

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 31

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

12 May 2021

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business and of private Members' business

1. The Committee met in private session on Tuesday, 11 May 2021.
2. The Committee deliberated on items of private Members' business items listed on the Notice Paper and notices lodged on Tuesday, 11 May 2021, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 24 May 2021, as follows:

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide that major emitters of greenhouse gases are liable for climate change damage that occurs in Australia, and for related purposes. (*Liability for Climate Change Damage (Make the Polluters Pay) Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 23 March 2021.)

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 establish an independent Commonwealth statutory authority with responsibility for protecting animal welfare in Commonwealth regulated activities, to assist in creating a better Australian animal welfare system, and for related purposes. (*Independent Office of Animal Welfare Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 11 May 2021.)

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 MR TED O'BRIEN: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the important work being carried out in Australian businesses to research and commercialise new ideas;
- (2) acknowledges that the Government has supported those efforts in many ongoing ways, including:
 - (a) fostering business collaboration with the CSIRO;
 - (b) the research and development tax incentive; and
 - (c) Accelerating Commercialisation grants under the Entrepreneurs Programme; and
- (3) congratulates Australian companies that are developing and commercialising new ideas, including Naturo Pty Ltd, which has developed a way to extend the shelf life of fresh milk up to 60 days and is creating a pilot manufacturing facility as a result of its recent Accelerating Commercialisation grant.

(Notice given 22 February 2021.)

Time allotted — 45 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Ted O'Brien — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 9 x 5 mins]

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

4 MS TEMPLEMAN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the devastating effects of extreme rainfall that caused extensive flooding across areas of New South Wales in March 2021, resulting in disaster declarations in 63 local government areas by the NSW Government and causing more than \$1billion in damage;
- (2) acknowledges the work of emergency services and other groups in assisting throughout the emergency and subsequent clean-up, with particular reference to:
 - (a) volunteer-based organisations such as the NSW State Emergency Service, NSW Rural Fire Service, Rapid Relief Team, and various charities;
 - (b) supermarket operators that loaded supplies on to helicopters and barges to restock shelves at stores cut off by flood water and landslides; and
 - (c) community members who assisted with distribution of supplies and relief efforts during and in the aftermath of the floods; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) provide the support needed to allow businesses reliant on working waterways such as the Hawkesbury River (including turf growers, vegetable farmers and caravan parks) to get back to work;
 - (b) act to fix the disastrous environmental damage by announcing specific funding to help address silt and debris build up, erosion and collapsing riverbanks; and

- (c) immediately access the \$4 billion Emergency Response Fund, announced two years ago but never spent, for this recovery which can provide up to \$200 million per financial year to be spent nationally on natural disaster recovery and mitigation.

(Notice given 11 May 2021.)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Templeman — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 9 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 DR LEIGH: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) the *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997* (known as the Andrews Bill) amended the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* and the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* to deprive these two legislative assemblies of the power to make laws relating to euthanasia;
- (b) the Government of Prime Minister Howard justified this at the time as a constraint on young jurisdictions that were seen to be moving ahead of the broader public mood;
- (c) when the Andrews Bill curtailed the right of territories to make laws relating to euthanasia, no other state or territory legislature had conducted a debate on similar laws;
- (d) polls of public attitudes to doctor-led voluntary assisted dying suggest that support was in the high sixties in the 1980s, in the mid to high seventies in the 1990s, and in the low eighties in the past two decades;
- (e) in recent years all state legislatures have debated legislation around voluntary assisted dying, with Victoria and Western Australia legalising voluntary assisted dying, and New South Wales and South Australia rejecting legalisation, while Queensland and Tasmania have processes ongoing;
- (f) the anachronistic Andrews Bill means that a quarter of a century since it was passed, 700,000 Australians who live in the Northern Territory or the Australian Capital Territory are still unable to participate in a democratic process to resolve community approaches to euthanasia;

- (g) repealing the Andrews Bill would return to territories legal powers that are held by other Australian jurisdictions; and
 - (h) restoring territory rights does not direct that either territory legislature should consider legislating on euthanasia, it merely allows them to do so if their properly elected representatives decide it appropriate;
- (2) acknowledges that:
- (a) in each of the last two terms of parliament the Government has blocked debate on private Members' bills that would restore territory rights; and
 - (b) while senators have debated and voted on related legislation, members of the House of Representatives have been prevented from expressing their views on this issue; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
- (a) explain why, in 2021, two mature legislative jurisdictions are still singled out as unworthy of legislative self-determination;
 - (b) commit to introduce legislation into the House of Representatives that would grant territorians legislative equality with Australians in other jurisdictions; and
 - (c) restore the right of territories to determine their own laws on euthanasia.
- (Notice given 22 February 2021.)*

Time allotted — 35 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Dr Leigh — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 7 x 5 mins]

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

2 MRS ARCHER: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that under the Government, we have seen:
- (a) a record eight consecutive quarters of year-on-year consumer price index reductions in retail electricity prices; and
 - (b) wholesale electricity prices fall for 17 months in a row; and
- (2) welcomes the Government's strong action to ensure that Australian households and businesses have access to the affordable, reliable and secure electricity.
- (Notice given 22 February 2021.)*

Time allotted — 35 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mrs Archer — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 7 x 5 mins]

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

Orders of the day

- † **HOUSING:** Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Burns—That this House:
- (1) recognises that every Australian should have access to safe and secure housing;
 - (2) notes that:
 - (a) the rate of home ownership continues to decline due to this Government's inaction and lack of leadership on federal housing policy;
 - (b) the rising cost of rent is pushing more Australians into rental stress;
 - (c) more investment in social housing is needed immediately to address the growing waitlists and increasing number of people facing homelessness; and
 - (d) the homelessness sector is desperate for more funding to support those needing crisis accommodation, especially women fleeing domestic and family violence; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to take responsibility and implement policies that respond to the serious issues facing access to safe and secure housing in Australia.

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.*

Notices – continued

3 **MR CONNELLY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Government's \$270 billion investment in Australia's defence capability is creating thousands of jobs and opportunities for small businesses across Australia, particularly in the state of Western Australia;
 - (b) it is only because of the Government's continued investment that we are able to guarantee that the men and women of the Australian Defence Force receive the defence capabilities they need to keep Australians safe; and
 - (c) a key pillar of our economic recovery plan to get Australians in jobs is getting more Australian businesses in our defence industry to deliver the essential capability our Defence Force relies on; and
- (2) recognises that because of the support measures the Government has introduced to help Australian defence:
 - (a) businesses remain in business and are recovering from COVID-19; and
 - (b) our defence industry is not only recovering, but thriving as we come back from the COVID-19 recession.

(Notice given 22 February 2021.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Connelly — 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 (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices – continued

4 MS SHARKIE: To move—That:

- (1) a joint select committee, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on Oversight of the Implementation of Recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety be established to inquire into and report upon:
 - (a) the Government response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission, including the development of a new Act to replace the *Aged Care Act 1997* and the establishment and operation of a new person-centred Aged Care system which focuses on the safety, health and wellbeing of older people; and
 - (b) any matter in relation to the Royal Commission's recommendations referred to the committee by a resolution of either House of the Parliament;
- (2) the committee present its final report on or before the final sitting day of the 46th Parliament;
- (3) the committee consist of nine members—five senators, and four members of the House of Representatives, as follows:
 - (a) two members of the House of the Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips;
 - (b) two members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips;
 - (c) two senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
 - (d) one senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
 - (e) one senator to be nominated by any minority party or independent senator; and
 - (f) one member of the House of Representatives nominated by any minority party or independent member;
- (4) participating members may:
 - (a) be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Government Whip in the House of Representatives, the Opposition Whip in the House of Representatives, the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator or member of the House of Representatives; and

- (b) participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee;
- (5) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (6) the members of the committee hold office as a joint select committee until presentation of the committee's final report or until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time, whichever is the earlier;
- (7) the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy;
- (8) the committee elect:
 - (a) a Government member as its chair; and
 - (b) a non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee; and
 - (c) at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee, the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting;
- (9) in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote;
- (10) three members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;
- (11) the committee have power to:
 - (a) appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine; and
 - (b) appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only;
- (12) two members of a subcommittee constitute the quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include one Government member of either House and one non-Government member of either House;
- (13) the committee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit;
- (14) the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (15) the committee be empowered to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public;
- (16) the committee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

- (17) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders; and
(18) a message be sent to the Senate seeking its concurrence in this resolution.
(*Notice given 11 May 2021.*)

Time allotted — 45 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Sharkie — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 9 x 5 mins]

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

5 MR ENTSCH: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) Indigenous tourism plays a vital role in supporting businesses, creating jobs and driving economic empowerment of Indigenous Australians;
- (b) the Government's \$40 million Indigenous Tourism Fund announced on Friday, 19 February 2021 will support Indigenous tourism businesses and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations; and
- (c) the establishment of the National Indigenous Tourism Advisory Group will advise the Government on strategic priorities for the growth of Australia's Indigenous tourism sector in a way which best supports the broader tourism sector's recovery; and

(2) recognises and acknowledges that:

- (a) Australia's Indigenous culture, country, art and history are unique in today's competitive international tourism market, and are equally attractive to our domestic audience; and
- (b) employment in the Indigenous tourism sector provides the opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to stay on country while maintaining and sharing their culture and traditions.

(*Notice given 22 February 2021.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Entsch — 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.*

6 MS OWENS: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the launch of the Mustafa Kemal Ataturk Bursary on 18 March 2021 at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra;
- (2) notes that the bursary is:
 - (a) a contribution by members of the Australian-Turkish community to the Gallipoli Scholarship, which supports the descendants of Anzacs to study at university or TAFE; and
 - (b) part of the new Ataturk Scholarship, which will support Turkish Australians to study at university or TAFE from 2022; and
- (3) recognises that the donation of this bursary is an act of friendship by Turkish Australians, who have made enormous contributions to our country and community, helping to forge the strong and lasting bond between Australia and Turkey.

(Notice given 11 May 2021.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Owens — 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.*

7 DR MARTIN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the Government is:
 - (a) supporting universities through the COVID-19 pandemic and creating more opportunities for young people to study; and
 - (b) investing \$20 billion in the higher education sector in 2021;
- (2) recognises that \$1 billion has been provided to university research this year;
- (3) acknowledges that the Government has provided \$903.5 million over the next four years for more domestic places and to ensure our universities are financially stable; and
- (4) congratulates the Government for its Job Ready Graduates package which is providing up to 30,000 additional university places in 2021.

(Notice given 22 February 2021.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Dr Martin — 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.*

Orders of the day – continued

1 FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (A STEP TOWARDS A SAFER FAMILY LAW SYSTEM) BILL 2020 (*Mr Perrett*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 March 2021*).

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 = 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

12 May 2021