

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 39

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

20 October 2021

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Chair Hon A. D. H. Smith MP, Speaker

Members Mr B van Manen MP (Chief Government Whip)

 Mr C Hayes MP (Chief Opposition Whip)

 Hon D Drum MP (Chief Nationals Whip)

 Mr R Broadbent MP

 Ms N Flint MP

 Ms P Murphy MP

 Mr K O'Dowd

 Mr R Ramsey MP

 Ms J Ryan MP

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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, 19 October 2021.
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, 19 October 2021, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 25 October 2021, 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 TAX AND REVENUE

The development of the Australian corporate bond market: A way forward

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Owens — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **DR HAINES:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish the Australian Federal Integrity Commission, and for related purposes. (*Australian Federal Integrity Commission Bill 2021*)

(Notice given 18 October 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 DR HAINES:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, and for related purposes. (*Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Disclosure of Political Donations) Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 18 October 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 DR WEBSTER:** To present a Bill for an Act about social media services, and for related purposes. (*Social Media (Basic Expectations and Defamation) Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 18 October 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.

- 4 MS STEGGALL:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, and for related purposes. (*Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Stop the Lies) Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 18 October 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.

- 5 MR BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to restrict activities in relation to thermal coal, and for related purposes. (*Coal Prohibition (Quit Coal) Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 18 October 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.

- 6 MR BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act about COVID check-in data, and for related purposes. (*Privacy (COVID Check-in Data) Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 18 October 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.

- 7 MS SHARKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the *Spam Act 2003*, and for related purposes. (*Unsolicited Political Communications Legislation Amendment Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 19 October 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.

- 8 MS SHARKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aged Care Act 1997*, and for related purposes. (*Aged Care Amendment (Making Aged Care Fees Fairer) Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 19 October 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.

- 9 MR HILL:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to cashless welfare arrangements to protect pensioners and other social security recipients, and for other purposes. (*Protecting Pensioners from the Cashless Debit Card Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 19 October 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.

- 10 MR HAYES:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that 29 November 2021 is the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People as declared by the United Nations in 1977;
- (2) recognises the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to self determination and a future built on peace, dignity, justice and security;
- (3) acknowledges the obstacles to the ongoing peace process, particularly the need for urgent action on issues such as settlements, Jerusalem, the Gaza blockade and the humanitarian situation in the occupied Palestinian territories;
- (4) further recognises that the ongoing humanitarian situation in Palestine is far-reaching, with many in the Australian community affected by this ongoing conflict; and
- (5) calls on the Government to ensure Australia is working constructively to support security and human rights in Palestine, in advance of a just and enduring two-state solution in the Middle East.

(Notice given 18 October 2021.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Hayes — 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.*

Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MS MCBAIN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) Australia has a severe timber shortage;
 - (b) a report by the Master Builders Association and the Australian Forest Products Association concludes Australia is heading towards a deficit of 250,000 house frames by 2035;
 - (c) the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment states numerous studies show the need for 400,000 hectares of new plantations over the next decade to meet Australia's demand for timber;
 - (d) data from the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences reveals there are only 2,750 hectares of new plantations of softwood;
 - (e) the Government first promised to expand Australia's timber plantations by 1 billion trees in 2018; and
 - (f) answers to questions in the Senate reveal the concessional loan program set up to help meet the 1 billion trees target is yet to even open after the Government promised \$500 million before the last election;
- (2) acknowledges the impact the timber shortage is having on the construction and forestry industries and those Australians undertaking building and do-it-yourself projects; and
- (3) conveys its disappointment that the Government has failed to do the necessary work for Australia to have sovereign capability to provide softwood and to grow jobs across the forestry and construction sectors.

(Notice given 18 October 2021.)

Time allotted — 35 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms McBain — 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 MR LEESER: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the critical work of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) in safeguarding Australia’s security and national interests;
- (2) notes that ASIO Director-General Mike Burgess recently observed that ‘Australia’s threat environment is complex, challenging and changing’;
- (3) commends the Government for providing \$1.3 billion over ten years in the 2021-22 Budget to help further improve ASIO’s capabilities; and
- (4) thanks the men and women who work in ASIO and our other national security agencies for their dedication to keeping Australians safe from a range of threats and to protecting our national sovereignty.

(Notice given 18 October 2021.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Leeser — 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 CLAYDON: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that:
 - (a) Australia's social security system is a proud Labor legacy;
 - (b) social security payments provide economic stability, fostering smooth transitions during times of economic uncertainty; and
 - (c) Centrelink has provided critical support to many Australians over the course of the pandemic;
- (2) recognises that:
 - (a) the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic serves as a reminder for all governments about the importance of robust local public services;
 - (b) there are many people who do not have internet and rely on local Centrelink branch access to conduct their Centrelink business;
 - (c) the closure of face-to-face Centrelink services will force many vulnerable Australians, carers, people with disability and students to travel excessive lengths to access the services they need;
 - (d) many people who rely upon Centrelink services live well below the poverty line and have zero capacity to pay more for travel or parking; and
 - (e) the Government’s secret plan to close or reduce access to Centrelink shopfronts across Australia is unconscionable; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) terminate any plans to consolidate, close or reduce access to the Mornington, Newcastle, Tweed Heads, Yarra and Abbotsford Centrelink offices once and for all;
 - (b) cease the impending closure of the face-to-face Centrelink service in Braddon; and

- (c) reinstate all Centrelink shopfronts which have been closed in the last two years, including the services located in Benalla and Newport, Victoria.

(Notice given 18 October 2021.)

Time allotted — 35 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Claydon — 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.*

4 MR WALLACE: To move—That this House:

(1) notes:

- (a) a number of Australian businesses have been impacted by cyberattacks including by ransomware in 2021; and
- (b) ransomware is a common and dangerous type of malware employed by cyber-criminals that can affect both individuals and organisations, and cause severe damage to reputation, and business bottom lines;

(2) records its concern at the impact and frequency of cyber-attacks on Australian individuals and businesses;

(3) further notes the significant investment by the Government of \$15 billion in cyber and defence capabilities, including \$1.35 billion through the Australian Signals Directorate/Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC), to keep Australians safe online;

(4) recognises the important work done by the ACSC providing advice and technical support to individuals and businesses affected by cyber incidents;

(5) urges all Australians to implement good cyber hygiene measures across their home and business networks; and

(6) encourages all Australians to visit cyber.gov.au and take the steps to protect themselves, their businesses, their families, and Australia's digital sovereignty.

(Notice given 18 October 2021.)

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

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.*

Items for Federation Chamber (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices – continued

5 MR BURNS: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) asylum seekers are still being held in alternative places of detention, such as hotels, in Australia;
 - (b) many of these individuals have now been detained for over eight years and have suffered significant psychological harm as result of their prolonged and indefinite detention;
 - (c) this program costs taxpayers tens of millions of dollars each year and continues despite:
 - (i) the impact on the physical and mental health of detainees; and
 - (ii) repeated offers to resettle asylum seekers from New Zealand; and
 - (d) the Minister for Home Affairs acknowledged in comments on 21 January 2021 that ‘it’s cheaper for people to be in the community than it is to be at a hotel or for us to be paying for them to be in detention and if they’re demonstrated not to be a threat’;
- (2) applauds the significant contribution migrants and asylum seekers make to our economy, our democracy, and our vibrant, multicultural community; and
- (3) calls on the Government to to:
 - (a) address the issue of the indefinite detention of asylum seekers in hotels in Australia;
 - (b) honour the Minister for Home Affairs’ previous comments and ensure that Australians will no longer see an expensive and cruel program of indefinite detention inflicted on people in our care; and
 - (c) immediately release Priya, Nades, Kopika and Tharaunicaa from detention on Christmas Island and allow them to return to their home in Biloela, Queensland to the community who loves and supports them, and wants them home.

(Notice given 23 March 2021.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Burns — 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 DR WEBSTER: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the Government's commitment to ensuring there is a strong, skilled and sustainable National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) workforce by launching the NDIS National Workforce Plan;
- (2) acknowledges that the disability workforce will require an additional 83,000 workers over the next few years to strengthen the responsiveness, quality and capability of the NDIS workforce and complements other Government reforms to build a simpler, fairer, faster and more flexible NDIS; and
- (3) recognises the Government's 2021-22 budget investment of \$12.3 million in the Care and Support Workforce Package over the next two years to cut red tape and promote regulatory alignment across the aged care, disability and veterans' care sectors.

(Notice given 23 June 2021.)

Time allotted — 45 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Dr Webster — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 1 x 10 mins + 7 x 5 mins]

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

7 MR GORMAN: To move—That this House notes that:

- (1) dementia is the leading cause of death of women in Australia;
- (2) over 42,000 Western Australians are living with dementia and some 242 new diagnoses are made each day;
- (3) 472,000 Australians live with dementia and almost 1.6 million people are involved in their care;
- (4) it is expected that the number of people living with dementia in Australia is likely to increase to over 1 million by 2058;
- (5) we all have a role to play in building dementia-friendly communities such as the initiative of the Memory Cafe in Cambridge;
- (6) Western Australians are fortunate to be served by Alzheimer's WA which was founded 40 years ago in Inglewood and has just opened their new base in Subiaco; and
- (7) the 42,000 Western Australians suffering from dementia deserve local, well-funded care, support and research.

(Notice given 22 June 2021.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Gorman — 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.

8 MR PASIN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) on average, 2.5 million containers, 122,000 air and sea vessels, 22 million passengers and 144 million mail items arrive in Australia each year;
 - (b) around 35,000 pest and disease border detections are recorded across biosecurity regulated pathways each year; and
 - (c) the global and regional spread of pests and diseases is accelerating and trade volumes are growing; and
- (2) further notes that:
 - (a) Australia has one of the most robust and effective biosecurity systems in the world, which is essential to keeping our nation safe from exotic pests and diseases;
 - (b) a strong biosecurity system protects and empowers Australia's reputation as a clean and green producer of food and fibre, ensuring primary producers can maintain their production levels and attain premiums for their product in our international export markets; and
 - (c) the agricultural industry's ambitious goal of \$100 billion by 2030 is only attainable through substantial continued investment in biosecurity; and
- (3) acknowledges and welcomes the Government's history of investment in biosecurity, which saw investment in biosecurity and export services increase from \$630 million in 2014-15 to a record 1 billion in 2021-22; and
- (4) welcomes the additional \$400 million in new funding announced through the 2021-22 budget to further expand biosecurity systems and safeguard Australian agriculture and our environment from exotic pests and diseases.

(Notice given 23 June 2021; amended 18 October 2021.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Pasin — 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.

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

20 October 2021