-partisan support for the NDSS; and
 - (c) since its inception the NDSS supports all people with diabetes all over Australia, including children with type 1 diabetes and families, young adults, women with diabetes in pregnancy and over 450,000 people who currently use insulin to help manage their diabetes.

(Notice given 24 May 2021.)

Time allotted — 35 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Ramsey — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 7 x 5 mins]

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

3 MS OWENS: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the almost 6 million Australian volunteers who contribute 600 million hours each year to help others through secular and faith-based volunteering organisations;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) in early 2020, two out of every three volunteers cut back their hours, including many older volunteers who had to self-isolate, leaving charities short by an estimated 12.2 million hours per week; and
 - (b) only around one in four volunteer organisations managed to get volunteer participation back to pre-pandemic levels of activity by the start of 2021;
- (3) recognises that while volunteering organisations have been supporting much greater numbers of people in need with fewer resources during the coronavirus pandemic, there was nothing in the Government's latest budget for volunteers; and
- (4) Calls on the Government to get behind our volunteer organisations and make sure they have the resources they need to continue their important work.

(Notice given 25 May 2021.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Owens — 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 MR PEARCE: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that Rotary Australia and New Zealand celebrates its centenary anniversary and first 100 years of service in 2021;
- (2) recognises over 100 years, the strong trust, confidence and worldwide recognition developed through the actions of Rotarians in support of communities;
- (3) notes:
 - (a) Rotary's important work partnering the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and its involvement in the End Trachoma project; and
 - (b) there are approximately 30,000 members who belong to one of the 1,052 charter Rotary clubs established throughout Australia; and
- (4) congratulates Rotary on its participation in global initiatives that have fostered peace, changed the world, helped communities and families, and fundamentally made a measurable difference to the unique lives of millions.

(Notice given 24 May 2021.)

*Time allotted — remaining private Members'
business time prior to 1 pm.*

Speech time limits —

Mr Pearce — 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 (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices – continued

5 MS TEMPLEMAN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes with dismay that suicide is the leading cause of death among Australians aged 15 to 24 years;
- (2) recognises that young people's decision to access mental health care is fragile, and if they do not have a positive experience they may not make another attempt to seek help;
- (3) further notes that youth-friendly mental health services are not available uniformly to young people; and
- (4) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) increase access to effective mental health services and supports for young people across all stages of mental ill-health; and
 - (b) build a youth mental health workforce to meet the current and future needs.

(Notice given 25 May 2021.)

Time allotted — 35 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Templeman — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 7 x 5 mins]

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

6 MR K. J. ANDREWS: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the COVID-19 crisis has caused the cancellation or delay of flights and other travel for many Australians;
 - (b) many Australians have experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining the refund of monies paid for travel, accommodation and other tourist activities;
 - (c) while many travel agents have acted with integrity and fairness, some have not done so; and
 - (d) the COVID-19 crisis has exposed the absence of consumer protections for Australian travellers; and

- (2) urges Australian governments to enact legislation that:
 - (a) provides consumers with a right to a refund if the service they paid for hasn't been fulfilled due to situations outside of human control;
 - (b) establishes mandatory trust accounts for all travel agents, including online travel agents;
 - (c) provides for transparent fee for service for all travel agents with no hidden costs; and
 - (d) ensures that supplier terms and conditions are provided to customers by travel agents.

(Notice given 12 May 2021.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr K. J. Andrews — 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.*

7 MS COKER: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognise that under this Government, Australia has experienced near stagnant wage growth;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) low wages are a deliberate design feature of this Government's economic policy;
 - (b) the budget showed real wages for Australian workers are expected to fall under this Government;
 - (c) budget figures show that Australia is wealthier than we expected but there will be no meaningful benefit of that higher wealth to the wages and salaries of Australians; and
 - (d) while all Australians deserve a pay rise, women, especially suffer under this Government's wage-failure due to the enormous 13.4 per cent gender wage gap; and
- (3) calls on the Government to put the Australian people at the centre of their economic decision making and get wages moving again, starting with an increase to the minimum wage.

(Notice given 25 May 2021.)

Time allotted — 25 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Coker — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

Orders of the day

1 DEFENCE INDUSTRY: Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2021*) on the motion of Mr Connelly—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Government's \$270 billion investment in Australia's defence capability is creating thousands of jobs and opportunities for small businesses across Australia, particularly in the state of Western Australia;
 - (b) it is only because of the Government's continued investment that we are able to guarantee that the men and women of the Australian Defence Force receive the defence capabilities they need to keep Australians safe; and
 - (c) a key pillar of our economic recovery plan to get Australians in jobs is getting more Australian businesses in our defence industry to deliver the essential capability our Defence Force relies on; and
- (2) recognises that because of the support measures the Government has introduced to help Australian defence:
 - (a) businesses remain in business and are recovering from COVID-19; and
 - (b) our defence industry is not only recovering, but thriving as we come back from the COVID-19 recession.

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

8 MS STEGGALL: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) Australia's borders have been closed for over a year to both inbound and outbound travel as an emergency measure;
 - (b) the Government has not disclosed or provided any credible timeline or roadmap to reopen the borders;
 - (c) many Australian citizens are struggling with disconnection from family members, partners and loved ones overseas and unable to see one another;
 - (d) there has been no extension of travel exemptions to family members or visa holders despite repeated calls;
 - (e) many Australian business sectors, like tourism, entertainment, agriculture, universities and industry are pleading for a roadmap to safely reopen the borders; and
 - (f) communities and businesses are continually exposed to quarantine leakages and pay the price with lockdowns;

- (2) calls on the Government to:
- (a) double the capacity of national quarantine facilities using best practice purpose-built facilities such as Howard Springs;
 - (b) prioritise expenditure to accelerate the rollout of the vaccine with a goal of achieving vaccination of at least 80 per cent of the population before the end of the year; and
 - (c) establish a clear roadmap for safely reopening Australian borders and clearly communicate goals and timeframes by reporting back to this Parliament and the Australian people without delay.

(Notice given 25 May 2021.)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Steggall — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 5 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 May 2021