

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 25**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**30 May 2018**

## 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)

                    Ms M Landry MP (Nationals Chief Whip)

                    Mr S Georganas MP

                    Mr L. S. O'Brien MP

                    Mr G Perrett MP

                    Mr R Ramsey MP

                    Mr S Robert MP

                    Ms J Ryan MP

                    Mr B van Manen MP

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                    Mr K Hogan MP, Deputy Speaker

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Secretary        Mr P Banson

Committee support    Mr R Selth

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                    Mrs A Fabbo

## 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, 29 May 2018.
2. The Committee deliberated on items of committee and delegation business that had been notified, private Members' business items listed on the Notice Paper and notices lodged on Tuesday, 29 May 2018, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 18 June 2018, as follows:

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

#### COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

##### Presentation and statements

##### 1 Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories

*Maintaining Australia's national interests in Antarctica.*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Morton — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.*

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

##### Notices

- 1 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for the appointment of an Inspector-General of Animal Welfare and Live Animal Exports, and for related purposes. (*Inspector-General of Animal Welfare and Live Animal Exports Bill 2018*)  
(*Notice given 29 May 2018.*)

*Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.*

**2 MR WILKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide a legislative response to all people seeking asylum in Australia, and for related purposes. (*Refugee Protection Bill 2018*)

(*Notice given 29 May 2018.*)

*Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.*

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

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) there are almost 300 older Australians who have waited more than two years for their approved home care package, without any care;
  - (b) a further 636 older Australians have waited more than a year for care and they currently have no care at all and there are thousands more getting less care than they need;
  - (c) the latest waiting list for home care packages indicates that more than 100,000 older Australians are waiting for the package they have been approved for; and
  - (d) the latest figures show that the waiting list grew by more than 20,000 between 1 July and December 2017 and it is likely to continue growing without funding for the release of more packages;
- (2) recognises the Government's response in its budget of 14,000 home care packages is woefully inadequate;
- (3) condemns the Government for the aged care crisis it has made on its watch; and
- (4) calls on the Government to immediately invest in fixing the home care package waiting list and properly address this growing crisis.

(*Notice given 21 May 2018.*)

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Collins — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 8 x 5 mins]

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

**4 MRS MARINO:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that endometriosis is a terrible condition that afflicts 1 in 10 women globally and notes that there is:
  - (a) delay in diagnosis of between 7 and 10 years; and
  - (b) a huge need for further research on ways to treat this terrible condition;

- (2) notes that the Government is committing funding to researching this dreadful disease;
- (3) congratulates the Minister for Health for working with the Australian Coalition for Endometriosis to establish the first National Action Plan for Endometriosis; and
- (4) further congratulates the Government for also committing funding of \$160,000, through the National Health and Medical Research Council, for Professor Grant Montgomery to use genomics to investigate better treatments for women with endometriosis.

*(Notice given 29 May 2018.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mrs Marino — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 8 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**

#### **Orders of the day**

- 1 LIVE SHEEP LONG HAUL EXPORT PROHIBITION BILL 2018** (*Ms Ley*):  
Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 May 2018*).

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*All Members — 5 minutes.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 4 x 5 mins]

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

#### **Notices**

- 1 MS M. L. LANDRY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef is the planet's greatest living wonder;
- (2) further notes that it supports 64,000 jobs and contributes an estimated \$6.4 billion to our economy; and
- (3) welcomes the Government's record \$500 million boost for Reef protection which will:
  - (a) invest in a \$444 million partnership with the Great Barrier Reef Foundation;

- (b) spark new and innovative investment in Reef protection measures;
- (c) deliver on projects which are proven to boost the health of the Reef;
- (d) improve water quality;
- (e) tackle the crown-of-thorns starfish; and
- (f) work with traditional owners on this vital project.

(Notice given 29 May 2018.)

*Time allotted — 50 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms M. L. Landry — 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.*

**2 MR GOSLING:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the battles of Fire Support Bases Coral and Balmoral during the Vietnam War;
  - (b) on 12 May 1968 two battalions, 1st Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) and 3rd Battalion RAR with Attachments, were deployed as the 1st Australian Task Force (Forward) to Fire Support Bases Coral and Balmoral, approximately 20 kilometres north of Biên Hòa City, and were involved in a series of actions until 6 June 1968; and
  - (c) the series of battles were incredibly fierce and costly, claiming the lives of 26 Anzacs, with up to 100 wounded and an estimated 300 North Vietnamese combatants killed during the almost one month of fighting;
- (2) acknowledges all of the units and elements that comprised the 1st Australian Task Force (Forward) that deployed to Fire Support Bases Coral and Balmoral;
- (3) notes that:
  - (a) the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal recently wrote to the Minister for Defence Personnel recommending: ‘That the 1st Australian Task Force (Forward) be awarded the “Unit Citation for Gallantry” for extraordinary gallantry in action at the Battles of Fire Support Bases Coral and Balmoral, between 12 May and 6 June 1968.’;
  - (b) on 13 May 2018 the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs announced that the Governor-General had approved the awarding of the Unit Citation for Gallantry to the 1st Australian Task Force (Forward) group and all those associated units who participated in that battle;
  - (c) this announcement had been long awaited and much anticipated;
  - (d) on this day, the 50th anniversary of the commencement of fighting, the Commanding Officer of the 3rd RAR during the battle, Brigadier Jeffrey James ‘JJ’ Shelton DSO MC passed away while watching the ceremony from his hospital bed;

- (e) ‘Jim’ Shelton, who had been unwell for some time, closed his eyes and passed away peacefully at 92 years of age; and
  - (f) the RAR Association noted that Brigadier Shelton will be remembered by those who knew him and those who served with him as a true gentleman and a soldier’s soldier;
- (4) remembers those who lost their lives serving our country and all who came home wounded, or bearing the hidden scars of war; and
  - (5) recognises those who returned to life in Australia, that their journey from battlefield to towns and suburbs can be a difficult one and we must continue to support those who served and the people who love and care for them.

*(Notice given 24 May 2018.)*

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Gosling — 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 IRONS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the recent decision of the Western Australia Government to grant approval for a third runway at Perth Airport;
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) this decision will trigger a flight path review in metropolitan Perth;
  - (b) the last time flight paths were altered in Western Australia was 2008 by the then Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government as part of the Western Australian Route Review Project; and
  - (c) in 2010 a Senate inquiry into the effectiveness of Airservices Australia’s management of aircraft noise found that community consultation was inadequate; and
- (3) calls on the current Minister for Infrastructure and Transport to instruct Airservices Australia to commence a review as soon as possible, which includes adequate community consultation.

*(Notice given 29 May 2018.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

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

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) the Commonwealth's Financial Assistance Grants are a key source of revenue for local governments, especially for regional and rural councils;
  - (b) the impact of the indexation freeze in the 2014-15 budget meant that local councils missed out on \$925 million in funding to provide better infrastructure and better services for our local communities—in Victoria this equated to \$200 million in cuts to funding for local roads and community services;
  - (c) the impact of the indexation freeze was magnified in rural and regional areas where local governments have small ratepayer bases and ageing infrastructure and these councils cannot afford a repeat of the indexation freeze;
  - (d) cost shifting onto local governments places them under increasing pressure to deliver services and maintain assets previously provided by other tiers of government and for rural and regional councils the impact is magnified due to their limited ability to increase revenue;
  - (e) the two main sources of funding for councils are rates and grants and as grant income declines, councils have had to fill the revenue gap by increasing rates or reducing services;
  - (f) the ability of rural and regional councils to increase revenue via rates is limited due to a high proportion of 'non-rateable' land and a smaller population, and revenue raising via user charges for facilities, parking fees and development applications adopted by metropolitan councils is not an option for regional councils; and
  - (g) rural and regional councils often have higher costs per capita than metropolitan councils, with:
    - (i) older, more disadvantaged or more vulnerable populations, who require more services from councils;
    - (ii) larger asset bases relative to the population;
    - (iii) an environmental stewardship role, including responsibility for weed and pest animal management and flood mitigation infrastructure;
    - (iv) more dispersed populations, which increase the amount of travel needed to deliver services or which require duplicate facilities to be provided in multiple locations to meet local needs; and
    - (v) reduced competition among service providers and suppliers, which can increase costs for councils when purchasing goods and services; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
  - (a) commit to the sustainability of rural and regional councils by guaranteeing the Financial Assistance Grants will not be subject to another indexation freeze;
  - (b) work with the states and territories and local governments to review the funding methodology of Financial Assistance Grants so that distribution of funds supports the sustainability of rural and regional councils; and



- (c) support the development of regional strategic plans with the states and territories and local governments to guide investment and avoid cost shifting and duplication.

*(Notice given 13 February 2018.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms McGowan — 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. Pursuant to the resolution of the House of 21 May 2018, the committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members’ business in the Federation Chamber, as follows:

### **Items for Federation Chamber (6.30 pm to 7.30 pm)**

#### **PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**

##### **Notices – continued**

##### **5 MS CLAYDON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that for nearly two decades a 10 per cent GST has been applied to women’s sanitary products;
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) this is an unfair and discriminatory tax on women;
  - (b) tampons and pads are not luxury items but rather essential items;
  - (c) Australian women are fed up with paying extra for items that they need to live and work;
  - (d) Labor has announced a concrete plan to scrap the GST on sanitary products; and
  - (e) Labor’s plan:
    - (i) would restore equity but also save a woman up to \$1,000 over her lifetime; and
    - (ii) has already attracted the support of a number of state and territories, putting progress within reach; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
  - (a) immediately adopt Labor’s plan to abolish the tax on women’s sanitary products; and
  - (b) work with the states and territories to end this tax once and for all.

*(Notice given 22 May 2018.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*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.*

**6 MR C. KELLY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the need for households and small businesses to access affordable, reliable energy;
- (2) notes that the Government's National Energy Guarantee is recommended by the independent Energy Security Board and that it:
  - (a) involves no taxes, subsidies or trading schemes;
  - (b) creates a level playing field that ensures all types of energy are part of Australia's mix;
  - (c) provides certainty for investors in new and existing power plants; and
  - (d) reduces price volatility; and
- (3) condemns the Opposition's plan to replicate South Australia's 50 per cent renewable energy target, which will mean more subsidies and therefore higher prices.

*(Notice given 29 May 2018.)*

*Time allotted — remaining private Members'  
business time prior to 7.30 pm*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr C. Kelly — 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.*

**THE HON A. D. H. SMITH MP**

Speaker of the House of Representatives

30 May 2018