



AUSTRALIAN
SENATE

Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

Additional notice of motion lodged in the Senate today

Notice of Motion

I give notice that on the next day of sitting I shall move that the Senate

1. Notes:-

- I. There are currently around 100 children being detained by the Australian Government on Nauru;
 - II. That many, if not all of these children are suffering serious psychological disorders, such as “resignation syndrome”, where children abandon all hopes of a better life, and become suicidal;
 - III. The Australian Medical Association has called on the Government to for “urgent action to prevent further harm to the health and welfare of child refugees and asylum seekers on Nauru, [and for] these children and their families be removed from harm and have access to healthcare of an appropriate standard”;
 - IV. That nearly 6000 doctors have signed an open letter to Mr Morrison supporting this call from the Australian Medical Association;
 - V. Russel Broadbent MP’s statement that “This is an embarrassing humanitarian crisis that the government needs to resolve in a manner acceptable to the Australian people”;
 - VI. Craig Laundy MPs’ statement that “something must be done as soon as possible”;
 - VII. Julia Banks MP’s statement that this change-of-heart “comes from the hearts and minds of the Australian people”;
 - VIII. The agreement of these three Liberal MPs that “these kids have been there far too long”.
2. Congratulates and thanks the brave Liberal members who told the Government their focus is only on the welfare of the children.
3. Calls on the Government to immediately bring every child in detention on Nauru to Australia for urgent medical and psychological assessment and treatment, along with the family members of children being assessed and treated.

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Senator for Tasmania

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Senator for South Australia

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