

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 35**

Committee and delegation business

and

Private Members' business

**21 October 2015**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Chair            Hon A. D. H. Smith MP, Speaker

Members       Ms N Marino MP (Chief Government Whip)

Mr C Hayes MP (Chief Opposition Whip)

Mr M Coulton MP (Nationals Chief Whip)

Mr G Christensen MP

Hon J Fitzgibbon MP

Ms J Hall MP

Mr E Hutchinson MP

Mr E Jones MP

Ms J Ryan MP

Mr B Whiteley MP

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Mr B Scott MP, Deputy Speaker

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Secretary       Ms C Cornish

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Mrs S Baker

## **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, 20 October 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, 9 November 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 Procedure**

*Inquiry into the adequacy of provisions for nursing mothers in the House of Representatives*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Dr Southcott — 5 minutes.*

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

#### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

##### **Notices**

##### **1 MRS PRENTICE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that Wednesday 11 November marks Remembrance Day, the 97th anniversary of the Armistice which ended World War I;
- (2) commemorates the sacrifice of the more than 60,000 Australians who were killed in World War I, and the 156,000 wounded, gassed or taken prisoner;
- (3) recognises the contribution of the more than 1000 Indigenous Australians who fought in World War I;
- (4) notes that by the number of deaths and casualties, World War I remains the most costly conflict in Australian history; and
- (5) calls on all Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11 am, in memory of those who have died or suffered in wars and conflict.

*(Notice given 13 October 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mrs Prentice — 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 FITZGIBBON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that the United Nations General Assembly has declared 2015 as the International Year of Soils (IYS);
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) the IYS aims to be a platform for raising awareness of the importance of sustainable soil management as the basis for food systems, fuel and fibre production, essential ecosystem functions and better adaptation to climate change for present and future generations; and
  - (b) the objectives of the IYS are to:
    - (i) create awareness of the fundamental roles of soils for human life;
    - (ii) achieve recognition of the prominent contributions of soils to food security, climate change adaptation and mitigation, essential ecosystem services, poverty alleviation and sustainable development;
    - (iii) promote effective policies and actions for the sustainable management and protection of soil resources;
    - (iv) educate decision makers about the need for robust investment in sustainable soil management activities aimed at healthy soils for different land users and population groups; and
    - (v) advocate for rapid enhancement of capacities and systems for soil information collection and monitoring at all levels (global, regional and national); and
- (3) commits to promoting the importance of healthy soils and encouraging the adoption of regenerative landscape management practices throughout the year, including celebration of World Soil Day on 5 December 2015.

*(Notice given 11 August 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 10 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Fitzgibbon — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member — 5 minutes.*

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

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

**3 MR IRONS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that thousands of Australians received a spinal injection of the chemical dye Iophendylate (marked as Pantopaque and Myodil) and that many now suffer from the painful disease adhesive arachnoiditis;
- (2) acknowledges the recommendations in the report *Living with the pain of adhesive arachnoiditis: Report on the roundtable into adhesive arachnoiditis* presented by the Standing Committee on Health and Ageing on 11 February 2013 and calls for all recommendations to be implemented; and
- (3) encourages all Members of Parliament to be aware of the condition and support members of their community suffering from adhesive arachnoiditis.

*(Notice given 19 October 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Irons — 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 CHAMPION:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
  - (a) the importance of rural and regional newspapers in providing a vital service to the towns and regional communities they cover; and
  - (b) that maintaining a viable rural and regional press is in the interest of regional communities; and
- (2) recommends that the Government:
  - (a) considers reviewing the amount of government advertising in regional papers;
  - (b) recognises the significance of its decisions regarding government advertising and the impact that these decisions can have on regional publications; and
  - (c) stops discriminating against newspapers which service rural and regional areas through its changes to government advertising.

*(Notice given 20 August 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Champion — 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 CHRISTENSEN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) congratulates the Government on its support of development in north and central Queensland with its White Paper on Developing Northern Australia;
- (2) acknowledges the contribution of the Government to:
  - (a) water infrastructure in north Australia through its \$500 million National Water Infrastructure Development Fund; and
  - (b) key infrastructure in north Australia through its \$5 billion Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility;
- (3) congratulates the Government on its support of water projects throughout northern Australia including Nullinga Dam and the development of the Ord River Irrigation Scheme;
- (4) calls on the Government to support the construction of the Urannah Dam;
- (5) notes that the:
  - (a) damming of Urannah Creek in the Whitsunday region would open up 30,000 hectares of new agricultural land;
  - (b) new agricultural land will have the potential to triple the current cane production industry in the region and double the size of other agricultural production; and
  - (c) Urannah Dam will develop water sources and power supplies to service the growing mining and agricultural industries in the Whitsunday region;
- (6) further notes that the:
  - (a) development of the project has the potential to double the current agriculture workforce in the region;
  - (b) dam has the capacity to generate \$323 million over 25 years; and
  - (c) development of industry in the region will help to repopulate the Collinsville community; and
- (7) calls for the support of federal, state and local governments in providing supportive policy in order to aid the progress of the Urannah Dam especially in allowing private investment in the project.

*(Notice given 20 October 2015.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Christensen — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 3 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 MACTIERNAN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) expresses concern at the culture of secrecy prevalent in the Government and the serious undermining of the core principles enshrined in the freedom of information legislation;
- (2) notes the Government has:
  - (a) defunded the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) despite failing to pass its legislation to abolish the office; and
  - (b) failed to advance Australia's application for the Open Government Partnership (OGP); and
- (3) calls on the Government to abandon its attack on the OAIC and provide it with proper funding, and recommit to joining the OGP.

*(Notice given 20 October 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms MacTiernan — 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 DR STONE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges:
  - (a) and applauds the efforts of Australian primary producers as they work to protect and rehabilitate the natural environment, often in conditions of extreme hardship;
  - (b) that Australian farmers have replanted the landscape via Landcare and the 20 Million Trees Programme;
  - (c) the personal commitment of Australian farmers to replanting the landscape; and
  - (d) that Victorian Farmers have won the fight against high saline water tables caused by tree clearing for mining and urban development in the 1800s;
- (2) applauds the:
  - (a) environmental codes of conduct and farmers' voluntary compliance as applied to food growers by our local food manufacturers and retailers; and

- (b) clean green image developed by Australia's food producers which adds great value to our food exports and domestic markets; and
- (3) calls on the Government to designate a National Day of Australian Farming that celebrates their great achievements and their contributions to the nation.

*(Notice given 20 October 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Dr Stone — 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.*

## **Orders of the day**

### **1 SYRIA AND IRAQ CRISIS:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 October 2015*) on the motion of Ms Plibersek:

That this House calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs to support a parliamentary debate during the current sitting on the Australian Government's strategy in response to the crisis in Syria and Iraq.

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*All 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 MARRIAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015** (Mr Entsch): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 19 October 2015*).

*Time allotted — 10 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*All Members — 5 minutes each.*

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

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

**Notices – continued**

**3 MS HALL:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) November is Lung Health Awareness Month;
- (b) 17 November 2015 is International Lung Cancer Awareness Day; and
- (c) 18 November 2015 is World Chronic Obstructive Disease Day;

(2) also notes that:

- (a) lung diseases such as asthma, lung cancer and influenza contribute to more than 10 per cent of the overall health burden in Australia; and
- (b) three out of five Australian adults studied by the Lung Foundation Australia reported symptoms that put them at risk of contracting lung disease;

(3) recognises the personal and financial impact that lung disease has on patients; and

(4) acknowledges the effectiveness of pulmonary rehabilitation for treating chronic lung diseases.

*(Notice given 20 October 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Hall — 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 MRS PRENTICE:** To move—That this House:

(1) recognises that Australia's state and territory capitals and other major cities are home to more than two in every three Australians;

(2) notes that the population of most Australian cities is projected to increase in the coming decades, creating additional challenges in managing planning, congestion and urban amenity;

(3) recognises that the Parliamentary Friendship Group for Better Cities was established in 2014 with the aim of working together to make Australia's capital and major cities more liveable, resilient and productive;

(4) congratulates the Prime Minister and the Government for recognising cities policies as a priority of government through the appointment of a Minister for Cities and the Built Environment; and

(5) encourages all Members to continue to give strong support to the wellbeing of Australian cities.

*(Notice given 13 October 2015.)*

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

*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.*

**THE HON A. D. H. SMITH MP**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

21 October 2015