HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 8

Private Members’ Business

23 November 2010
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1. The committee met in private session on Monday, 22 November and Tuesday, 23 November 2010.

2. The committee decided to defer its determination of the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members’ business for the next sitting Monday, anticipated to be on 21 February 2011, until its meeting on the next sitting Tuesday, anticipated to be on 8 February 2011.

3. The committee determined that the Competition and Consumer (Price Signalling) Amendment Bill 2010 be referred to the Standing Committee on Economics for report by 30 May 2011.

4. In addition to items previously recommended, the committee recommended that the following items of private Members’ business be voted on:

Orders of the day

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION (PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY) AMENDMENT BILL 2010 (Mr Hartsuyker): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 22 November 2010).

DETENTION FACILITY AT INVERBRACKIE, SA: Resumption of debate (from 22 November 2010) on the motion of Mr Briggs—That this House:

(1) notes:
   (a) the announcement on 18 October 2010 by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship about the commissioning of a detention facility at Inverbrackie in South Australia costing $9.7 million to accommodate 400 people, consisting of family groups who are undergoing refugee status assessment;
   (b) that the Prime Minister and the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship failed to consult with the State Government of SA, the Adelaide Hills Council and the local Woodside community on the commissioning of this facility; and
   (c) that the Prime Minister visited the Adelaide Hills on the Sunday 17 October 2010 immediately prior to the announcement and made no mention of the plan to commission the detention facility at Inverbrackie;

(2) provides a reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Migration to undertake the following inquiry:
   (a) that the Joint Standing Committee on Migration inquire into the commissioning of a detention facility for 400 people comprising family groups at Inverbrackie, including:
      (i) the suitability of the site for locating a detention facility for the purpose of accommodating family groups in comparison with alternative options available to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship;
(ii) the impact of the operation of the facility on the local community, including on health, education, recreation, transport, police and other community services;

(iii) the impact on defence operations, personnel and family groups based at the Inverbrackie facility;

(iv) the impact of the facility on the local economy and small business;

(v) the level of community support for the commissioning of the facility;

(vi) the level of cost and extent of services and facilities provided to clients at the detention facility; and

(vii) potential risks that need to be managed for the successful operation of the facility;

(b) that the Joint Standing Committee on Migration undertake public hearings in Woodside, SA and Canberra, ACT to facilitate the participation of community members, local service providers, council officers and state and federal departmental officials to assist the Committee with its inquiry; and

(c) that the Joint Standing Committee on Migration report back no later than the first sitting week of Parliament in 2011; and

(3) calls on the Government to postpone commissioning the detention facility for 400 people including family groups at Inverbrackie, until such time as the Committee has reported and the Government has provided a response to that report to the Parliament.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM: Resumption of debate (from 22 November 2010) on the motion of Mr Pyne—That this House:

(1) expresses its concern that the Government’s deadline to have the national curriculum available for implementation from January 2011 will result in a substandard curriculum; and

(2) requires the Government to delay the implementation of the national curriculum until January 2012 for K-10 in the areas of English, maths, science and history.

HOME INSULATION PROGRAM: Resumption of debate (from 22 November 2010) on the motion of Mr Hunt—That this House:

(1) notes that the Australian Government has not released figures for the full rate of defects discovered under both the Home Insulation Safety Plan and the Foil Insulation Safety Program;

(2) calls on the Australian Government to release the full rate of defects discovered under both the Home Insulation Safety Plan and the Foil Insulation Safety Program, including the:

(a) number and percentage of roofs:

   (i) found to be unsafe;

   (ii) found to be faulty or substandard;

   (iii) found to be flawed, unsafe or substandard in any way; and

   (iv) rectified;

(b) cost of repairing the faulty, substandard or unsafe insulation; and
(c) total amount of money paid by the Australian Government to insulation companies for faulty, substandard, flawed or unsafe insulation; and

(3) calls on the Australian Government to release information on the asbestos problem discovered under the Home Insulation Program, in particular:

(a) the number of roofs containing asbestos that received insulation;

(b) any specific warnings of asbestos risk given to installers prior to fitting the insulation; and

(c) steps being taken to manage the asbestos risk for safety inspectors assessing roofs.

Harry Jenkins
Chair

24 November 2010