

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 4**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**26 February 2014**

## 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 25 February 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, 3 March 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 (First 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.*

*Mr Husic — 5 minutes.*

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

##### Notices

**1 MR WILLIAMS:** To move—That this House notes:

- (1) with concern that unemployment in South Australia is higher than the national average;
- (2) that South Australia has a talented workforce that deserves a government determined to:
  - (a) reduce taxes and regulation;
  - (b) grow the state's economy, and
  - (c) liberate the people of South Australia to realise their destiny; and
- (3) that the Australian Government has a plan to build a stronger South Australian economy so that everyone can get ahead through abolishing the carbon tax, ending the waste, stopping the boats, and building the roads of the 21st century. (*Notice given 24 February 2014.*)

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Williams — 10 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

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

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

**2 MS PLIBERSEK:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes:

- (a) the United Nations Human Rights Council's *Report of the detailed findings of the commission of inquiry on human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)* released on 17 February 2014;
  - (b) the gravity, scale and nature of human rights violations and crimes against humanity which have been and are being committed systematically by the DPRK, including murder, enslavement, starvation, torture, rape and persecution on the grounds of race, religion and gender, and other inhumane acts;
  - (c) first hand testimony from DPRK refugees, escapees and asylum seekers;
  - (d) the political and security apparatus of the DPRK and the use of tactics including surveillance, selective distribution of food, fear, public executions and forced disappearances; and
  - (e) the crimes against humanity against non-DPRK citizens through international abduction and forced repatriation;
- (2) recognises the significance of the public hearings held by the commission of inquiry, in informing the report;
- (3) acknowledges the work of the Chair of the commission of inquiry, the Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG, and his important contribution to improved international understanding and capacity to respond to the state of human rights in the DPRK; and
- (4) calls on the Government to take all available steps to:
- (a) support the recommendations of the report;
  - (b) urge United Nations action on the findings of the report; and
  - (c) support efforts to hold those responsible for crimes accountable through the International Criminal Court. (*Notice given 24 February 2014.*)

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Plibersek — 10 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

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

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

**3 MR NIKOLIC:** To move—That this House notes:

- (1) with concern:
  - (a) the results of the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2012 survey, which are the worst for Australia since testing began and show that Australia is falling further behind its regional neighbours on critical objective measures; and
  - (b) that, in spite of a 44 per cent increase in education funding by the Government during the last decade, student performance has declined, which indicates that there is much more to improving educational outcomes for our children than simply increasing funding;
- (2) that the PISA 2012 survey has also revealed how critical teacher quality is to Australia's education system and to lifting student outcomes and how outcomes for students, regardless of which school they attend, are directly affected by the quality of the teaching they receive;
- (3) that the Government's response to the PISA 2012 survey emphasises the critical importance of teacher quality to Australia's education system and to lifting student outcomes, coupled with a robust curriculum, expanding autonomy for principals, and encouraging more parental engagement; and
- (4) the Government's consistent commitment to ensuring a fairer, needs-based funding arrangement for schools nationally, to deliver better schools for Australian students. (*Notice given 11 February 2014.*)

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Nikolic — 10 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 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.*

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

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices

#### 1 MR ALBANESE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
  - (a) that investment in infrastructure is a vital contributor to economic growth;
  - (b) the broad support in the House for:
    - (i) the principle that infrastructure priorities should be developed by experts, based on the benefit to the national economy;
    - (ii) Infrastructure Australia as an independent source of infrastructure advice to government; and
    - (iii) the continuance and enhancement of the successful role played by Infrastructure Australia since its formation in 2008; and
  - (c) the overwhelming desire of infrastructure providers, financiers, and others involved in the infrastructure chain, for a robust, bipartisan approach to the governance of Infrastructure Australia; and
- (2) resolves that:
  - (a) the issue of the future governance of Infrastructure Australia be referred to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications for consideration and report back to the House by 30 April 2014;
  - (b) that the Committee seeks formal submissions from the public, and specifically stakeholders across the infrastructure chain, on the matter of the governance of Infrastructure Australia;
  - (c) that Infrastructure Australia, the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, other relevant federal agencies, COAG and its member governments, including local government, be specifically requested to provide input; and
  - (d) that until such time as this review is completed, the Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013 not be further proceeded with in the House or the other place. (*Notice given 11 February 2014.*)

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Mr Albanese — 10 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

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

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

**2 MR VAN MANEN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) commends the Government for its strong commitment to small businesses in Australia;
- (2) notes:
  - (a) that small business is essential to the Australian Economy;
  - (b) there are approximately 2 million actively trading small businesses in Australia employing 4.6 million people;
  - (c) small businesses generate over \$900 billion in income and contribute around 34 per cent of Industry Value Added;
  - (d) that under the previous Labor Government, 412,000 jobs were lost in small business and there are 3,000 fewer employing small businesses than was the case when the former Coalition Government left office; and
  - (e) the share of employment provided by small businesses has shrunk from 53 per cent of the private sector workforce in 2007 to 43 per cent under the former Labor Government; and
- (3) supports small business owners throughout Australia by endorsing the Coalition's Small Business Policy that outlines 23 initiatives to further remove challenges and roadblocks in their way. (*Notice given 11 February 2014.*)

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Mr van Manen — 10 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

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

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

**3 MS O'NEIL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that in July 2013 general elections were held in Cambodia, the results of which have been disputed and led to civil unrest;
- (2) notes that on 2 and 3 January 2014:
  - (a) 5 people were killed by Cambodian security forces while protesting in Phnomh Penh; and
  - (b) 23 people were detained for participating in protests to secure a better wage for garment workers; and
- (3) calls on the Australian Government to:
  - (a) join human rights organisations and multinational business leaders to express deep concern over the actions of the Cambodian Government;
  - (b) condemn violence against protesters; and
  - (c) ask the Cambodian authorities to release those detained for social and political activism. (*Notice given 11 February 2014.*)

*Time allotted — 50 minutes.*

*Ms O'Neil — 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.*

**4 MRS K. L. ANDREWS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that:
  - (a) 13 to 20 March 2014 is national Coeliac Awareness Week, with the aim of increasing rates of testing and diagnosis of coeliac disease;
  - (b) coeliac disease is one of Australia's most commonly under-diagnosed conditions, with an estimated 80 per cent of sufferers currently not diagnosed; and
  - (c) diagnosis and treatment immensely improves well-being and quality of life for sufferers of coeliac disease; and
- (2) congratulates Coeliac Australia, and its five state organisations, on their work in promoting awareness of the disease, improving quality of life for sufferers, and fundraising for research of coeliac disease. (*Notice given 11 February 2014.*)

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Mrs K. L. Andrews — 10 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

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

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

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

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) 28 February is Rare Disease Day and encourages all Members to acknowledge that around 10 per cent of the population including 400,000 children suffer from these diseases;
  - (b) rare diseases, of which there are more than 8,000, are complex, often with inadequate or no treatment; and
  - (c) 80 per cent of rare diseases affect children and most begin in childhood only to continue throughout life;
- (2) recognises that:
  - (a) for best practice treatments to be achieved, Australians with rare diseases must have access to a wide range of trials; and



- (b) a rare disease registry is potentially valuable to the progress of medical research in this field; and
- (3) acknowledges:
  - (a) the vital role organisations play in assisting the patients with treatment and quality of life; and
  - (b) that an investigation into the establishment of a national patient registry, free of commercial interests, for research purposes would benefit the wellbeing of many patients. (*Notice given 24 February 2014.*)

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

*Ms Hall — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member 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 BRONWYN BISHOP MP**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

26 February 2014