

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 6**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**23 November 2022**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Chair            Hon M Dick MP Speaker

Members       Ms J Ryan MP (Chief Government Whip)

Mr B van Manen MP (Chief Opposition Whip)

Mr A Bandt MP

Ms A Byrnes MP

Hon M Coulton MP

Dr M Freeland MP

Dr C Garland MP

Hon M Price MP

Mr R Ramsey MP

Ms T Roberts MP

Ms R Sharkie MP

Mr D Smith MP

Ms A Stanley MP

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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, 22 November 2022.
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, 22 November 2022, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 28 November 2022, as follows:

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

#### COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

##### 1 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

*145th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly Kigali, Rwanda.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.15 am.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Speaker — 5 minutes.*

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

##### Notices

- 1 **MS TINK:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to fuel quality standards and road vehicle standards, and for related purposes. (*Fuel and Vehicle Standards Legislation Amendment (Reducing Vehicle Pollution) Bill 2022*)  
(Notice given 22 November 2022.)

*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 WILKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995*, and for related purposes. (*Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Loot Boxes) Bill 2022*)  
(Notice given 22 November 2022.)

*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 STEGGALL:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, and for related purposes. (*Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Stop the Lies) Bill 2022*)

(*Notice given 22 November 2022.*)

*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 J RYAN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that in May 2022, Australians voted for change and for a Labor Government to build a better future;
- (2) further notes that in the six months since the election, the Parliament:
  - (a) has already legislated to:
    - (i) fix the mess the previous Government made of the aged care sector;
    - (ii) deliver a cleaner and greener future to tackle climate change;
    - (iii) deliver cheaper medicines;
    - (iv) ten days paid family and domestic violence leave;
    - (v) repeal the cashless debit card;
    - (vi) expand access to the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card; and
    - (vii) deliver a ‘Future Made in Australia’ with Jobs and Skills Australia; and
  - (b) is currently debating legislation to deliver:
    - (i) secure jobs and better pay;
    - (ii) a national anti-corruption commission;
    - (iii) safer and secure workplaces for Australian women; and
    - (iv) cheaper childcare for Australian families; and
- (3) acknowledges that the Government is:
  - (a) delivering on its election commitments to build a better future; and
  - (b) being a responsible government in the face of challenging times globally.

(*Notice given 22 November 2022.*)

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms J Ryan — 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.*

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

- (1) acknowledges that Australian households are worried about increasing pressures from the cost-of-living crisis brought about by recent interest rate rises and continued inflation;
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) consecutive interest rate rises since May 2022 have placed mortgage stresses on many Australian households and more rises are expected;
  - (b) Australians are hurting, but in its budget, the Government failed to outline a plan to take pressure off interest rates; and
  - (c) Australians cannot wait another seven months for the Government's second budget to come up with a plan to deal with cost-of-living pressures that have become very real and painful for so many;
- (3) recognises that despite telling Australians their power bills are going up by more than 50 per cent, their mortgage payments will continue to rise, the cost of groceries will remain high, and inflation will continue to surge, the Government still has no plan to tackle this cost-of-living crisis; and
- (4) calls on the Government to focus on the issues that matter to Australians and to deliver a real and comprehensive plan to ease inflation and cost-of-living pressures.

*(Notice given 22 November 2022.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Boyce — 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.*

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

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**Notices**

**1 MS BELL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the previous Government:
  - (a) reformed the childcare system in 2018 to provide more subsidy to families who need it most and establish a safety net to cover up to the full cost of full-time childcare for disadvantaged children;
  - (b) in March 2022, implemented reforms to provide higher childcare subsidy for second and subsequent children aged under six, where costs double or treble for families; and

- (c) invested record funding in the childcare system, including around \$11 billion budgeted for the 2022-23 financial year;
- (2) further notes that the Government promised to deliver:
  - (a) childcare reform with no family worse off;
  - (b) an Australian Competition and Consumer Commission price regulation mechanism to control childcare fees; and
  - (c) terms of reference for a Productivity Commission review of a 90 per cent childcare subsidy within its first 100 days of office; and
- (3) calls on the Government to explain:
  - (a) why it promised its childcare policy would ease cost of living pressures for families, but is delayed until July 2023; and
  - (b) whether, with skyrocketing childcare costs, Australian families will actually be better off.

*(Notice given 6 September 2022.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Bell — 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.*

**2 MS STANLEY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the 50th anniversary of the Whitlam Government's election will be marked on 2 December 2022; and
- (2) acknowledges that:
  - (a) the Whitlam Government's reforms modernised Australian society and its economy; and
  - (b) the impact of Prime Minister Whitlam's policies continues to define Australia and the political landscape.

*(Notice given 21 November 2022.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Stanley — 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 TED O'BRIEN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) the Government has committed Australia to the United Nations' 'loss and damage' fund without providing any details on what it will cost Australians or how it will be implemented;
  - (b) the Government has signed an international agreement which could cost Australians tens of billions of dollars without outlining any plan as to what is expected of Australia;
  - (c) the 'loss and damage' fund is reported to cost upwards of US \$2 trillion globally per year by 2030;
  - (d) China, the world's second largest economy and the world's biggest carbon emitter has not been ruled out as a potential recipient of compensation funding due to its status as a developing nation;
  - (e) this scheme will penalise Australia for being blessed with an abundance of energy resources—resources that have been used to lift hundreds of millions of people out of absolute poverty;
  - (f) the Prime Minister was quick to rule out support for Australian families struggling with cost-of-living pressures in the budget but has effectively signed a blank cheque (which could be worth tens of billions of dollars) for an international compensation scheme with no detail, and for which no economic modelling has been undertaken;
  - (g) Australia has a long history of supporting its regional partners, especially those in the Pacific, and at COP26 the former Government doubled its climate finance commitment to \$2 billion over 2020-25, with at least \$700 million for Pacific climate and disaster finance; and
  - (h) instead of finding a solution to skyrocketing domestic power prices, that are threatening up to 800,000 manufacturing jobs, the Minister for Climate Change and Energy has focused the Government's attention on committing the country to international pledges for which there is no detail; and
- (2) calls on the Government to explain what the 'loss and damage' fund will cost Australian taxpayers.

*(Notice given 22 November 2022.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Ted O'Brien — 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 GOSLING:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that 2022 represents a significant year for Australian military commemorative milestones, including the:
  - (a) 80th anniversary of the Battle for Australia;
  - (b) 80th anniversary of the sinking of the HMAS *Armidale*;

- (c) 80th anniversary of pushing back the Japanese on the Kokoda Track;
  - (d) 75th anniversary of Australian Peacekeeping efforts; and
  - (e) 50th anniversary of the end of National Service;
- (2) notes that:
- (a) Australia continues to recognise all those who defended our country during the Second World War, at home and in land, air and sea battles to our north as part of the Battle for Australia, which helped turn the tide of war against Japan;
  - (b) throughout 1942, Australian forces desperately fought to halt and eventually push back the Japanese along the Kokoda Track, in Buna, Gona and Sanananda in Papua, in New Guinea, the Huon Peninsula, Wewak and on the island of Bougainville;
  - (c) on 1 December 1942, 100 Australians died during the sinking of the HMAS *Armidale*, the largest loss of life from any corvette in the Second World War;
  - (d) Australians were part of the first United Nations peacekeeping operation when military observers were deployed to the Netherlands East Indies (now Indonesia) in 1947 and since that time, Australian peacekeepers have served in locations around the world, ranging from the Middle East to Africa, Southeast Asia and the Pacific in every year since; and
  - (e) Australia's fourth iteration of National Service was abolished by the Whitlam Labor Government on 5 December 1972;
- (3) expresses its thanks to all former and current personnel for their service;
- (4) remembers the lives and sacrifice of those service personnel who have died in and as a result of service to our nation; and
- (5) further acknowledges the families who have been left behind and those who support loved ones who have served.
- (Notice given 9 November 2022.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Gosling — 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 (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)**

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

#### **Notices – continued**

#### **5 DR GILLESPIE: To move—That this House:**

- (1) notes that, the:



- (a) Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) fund was an effective and targeted arts funding initiative supporting 541 projects in over 4,000 locations, creating over 195,000 job opportunities and experiences reaching more than 55 million Australians;
  - (b) Arts Sustainability Fund was key to supporting systemically significant arts companies to survive through the COVID-19 pandemic with recipients including, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, the Sydney Theatre Company, Brandenburg Ensemble, Queensland Ballet, Opera Australia, Design Tasmania, the National Institute of Dramatic Art, Melbourne Theatre Company, The Australian Ballet, Belvoir Theatre, Circa Contemporary Circus Limited, and Malthouse Theatre; and
  - (c) highest level of Commonwealth arts funding ever achieved was under the previous Government in 2021-2022 when the funding exceeded \$1 billion; and
- (2) expresses its regret at the adverse effect on the arts sector of politically motivated arts policy decisions since May 2022 including, the:
- (a) grave mishandling of the additional \$20 million of funding for RISE which was provided in the March 2022 budget, with the Government delaying action for many months before cancelling this funding in October;
  - (b) announcement in September that the Government would establish a Live Performance Support Fund with no guidelines, eligibility conditions or other details provided at that time and still not provided two months later; and
  - (c) abrupt and discourteous disbanding of the Creative Economy Taskforce which comprised a distinguished group of arts leaders doing outstanding work in advising on the Government arts policy.

*(Notice given 22 November 2022.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Dr Gillespie — 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.*

**6 MR B MITCHELL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) for nearly a decade, the former Government’s oversight of the National Broadband Network (NBN) had been a masterclass in technological incompetence and financial mismanagement, causing Australia to trail other developed countries on broadband quality and speeds;
  - (b) the Government is delivering what Australians voted for and will expand full fibre access to 1.5 million premises by 2025 with a \$2.4 billion equity investment over four years in the 2022-23 budget;
  - (c) this will:

- (i) deliver a faster and more reliable NBN to more families, communities, and businesses and allow more Australians to take advantage of an increasingly digital global economy; and
  - (ii) give Australians who now rely on copper connections the choice of having full fibre connections to their premises if they want a faster NBN service than their current copper wire can deliver; and
- (2) acknowledges economic analysis commissioned by NBN Co that estimates the additional fibre-to-the-premises connections will deliver an additional \$20 billion uplift in gross domestic product by 2030 through connecting communities and businesses to faster and more reliable broadband services.

*(Notice given 22 November 2022.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr B Mitchell — 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 MR KATTER:** To move—That this House:

- (1) calls on the Government to provide for agricultural security in Australia particularly given recent dramatic increases in the cost of production as a result of dislocations in imports and Australia continuing to be a net importer of fruit and vegetables:
  - (a) food and manufacturing labelling that highlights hidden imports and prevents fraud;
  - (b) fresh produce labelling system that indicates the farm gate price (and the supermarket mark up);
  - (c) ‘divesture’ legislation that reduces the market power of the corporations that operate the major supermarkets. With the objective of levelling the playing field providing a competitive marketplace for consumers and suppliers;
  - (d) National Office of Better Agricultural Regulation with powers to reduce red tape and consider the actual cost of implementing both marketplace regulations (ie. Freshcare, HARPS, Fair Farms), and government regulations (ie. PALM Scheme, reef regulation, water, conservation and protection);
  - (e) investment in infrastructure and critical supplies/support industries to reduce production and transportation costs (ie. gas prices for fertiliser, chemical, fuel, worker access);
  - (f) reforming the PALM scheme to ensure farmers have direct access to the program.

*(Notice given 6 September 2022.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Katter — 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.*

**8 MS BYRNES:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) can be life-changing for Australians with disability;
- (2) recognises the NDIS is not working as effectively as it should due to a decade of neglect and mismanagement by the previous Government, creating an urgent need to:
  - (a) improve outcomes for participants;
  - (b) restore trust in the scheme and certainty for participants and their families; and
  - (c) improve the effectiveness and sustainability of the NDIS and broader social and economic benefits, without imposing the types of blunt force cuts favoured by the previous Government;
- (3) notes the measures the Government has already taken to get the NDIS back on track, including:
  - (a) installing new leadership at the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and putting people with a disability at the centre of the scheme;
  - (b) reducing the inherited 4,500 case backlog of expensive, time-consuming appeals before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal by 2000 cases to date;
  - (c) reducing the number of people with disability trapped in hospitals despite being medically fit for discharge; and
  - (d) funding 380 new positions in the NDIA for better and faster planning decisions for people with disability and their families, carers, disability service providers and workers;
- (4) calls on Members of the House to support the work ahead to make the NDIS the world-leading scheme it was designed to be, through:
  - (a) the root and branch review of the NDIS to improve its effectiveness, so that future generations receive the benefits of the scheme;
  - (b) planning for a workforce that can support the projected increase in NDIS participants;
  - (c) establishing a senior executive role within the NDIA to bolster its stewardship of the sector; and
  - (d) reducing waste and fraud so money intended for participants is not syphoned off or squandered; and
- (5) further notes the benefits to the Australian community and our economy when we invest in people with disability and break down barriers to their participation in social and economic life.

*(Notice given 22 November 2022.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Byrnes — 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.*

**9 MS BELL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the Baha'i faith and their right to express their religious beliefs;
- (2) condemns the actions of the Iranian Government's persecution of those of the Baha'i faith including the:
  - (a) imprisonment of Iranian Bahai's due to their faith;
  - (b) destruction and repossession of property and belongings of Iranian Baha'is;
  - (c) propaganda and incitement of hate and violence against those of the Baha'i faith; and
  - (d) barred access to education, including higher education for many Iranian Baha'is
- (3) endorses the work of the Baha'i community in Australia who support citizens escaping persecution, and draw attention to the violation of humans rights of Baha'is in Iran.

*(Notice given 27 September 2022)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Bell — 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.*

**THE HON D. M. DICK MP**

Speaker of the House of Representatives

23 November 2022