

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 4

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

11 September 2019

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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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, 10 September 2019.
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, 10 September 2019, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 16 September 2019, as follows:

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR WILKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act relating to the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Australians and all people in Australia, and for related purposes. (*Australian Bill of Rights Bill 2019*)
(Notice given 10 September 2019.)

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 MR BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fair Work Act 2009*, and for related purposes. (*Fair Work Amendment (Stop Work to Stop Warming) Bill 2019*)
(Notice given 10 September 2019.)

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 SHARKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009*, and for related purposes. (*National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Small Amount Credit Contract and Consumer Lease Reforms) Bill 2019*)
(Notice given 10 September 2019.)

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.

4 MS SHARKIE: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, and for related purposes. (*Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Real Time Disclosure of Political Donations) Bill 2019*)
(Notice given 9 September 2019.)

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.

5 MS KEARNEY: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) more than 6 years of Liberal government has left Australia facing a crisis in skills and vocational training; and
 - (b) under this Government:
 - (i) more than 150,000 traineeships and apprenticeships have been lost;
 - (ii) \$3 billion has been slashed from TAFE and training; and
 - (iii) 75 per cent of businesses are struggling to find qualified Australians to fill jobs; and
- (2) further notes that:
 - (a) the Coalition's answer to the ongoing demise of the VET sector is a \$525 million skills package, yet Senate estimates confirmed that only \$54.5 million of this is new funding for the sector;
 - (b) the business community, unions and the not-for-profit sector are demanding reform and real funding—they know that a strong and growing economy depends on a skilled Australian workforce; and
 - (c) with youth unemployment stuck at more than double the national average, young people need a decent skills sector that leads to good, secure and well paid jobs.

(Notice given 10 September 2019.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Kearney — 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.

6 MR CONNELLY: To move—That this House:

- (1) considers the Baha'i community a valued part of Australian society;
- (2) commends the contribution that Australian Baha'is make to social cohesion, unity and community building in Australia;

- (3) provides assurance that it holds the Baha'i Faith, its leadership and its practicing members in the highest regard, in light of their focus on serving others with excellence;
- (4) congratulates the Australian Baha'i community on the celebration of the bicentenary of the birth of their founder, the Bab, in October 2019;
- (5) condemns the ongoing persecution of Baha'is across the world, which includes arbitrary arrests and imprisonments, economic isolation and denial of access to higher education;
- (6) acknowledges that 2019 is the bicentenary of the Baha'i Faith;
- (7) notes that the Baha'i Faith teaches core principles of inclusivity, public service and peacefulness;
- (8) recognises that in spite of the openness and peacefulness inherent to their beliefs, members of the Baha'i Faith have suffered significant persecution;
- (9) understands that most, if not all, of the world's major religions have, at various times including the present, suffered persecution in some form; and
- (10) holds that the importance of freedom of religion is both an individual and a collective right, protected under international and domestic law, whereby all people are free to adopt and hold a belief, as well as manifest that belief in worship, observance, practice or teaching.

(Notice given 9 September 2019.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Connelly — 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.

Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MS STEGGALL: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes a national health campaign, No Time for Games, comprising the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Royal Australian College of Physicians, the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, the Australian College of Sport and Exercise Physicians, the Australian College of Emergency Medicine, the Australian Medical Students Association and other organisations representing over 10,000 doctors and medical students nationwide, is calling for the Parliament to officially recognize that climate change represents one of the biggest and most urgent health threats to our children, requiring immediate and effective action;

- (2) recognises that human health is adversely affected by human induced climate change, and that many in the Australian community, including our children, will be more susceptible to:
 - (a) heat related illness and death due to increased temperatures;
 - (b) respiratory disease and death caused by burning fossil fuels; and
 - (c) deadly hypoallergenic conditions like thunderstorm asthma which is exacerbated by longer allergy seasons and more severe weather events; and
- (3) calls on the Government to reduce the incidence of these health effects by acting to develop and implement a plan to de-carbonise every polluting sector by 2050, which will reduce the incidence of extreme temperatures and more severe weather events.

(Notice given 10 September 2019.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Steggall — 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 ENTSCHE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) 24 March is World Tuberculosis (TB) Day, a day to commemorate the precious lives lost due to TB, a disease that is preventable and curable;
 - (b) TB is contagious and airborne—it is the world's leading infectious disease killer and kills more people than HIV/AIDS;
 - (c) in 2017 alone, 1.6 million people died from TB worldwide and 10 million people became sick with the disease; and
 - (d) there is a funding gap of US\$1.3 billion annually in TB research and development and it is critical to develop quicker diagnostic tools, better drugs, and a new TB vaccine in order to end the TB epidemic;
- (2) recognises:
 - (a) that the funding that Australia is providing jointly with the World Bank to support testing and treatment in Papua-New Guinea is already leading to an initiative to achieve universal testing for TB in Daru; and
 - (b) the provision of \$75 million over five years for Product Development Partnerships in the Indo-Pacific Health Security initiative to accelerate access to new therapeutics and diagnostics for drug-resistant TB and malaria, building on the successes of Australia's previous investments; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) develop an action plan to monitor the progress made towards the targets and commitment made at the UN High-Level Meeting on TB; and
 - (b) make an increased financial commitment to the Global Fund at its Replenishment Conference in October 2019.

(Notice given 9 September 2019.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Entsch — 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.*

3 MR HAYES: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that National Police Remembrance Day is observed on 27 September;
- (2) acknowledges the crucial role police officers across Australia play in our local communities and the tremendous risk and sacrifice that comes with their duty;
- (3) honours the lives and memories of those police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the course of their duty and specifically honours the tragic loss of Constable Timothy Proctor of the New South Wales Police Force, who died from injuries sustained in a multiple vehicle collision in Lucas Heights;
- (4) pays tribute to the families and friends of police officers who have been killed in the line of duty throughout our nation's history;
- (5) commends the valuable work of Police Legacy, who look after the loved ones of police officers who have fallen; and
- (6) reaffirms its support for the nation's police officers and honours their courage, commitment and dedication in ensuring the peace and safety of our communities.

(Notice given 10 September 2019.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Hayes — 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 HASTIE: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises those impacted by the collapse of the Sterling First New Life investment scheme and associated companies;
- (2) condemns the Sterling Group for deceptive, scurrilous con-man tactics that were used to prey on vulnerable senior Australians;
- (3) further recognises that the Department of Social Services has introduced a dedicated officer to oversee the Centrelink clients impacted by the collapse and has requested that individuals seek an interview with Centrelink staff, as each personal circumstance is different;
- (4) encourages the people impacted by the collapse to make contact with the department and to make a submission to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority to investigate the financial dealings of the Sterling Group; and

- (5) acknowledges that the company is in administration and that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has commenced investigations into their activities.

(Notice given 9 September 2019.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Hastie — 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 ZAPPIA: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:

- (a) 2019 marks the centenary of Sir Ross Smith and Sir Keith Smith's epic flight from London to Darwin;
- (b) a service was held at St Peter's Cathedral in Adelaide on 15 June 2019 to commemorate the centenary;
- (c) Sir Ross Smith is one of Australia's most distinguished airmen, having served with distinction during World War I and then winning the 1919 Great Air Race with his brother, piloting the renowned Vickers Vimy aircraft now on display at Adelaide Airport; and
- (d) on 15 June 1922 more than 100,000 people lined the streets of Adelaide for the funeral cortege of Sir Ross Smith who was tragically killed in 1922 whilst test flying another Vickers aircraft in preparation for another epic flight; and

- (2) acknowledges heroism of the Smith brothers, their contribution to Australian aviation and the pride they brought to the nation.

(Notice given 10 September 2019.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Zappia — 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 (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices – continued

6 MR GEORGANAS: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the 74th anniversaries of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki occurred on 6 and 9 August 2019 respectively, causing suffering which continues to this day;
 - (b) the ongoing impacts of nuclear weapons on survivors of nuclear testing worldwide, including in Australia;
 - (c) that successive Coalition and Labor Governments have joined all other treaties prohibiting inhumane and indiscriminate weapons;
 - (d) that nuclear dangers are increasing worldwide, with no significant progress on nuclear disarmament in sight;
 - (e) the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons is an urgent humanitarian imperative;
 - (f) the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) outlaws the world's worst weapons of mass destruction, strengthening the international legal nuclear disarmament framework; and
 - (g) the TPNW complements and strengthens Australia's existing commitments under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty; and
- (2) urges Australia to work towards signing and ratifying the TPNW.
(Notice given 31 July 2019.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Georganas — 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.*

7 DR ALLEN: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the imperative of improving waste management, reducing unnecessary packaging and boosting recycling in Australia;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) Australians generate about 67 million tonnes of waste each year, of which 37 million tonnes is recycled;
 - (b) only 12 per cent of the 103 kilograms of plastic waste generated per person in Australia each year is recycled, mostly overseas;
 - (c) for every 10,000 tonnes of waste recycled, more than 9 jobs are created; and
 - (d) waste related activities add \$6.9 billion to the economy annually;

- (3) welcomes the Government's recent \$20 million commitment for innovative projects under round 8 of the Cooperative Research Centres Projects grants to grow our domestic plastics recycling industry; and
- (4) notes that this is part of the Government's Australian Recycling Investment Plan, a package of initiatives totalling \$167 million designed to grow and strengthen Australia's domestic recycling industry, and to support industry and community initiatives to lift recycling rates in Australia.

(Notice given 10 September 2019.)

Time allotted — 45 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Dr Allen — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 1 x 10 mins + 7 x 5 mins]

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

8 DR FREELANDER: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges:
 - (a) south-western Sydney as one of the key growth areas of Australia; and
 - (b) south-western Sydney's cultural and economic contribution to the country; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) ensure south-western Sydney is adequately resourced in terms of vital infrastructure projects and inter-connectivity of the region;
 - (b) ensure that major infrastructure projects, such as Western Sydney International Airport, do not isolate business centres such as Campbelltown and Liverpool from the public transport network;
 - (c) adequately fund public transport links between the Western Sydney Airport, Western Sydney Aerotropolis, and south-western Sydney growth centres to ensure realisation of the economic benefits of the airport for the local community; and
 - (d) build a:
 - (i) south-west rail line extension from Leppington through to Western Sydney Airport;
 - (ii) a north-south rail link from Western Sydney Airport to Macarthur; and
 - (iii) a rapid transit link along 15th Avenue from the Liverpool CBD to Western Sydney Airport.

(Notice given 10 September 2019.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Dr Freeland — 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.*

9 DR GILLESPIE: To move—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.

(Notice given 10 September 2019.)

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

Speech time limits —

Dr Gillespie — 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.*

THE HON A. D. H. SMITH MP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

11 September 2019