

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 37

Private Members' business

25 November 2015

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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

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Report relating to the consideration of private Members' business

1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 24 November 2015.
2. The committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of private Members' business on Monday, 30 November 2015, as follows:

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR KATTER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975*, and for related purposes. (*Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Amendment (Strategic Assets) Bill 2015*). (Notice given 24 November 2015.)

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Katter — 10 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 1 x 10 mins]

Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41.

- 2 MRS WICKS:** To move—That this House recognises:
 - (1) the importance of the events that took place on 3 December 1854 on Eureka Hill at Ballarat;
 - (2) the significance of these events in Australia's history;
 - (3) the impact of Eureka on our discussions surrounding free market, individual enterprise and representative democracy; and
 - (4) that Australians have interpreted the events in numerous ways that impact and inspire our economic and social frameworks.(Notice given 24 November 2015.)

Speech time limits —

Mrs Wicks — 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.

3 MR CHRISTENSEN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the threat of violent extremism to Australian society;
- (2) further notes the:
 - (a) acts of terrorism committed by violent extremists within Australia against Australians;
 - (b) specific terrorism incidents:
 - (i) the attack on police officers at Endeavour Hills Police Station in 2014;
 - (ii) the seige at Sydney’ Martin Place which resulted in the death of two Australians; and
 - (iii) most recently the murder of Mr Curtis Cheng at Parramatta Police Station; and
 - (c) significant number of ISIL recruits coming from Australia;
- (3) commends the Australian police forces for their efforts in countering terrorism;
- (4) notes the numerous acts of terror which have been prevented because of police efforts, in particular the:
 - (a) attempt by the ‘Sydney Five’ to commit acts of terrorism in the city of Sydney in 2005;
 - (b) Benbrika Group’s planned bombing of various sporting events in 2005 and 2006 as well as a plot to assassinate former Prime Minister the Hon. John Howard; and
 - (c) 2009 plot to storm the Holsworthy Barracks in Sydney;
- (5) praises the Prime Minister for his statement in response to the recent terrorism incident in Parramatta, that it is not compulsory to live in Australia and if one finds Australian values unpalatable then ‘there’s a big wide world out there and people have got freedom of movement’; and
- (6) calls for continued action in countering violent extremism and in particular, radical Islam within Australia in order to prevent further acts of terrorism within our borders.

(Notice given 9 November 2015.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Christensen — 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 MS BUTLER: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) 1 December marks World AIDS Day, which is held every year to raise awareness about the issues surrounding HIV and AIDS, and is a day for people to show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died; and

- (b) the theme for World AIDS Day this year is ‘Getting to zero: Zero new HIV infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS related deaths’;
- (2) acknowledges the roles played by people living with HIV and their friends, family, supporters, AIDS activists and researchers, past and present, in making HIV a disease people can live with; and
- (3) affirms its commitment to support actions which will reduce stigma, prevent new HIV transmissions, and work towards a cure.

(Notice given 24 November 2015.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms T. M. Butler — 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 MS RYAN: To move—That this House acknowledges the work of:

- (1) community legal centres in tackling domestic violence;
- (2) the United Nations and its 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign to end domestic violence;
- (3) journalist Ms Sarah Ferguson for her ongoing efforts to educate the public on the key driver behind domestic violence—control;
- (4) the Leader of the Opposition for appointing a Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Child Safety and Prevention of Family Violence; and
- (5) the Victorian Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence, for her work on Victoria’s Royal Commission into Family Violence.

(Notice given 24 November 2015.)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Ryan — 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.*

Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MS VAMVAKINO: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that:
 - (a) 29 November is International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People as observed by the United Nations (resolution 23/40 B);
 - (b) following the 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) was established to carry out direct relief and works programs for Palestinian refugees who had fled to West Bank, Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria;
 - (c) UNRWA services are available to all those living in its areas of operations—West Bank, Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria—who are registered and who need assistance;
 - (d) Palestinians registered with the UNRWA are unable to register with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and additionally cannot be referred for resettlement by the UNHCR;
 - (e) Palestinian refugees from Syria are a vulnerable minority, who are currently fleeing for the same reasons as other genuine refugees and persecuted minorities; and
 - (f) whilst not a legislative requirement, the UNHCR registration is a determining factor in the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection's consideration of refugee and humanitarian visa applications; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) recognise that the Palestinian refugees from Syria who are registered with the UNWRA are unable to register with the UNHCR irrespective of meeting the criteria for refugee status in the United Nations 1951 Refugee Convention; and
 - (b) work with the UNHCR to consider Palestinians fleeing Syria and registered with the UNWRA as eligible to apply for the Government's recently announced intake of 12,000 refugees from the Syrian conflict.

(Notice given 23 November 2015.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Ms Vamvakinou — 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 BUCHHOLZ: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that National Adoption Awareness Week was recently celebrated, a week dedicated to raising awareness around the challenges faced by families and children navigating complex inter country and domestic adoption processes in Australia;
- (2) is made aware of the fact that the rate of adoption in Australia is the lowest in the developed world, with only 317 children adopted in 2013-14;
- (3) recognises that 15,000 children in Australia have been in out of home care for over two years and over 12 million children are officially registered overseas awaiting adoption;
- (4) acknowledges the need for continued adoption reform, especially in the area of local adoption;
- (5) notes that:
 - (a) children who experience abuse and neglect in the home, followed by instability in out of home care, are much more likely to experience poor life outcomes;
 - (b) in adolescence, out of home carers are unable to maintain the necessary level of care for children with complex needs and they are often placed in residential care; and
 - (c) on an average day in 2013-14 there were 1,157 children in residential care and on 30 June 2014 there were 2,258 children in residential care; and
- (6) calls on the Government to present this issue to the COAG in order to create a national strategy that will dramatically increase the rate of local adoption in Australia.

(Notice given 24 November 2015.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Mr Buchholz — 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 MS CLAYDON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) three diseases—HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria—still account for the deaths of more than 2.7 million people each year;
 - (b) since 2000, increased action by national governments and international donors on prevention and detection of and treatment for these diseases has led to significant reductions in cases of and deaths from each disease;

- (c) the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) has played a significant role in this progress, and has supported programs with the following outcomes:
 - (i) increasing the number of people with HIV with access to antiretroviral therapy to 8.1 million;
 - (ii) making available testing and treatment for tuberculosis to 13.2 million people; and
 - (iii) supporting the distribution of 548 million insecticide treated bed nets to prevent malaria; and
 - (d) the Global Fund contributes more than \$US4 billion to combat the three diseases each year, and accounts for more than 20 per cent of international funding for HIV, half of international funding for malaria and three quarters of funding for tuberculosis;
- (2) recognises:
- (a) the proposed Sustainable Development Goals include a target to end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria by 2030;
 - (b) achieving this target will require increased investment by national governments, national aid agencies and multilateral agencies such as the Global Fund; and
 - (c) increased investment in addressing these diseases now will reduce the risk of much greater costs, especially from drug resistance, in the future; and
- (3) calls on the Government to continue and consider increasing its support for the Global Fund for the next replenishment period, 2017 to 2019.

(Notice given 10 November 2015.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Ms Claydon — 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 MRS MCNAMARA: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the drug Ice is at epidemic proportions and having a huge impact on our communities;
- (2) acknowledges the Government has:
 - (a) identified the ferocity of the Ice epidemic across Australia;
 - (b) put in place the National Ice Taskforce (NIT) to begin implementing positive programs and changes to help stop the scourge of Ice; and
 - (c) announced \$1 million in funding has been made available to Crime Stoppers to roll out a national Dob in a Dealer campaign to help combat Australia's Ice scourge; and

- (3) notes that the NIT final report was recently delivered to the Government with identified actions on how local, state and federal governments can work with communities to take a systematic, comprehensive and coordinated approach to Australia's Ice scourge.

(Notice given 11 November 2015.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Mrs McNamara — 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 PERRETT: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that 14 November is World Diabetes Day;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) there are 1.1 million diagnosed cases of diabetes in Australia and they are rising by 100,000 a year;
 - (b) Diabetes Australia estimates that:
 - (i) diabetes currently costs the Australian economy around \$14.6 billion per annum; and
 - (ii) the cost of diabetes to the Australian economy is forecast to increase to \$30 billion by 2025;
 - (c) Australia needs a stronger response to the challenge of diabetes;
 - (d) there is evidence that:
 - (i) the onset of type 2 diabetes can be successfully prevented; and
 - (ii) serious complications and hospitalisations from diabetes can be prevented; and
- (3) commits to working towards reducing the impact of diabetes on the lives of Australians.

(Notice given 12 November 2015.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Mr Perrett — 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.*

6 SYRIA AND IRAQ CRISIS: Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 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 — remaining private Members’ business time prior to 1.30 pm.

All Members speaking — 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.

THE HON A. D. H. SMITH MP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

25 November 2015