

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 27**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**27 June 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

                  Mr D Pecar

                  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, 26 June 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, 26 June 2018, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 13 August 2018, 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 improve accountability in relation to the Inland Rail project, and for related purposes. (*Inland Rail Project (Improving Accountability) Bill 2018*)  
(Notice given 25 June 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.*

##### Orders of the day

- 1 **FAIR WORK AMENDMENT (RESTORING PENALTY RATES) BILL 2018**  
(*Mr Shorten*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 June 2018*).

*Time allotted — 50 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*All 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.*

##### Notices – continued

- 2 **MR VASTA:** To move—That this House:
  - (1) recognises the fantastic contribution that volunteers make to the community of Bonner, and to Australia in general;
  - (2) notes there are 8.7 million volunteers around Australia in organisations like sports clubs, charities and schools;

- (3) congratulates the Government for allocating \$20 million in funding to support volunteering; and
- (4) notes that volunteering efforts make an estimated annual economic and social contribution of \$290 billion.

(Notice given 26 June 2018.)

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Vasta — 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.*

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

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

#### **Notices**

**1 MR HILL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges:
  - (a) the Prime Minister's persistent failure to resolve the ever growing gas crisis in Australia;
  - (b) that this gas crisis is hurting Australian households and threatening manufacturing jobs all over the nation, especially in Victoria, NSW and Queensland;
  - (c) that manufacturing companies around the nation have experienced:
    - (i) between a tripling and quadrupling of the price they pay for Australian gas; and
    - (ii) upwards of a 200 per cent increase in the price they pay for electricity;
  - (d) that cost increases are seriously impacting on the ability of manufacturing companies to continue operations; and
  - (e) that manufacturing companies around the nation are still unable to secure affordable gas supply contracts despite the Prime Minister's handshake agreement with the gas companies in September 2017;
- (2) condemns the Prime Minister for failing to pull the export control trigger by November 2017 to ensure that Australian households and manufacturers are not being charged exorbitant prices for Australian gas;
- (3) recognises that the responsibility for every job lost in the manufacturing industry due to the skyrocketing price of Australian gas falls squarely with the Prime Minister and the Minister for the Environment and Energy; and

- (4) calls on the Government to act decisively now and find a solution to the gas crisis which is threatening jobs in the electoral division of Bruce and countless others around the nation.

(Notice given 26 February 2018.)

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Hill — 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.*

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

- (1) recognises that mental health is a crucial area that needs attention;
- (2) notes that the Government has made mental health a priority and is a key pillar of the National Long Term Health Plan with a record investment of \$4.3 billion;
- (3) further notes that Australians with severe mental health illness will now receive more support services in their communities following an agreement between the Australian and state governments; and
- (4) congratulates the Government for investing \$160 million in the new national psychosocial support measure.

(Notice given 26 June 2018.)

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Wallace — 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.*

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

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) the Government last year released draft legislation concerning pay day lending which would have capped the maximum amount a consumer could repay on a small loan of less than \$2,000 at 10 per cent of their net income;
  - (b) the draft legislation also called for pay day lenders to be barred from making continued offers of credit to vulnerable borrowers;
  - (c) there is no legislation before Parliament despite the Government in late 2016 flagging new laws to protect consumers and releasing draft legislation;
  - (d) people continue to get into financial difficulty because of high-interest contracts;

- (e) the 2016 Review of the Small Amount Credit Contract laws found payday loans were being inappropriately handed to low-income and vulnerable Australians—the high-interest, high-fee cash advances continue to trap people in cycles of debt; and
  - (f) Good Shepherd, St Stephens and other consumer advocates are concerned about the impact of the delay in presenting this legislation to the Parliament; and
- (2) calls on the Government to bring the draft legislation before the Parliament as soon as possible in order to give consumer advocates an assurance that legislative change will be considered to address the increasing number of vulnerable borrowers impacted by these lending practices.

*(Notice given 26 June 2018.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms McGowan — 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 MR MORTON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) funding is available in the 2018-19 federal budget for the Australian Government’s contribution to the construction of the Roe 8 and 9 extensions to complete the Perth Freight Link (PFL), despite the decision of the Western Australian Government to not proceed with the project; and
  - (b) the Australian Government will provide \$1.2 billion to the first Western Australian Government willing to build the PFL by constructing the Roe 8 and 9 extensions and is therefore recording this commitment as a contingent liability in the federal budget;
- (2) acknowledges the real benefits of these projects including 15 sets of traffic lights bypassed, 7,000 trucks and 74,000 cars off local roads each day, freeway access and travel time savings and a reduction of 450,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions;
- (3) welcomes strong community support for Roe 8 and 9;
- (4) condemns the Western Australian Government for not accessing the federal funding and building this critical infrastructure that will improve freight efficiency, make local roads safer and create local jobs in Western Australia;
- (5) calls on the Western Australian Government to:
  - (a) consider all options that allow Roe 8 and 9 to proceed, like a longer bridge over the wetlands or a longer tunnel; and
  - (b) immediately access the \$1.2 billion available in the federal budget and build this critical infrastructure; and

- (6) calls on the federal Opposition to explain if it will keep or remove this critical funding from the federal budget if elected.

*(Notice given 26 June 2018.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Morton — 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.*

## **Items for Federation Chamber (4.45 pm to 7.30 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 26 June 2018).*

*Time allotted — 15 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*All Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 3 x 5 mins]

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

#### **Notices – continued**

#### **5 MRS MARINO:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) 1,000,000 jobs have been created since the election of the Government in 2013; and
- (b) the creation of jobs can only occur when the Government sets the right economic framework;

(2) congratulates the Government on its strong economic management and its plans to reduce the tax burden on individuals and business; and

(3) acknowledges that the Opposition Leader's policies of higher taxation on individuals, businesses, retirees and pensioners would severely jeopardise further job creation in Australia.

*(Notice given 29 May 2018.)*

*Time allotted — 50 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mrs Marino — 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.*

## **Orders of the day – continued**

### **2 HOME CARE PACKAGES:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2018*) on the motion of Mr Hart—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.

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*All 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.*

### **3 GREAT BARRIER REEF:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2018*) on the motion of Ms M. L. Landry—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.

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*All 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 UNIVERSITIES FUNDING:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 February 2018*) on the motion of Ms T. M. Butler—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
- (a) the Government's short-sighted \$2.2 billion in cuts to universities are equivalent to more than 9,500 Australians missing out on a university place in 2018, and again in 2019;
  - (b) across the country this month, students will be attending university, with orientation periods beginning, and that these students are faced with more uncertainty about how the cuts will affect their student experience; and
  - (c) the Government's short-sighted cuts will hurt regional and outer metropolitan universities and their students the most; and
- (2) calls on the Government to reverse its short-sighted, unfair cuts to universities, which are closing the door of opportunity to thousands of Australians.

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

*Speech time limits —*

*All 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.*

**THE HON A. D. H. SMITH MP**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

27 June 2018