

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 9

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

4 June 2014

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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, 3 June 2014.
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, 16 June 2014, 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 Economics

Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2013 (Second Report).

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

Speech time limits —

Ms O'Dwyer — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 DR LEIGH: To move— That this House:

- (1) recognises that the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) was established in 2012 after external inquiries in 1995, 2001, 2010, Parliamentary committee reviews, issues and discussion papers, exposure drafts and consultations with experts, and is operating efficiently and effectively, helping charities, donors and taxpayers;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) the vast majority of submissions to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee's inquiry into the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Repeal) (No. 1) Bill 2014 speak positively of the ACNC's work and urge the Government to retain the charities commission as a one-stop shop;
 - (b) the evidence to this inquiry provided by eminent Australian, Mr Robert Fitzgerald AM, strongly supports the retention of the ACNC;

- (c) in a survey, four out of five charities support keeping the ACNC, while only 6 per cent like the Government's idea of returning the regulation of charities to the Australian Taxation Office;
 - (d) in an open letter, more than 40 charities, including Lifeline, Justice Connect, ACOSS, Social Ventures Australia, Save the Children, St John Ambulance Australia, Community Colleges Australia, Sane Australia, the Sidney Myer Fund, the Myer Foundation, Danks Trust, the RSPCA, Youth Off the Streets, the Ted Noffs Foundation, Music Viva Australia, Wesley Mission Victoria, the RSPCA Australia, World Vision, the Australian Conservation Foundation, Odyssey House, the McGrath Foundation, the Australian Council for International Development, Changemakers Australia, Volunteering Australia, YWCA Australia, the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education, the Consumer Health Forum of Australia, Hillsong Church, Churches of Christ Victoria and Tasmania and Wesley Mission Australia, called on the Government to keep the ACNC; and
 - (e) the Australian Capital Territory and South Australian governments are already working to reduce the paperwork burden on charities and not-for-profits by cooperating with the ACNC to reduce duplication in reporting;
- (3) notes that some of those who the Minister for Social Services claims to have consulted with have written to the Government to make clear that they have never been consulted on the ACNC repeal; and
 - (4) calls on the Government to drop its ill-considered and unpopular plan to axe the ACNC.

(Notice given 2 June 2014.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Dr Leigh — 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 MS M. L. LANDRY: To move— That this House:

- (1) recognises that 100 per cent fly-in fly-out company workforce agreements in Central Queensland's coal mining belt are causing concern amongst residents and small business owners in small local mining towns; and
- (2) encourages Parliament to discuss some of the recommendations in the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Australia's report *Cancer of the bush or salvation of our cities* (13 February 2013) to determine if they are relevant to the ongoing issue now faced in mining towns in the electoral divisions of Capricornia, Dawson and Flynn.

(Notice given 18 March 2014.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms M. L. Landry — 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 MR ZAPPIA: To move— That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) 15 June is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day;
 - (b) elder abuse:
 - (i) includes physical, mental, emotional, financial, medical and neglect;
and
 - (ii) occurs in all countries throughout the world; and
 - (c) Australians are living longer and around 14 per cent of the population are aged over 65; and
- (2) calls on the federal, state and territory Governments to support initiatives which prevent, or raise awareness about, elderly abuse.

(Notice given 14 May 2014.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

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.*

4 MR NIKOLIC: To move— That this House congratulates the Government for its continuation of Defence reform, specifically in respect of strategic force modernisation, enhanced national security, and regional stability, including:

- (1) the acquisition of:
 - (a) an additional 58 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft; and
 - (b) the eight P-8 Maritime Surveillance aircraft and commitment to the Triton Unmanned Aerial Vehicle; and
- (2) a commitment to:
 - (a) enhancing Australia's overall Defence capability, close cooperation, and interoperability with regional partners; and
 - (b) provide certainty for Defence planning, capability and doctrine development.

(Notice given 13 May 2014.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Nikolic — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 2 x 10 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 COLLINS: To move— That this House:

- (1) recognises that the Government has turned its back on regional Australia in the budget;
- (2) acknowledges that the Government's broken promises and wrong priorities in the budget will hurt those living in regional Australia and further increase the divide between the city and the bush;
- (3) notes that this budget will hurt regional Australia by:
 - (a) slashing \$1 billion in funding to local government by cutting into the Financial Assistance Grants;
 - (b) introducing co-payments to Medicare that will discourage doctors from bulk billing, meaning there will be less choice for people to access general practitioner services in regional areas;
 - (c) cutting health which will mean fewer services in regional Australia;
 - (d) cutting education which will impact on regional schools and students with less funding available;
 - (e) increasing the fuel excise which will hurt regional Australians the most who rely on being mobile and being able to travel to work;
 - (f) cutting the ABC that regional Australians rely on for information; and
 - (g) increasing university fees that will hurt regional students and regional universities; and
- (4) calls on the Government to reconsider its broken promises and wrong priorities for regional Australia in the Budget.

(Notice given 15 May 2014.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Ms Collins — 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 WILLIAMS: To move—That this House:

- (1) commends the Government on the establishment of an Infrastructure Growth Package (IGP) that will fast track investment in critical infrastructure across the country;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) funds will be targeted at projects that grow the economy, boost productivity and create jobs;
 - (b) the fund includes \$5 billion over five years towards the Asset Recycling Initiative which will encourage the states and territories to sell assets and recycle the sale proceeds into new productivity-enhancing infrastructure, and
 - (c) the fund also includes \$3.7 billion for targeted infrastructure investments to delivery priority infrastructure projects and upgrades across the country;
- (3) acknowledges the IGP builds on the Government's existing commitment, now at more than \$50 billion, to fund key road, rail and intermodal projects; and
- (4) recognises the IGP as part of the Government's Economic Action Strategy to build a strong, prosperous economy for a safe and secure Australia.

(Notice given 26 May 2014.)

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Mr Williams — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 + 6 x 5 mins]

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

3 MR CONROY: To move— That this House:

- (1) recognises the importance of investment certainty for clean energy investors;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) under the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target (MRET), around 3,500 MW of new renewable energy capacity has been commissioned since 2001, with total investment to date of \$18 billion;
 - (b) the Clean Energy Council estimates that there is potential for another \$18.7 billion in clean energy investment if the MRET policy was retained in its current form;
 - (c) over 24,300 people are directly employed in the renewable energy industry;
 - (d) the Australian Energy Market Commission has found that the cost of the MRET accounted for approximately three per cent of residential retail electricity prices in Australia; and
 - (e) reducing the greenhouse gas emissions intensity of our electricity generation sector is essential if we are to reduce Australia's carbon pollution; and
- (3) calls on the Government to commit to retaining the MRET at the legislated 41,000 gigawatt hours by 2020.

(Notice given 25 February 2014.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Mr Conroy — 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 SIMPKINS: To move— This House:

- (1) recognises the tragedy of the floods in May that afflicted Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia and Croatia, which killed more than 40 people;
- (2) notes the:
 - (a) need for evacuation of large populations from both countries; and
 - (b) risk of undiscovered land mines from the war in the 1990s, being moved by flood waters and mudslides, increasing the risk to civilian populations; and
- (3) commends the Australian Government for pre-positioning funds with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies through the Disaster Relief Emergency Funds to assist national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to respond quickly to situations such as this.

(Notice given 26 May 2014.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Mr Simpkins — 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.*

5 MS PARKE: To move— That this House:

- (1) commends the Government for reaffirming Australia's support for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (the Initiative) by maintaining the \$15 million commitment for 2013-14;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) on 13 January 2014, India passed three years without reporting a single case of polio, an achievement reports say will lead to the entire South-East Asia Region of the World Health Organisation being certified as polio-free later in 2014;
 - (b) lessons learned from India's success are now part of the *Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan 2013-2018* announced at the Global Vaccine Summit in Abu Dhabi in 2013;
 - (c) the Initiative should mobilise the polio eradication infrastructure for broader child survival efforts wherever possible, ensuring that the knowledge,

capacities, processes and assets created by the Initiative contribute to reducing child deaths, accelerating the achievement of Millennium Development Goal 4;

- (d) despite ongoing security challenges, in the three countries where polio remains endemic—Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria—the proportion of children vaccinated during 2013 increased;
 - (e) in 2013 for the first time in the history of the Initiative, all cases of poliomyelitis caused by a wild virus were due to a single serotype, type 1; the most recent case due to wild poliovirus type 3 occurring on 10 November 2012 in Nigeria, while a case of poliovirus type 2 has not been detected since 1999;
 - (f) polio outbreaks in previously polio-free countries—Somalia, Syria, Cameroon—and the presence of the polio virus in Egypt and Israel are constant reminders of the need to ensure the polio program is fully funded and of the need for countries to take full ownership of the implementation of emergency plans; and
 - (g) the World Health Organisation, its Initiative partners and the GAVI Alliance have initiated a joint program of work to ensure polio eradication infrastructure systematically contributes to improving routine immunisation coverage; and
- (3) calls on the Government to continue to support polio eradication by reaffirming Australia’s commitment to provide \$80 million over four years from 2015 to 2018 to the Initiative.

(Notice given 11 February 2014.)

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

Ms Parke — 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.*

THE HON BRONWYN BISHOP MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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