

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 19**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**11 February 2015**

## 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, 10 February 2015.
2. The committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members' business on Monday, 23 February 2015, as follows:

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

#### COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

##### Presentation and statements

##### 1 Standing Committee on the Environment

*Streamlining environmental legislation: Inquiry into streamlining environmental regulation, 'green tape' and one stop shops.*

*The Committee determined that statements may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.20 am.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Hawke — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member— 5 minutes.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 2 x 5 mins]

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

##### Notices

##### 1 MS L.M CHESTERS: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) Family Day Care (FDC) is a flexible, quality early education program in Australia that:
  - (i) provides flexible programs that cater to the needs of thousands of working parents;
  - (ii) operates under the National Quality Framework; and
  - (iii) currently has the capacity to care and educate children in their own homes; and
- (b) the Government:
  - (i) is cutting \$157 million and implementing changes to the Community Support Program (CSP) that will remove the funding of over 80 per cent of FDC services around Australia; and

- (ii) informed the FDC sector that the program changes would only impact new applicants, then introduced a budget proposal to apply the new guidelines to all services; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
  - (a) genuinely consult with FDC providers about what sensible rule changes are needed, if any; and
  - (b) re-instate CSP funding for all FDC services currently funded under the program.

*(Notice given 2 September 2014.)*

*Time allotted — 50 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms L.M. Chesters — 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.*

**2 MRS PRENTICE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) celebrates the release of Mr Peter Greste by the Egyptian Government;
- (2) commends the Greste family on its courage, resilience and grace for more than 400 days;
- (3) congratulates the Australian Foreign Minister and Prime Minister on their unrelenting pursuit of Mr Greste's cause;
- (4) commends the efforts of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Egypt under the direction of Mr Justin Brown and Ambassador Dr Ralph King;
- (5) thanks the Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi and Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry for their role in Mr Greste's release;
- (6) calls for the immediate release of Mr Greste's colleagues, Mr Baher Mohamed and Mr Mohamed Fadel Fahmy;
- (7) recognises the many thousands of ordinary Australians and others around the world that showed their support to the Greste family during the past year; and
- (8) notes that 'Telling the truth is not terrorism and Journalism is not a crime'.

*(Notice given 9 February 2015.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mrs Prentice— 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.*

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

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**Notices**

**1 MR DANBY:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) 27 January 2015 marked the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz by the allies;
- (b) over a million Jews and 150,000 non-Jews were murdered in the Auschwitz death camp; and
- (c) 27 January has since become International Holocaust Day, and is marked by ceremonies around the world acknowledging the horrific nature of the official policy of genocide against Jews that was manifested in the Holocaust and that claimed 6 million lives;

(2) calls on all Australians to remember these crimes against humanity in order to ensure Australia's continuing condemnation of any attempts to repeat such horrors; and

(3) in light of Australia having one of the largest groups of Holocaust survivors and the bipartisan support for the previous government's legacy to the maintenance of the memorial of the camp, calls on Australia to keep a representative on the international committee that supervises the maintenance of the memorial at Auschwitz.

*(Notice given 10 February 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Danby — 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.*

**2 MR MATHESON:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes:

- (a) the importance of complementary medicines and practices, including traditional Chinese medicines, to the international healthcare landscape;
- (b) that the Australian complementary medicines industry is worth over \$3.8 billion; and
- (c) that Australia is the first western nation to nationally regulate Chinese medicine practitioners; and

(2) acknowledges:

- (a) the National Institute of Complementary Medicine (NICM), hosted by the University of Western Sydney, as Australia's premier research facility in complementary medicine, being the only Australian complementary medicine research centre to receive the top ranking of five in the Commonwealth Excellence in Research for Australia scheme; and

- (b) the role of the NICM in fostering collaboration and engagement with Chinese hospitals, research centres and universities to provide trade, research and investment opportunities in Australia.

*(Notice given 1 October 2014.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Matheson — 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.*

**3 DR LEIGH:** To move—That this House:

(1) recognises that:

- (a) the Government's failure to tackle multinational profit shifting in Australia;
- (b) every dollar that is avoided by multinational companies must be paid for by Australian taxpayers and businesses, or by cutting services; and
- (c) unfair tax arrangements distort investment decisions and put local companies at a disadvantage against international conglomerates;

(2) acknowledges:

- (a) the \$1.1 billion of multinational tax measures that the Government has handed back to large multinationals, including:
  - (i) \$280 million in reforms to the offshore banking unit regime;
  - (ii) \$113 million in legislative elements to improve tax compliance;
  - (iii) \$140 million from not proceeding with changes to rules applying to multiple entry consolidated groups; and
  - (iv) \$600 million from the abolition of section 25-90 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*;
- (b) the Treasurer's laggard implementation of the new G20 reporting standard behind the group of 40 'early adopters';
- (c) the \$200 million and thousands of staff cuts from the Australian Taxation Office which severely limit its compliance and investigative power; and
- (d) the significant gap between this Government's rhetoric and its actions when it comes to ensuring multinationals pay their fair share of tax; and

(3) calls on the Treasurer to bring the same zeal to stopping multinational tax avoidance that he brings to his budget cuts on Australia's least well off.

*(Notice given 24 November 2014.)*

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Dr Leigh — 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.*

**4 MR LAUNDY:** To move—That this House notes that the:

- (1) United Nations commission of inquiry on human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) released its report in March 2014;
- (2) report found that 'systemic, widespread and gross human rights violations have been and are being committed by the DPRK, its institutions and officials' against its own people, including:
  - (a) violations of the:
    - (i) freedoms of thought, expression and religion;
    - (ii) freedom of movement and residence; and
    - (iii) right to food and related aspects of the right to life;
  - (b) discrimination;
  - (c) arbitrary detention, torture, executions and prison camps; and
  - (d) abductions and enforced disappearances from other countries;
- (3) report found that crimes against humanity have been committed in the DPRK 'pursuant to policies established at the highest level of the State'; and
- (4) Government:
  - (a) welcomes the United Nations Security Council's decision on 23 December 2014 to include a standing agenda item on the situation in the DPRK under which it can continue to consider the dire human rights situation; and
  - (b) continues to call on the DPRK to:
    - (i) treat its citizens in accordance with human rights standards; and
    - (ii) create the conditions for meaningful inter-Korean dialogue and Six Party Talks, including honouring DPRK commitments to denuclearise and demonstrating good faith, such as participating in inter-Korean family reunions.

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Mr Laundry — 10 minutes.*

*Next Member — 10 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 2 x 10 + 4 x 5 mins]

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

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

- (1) stresses the superiority of collective security through the United Nations over unilateral action or ‘coalition of the willing’ type adventurism, and strongly supports the ‘responsibility to protect’ principle as a vehicle to protect civilians; and
- (2) urges the Government to:
  - (a) encourage the United Nations to establish peacekeeping forces in the world’s trouble spots to protect civilians and to extinguish conflicts before they escalate in ways which potentially draw in Australia; and
  - (b) implement the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade regarding the establishment of a mediation unit within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to assist in resolving intrastate and interstate disputes before they develop into open conflict (similar to the Norwegian model).

*(Notice given 25 November 2014.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Thomson — 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.*

**THE HON BRONWYN BISHOP MP**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

11 February 2015