

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 40

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

27 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

 Ms R Sharkie MP

 Ms A Stanley 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, 26 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, 26 October 2021, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 22 November 2021 as follows:

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR WILKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, and for related purposes. (*Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Cleaning up Political Donations) Bill 2021*)

(Notice given 15 June 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 LEESER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to telecommunications, and for related purposes. (*Telecommunications Reform (Telstra, NBN and Other Providers) Bill 2021*)

(Notice given 26 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 MR ALBANESE:** To present a Bill for an Act to give Australian workers the right to same job, same pay, and for related purposes. (*Fair Work Amendment (Same Job, Same Pay) Bill 2021*)

(Notice given 26 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 SHARKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*, and for related purposes. (*Customs Amendment (Banning Goods Produced By Forced Labour) Bill 2021 (No. 2)*)
(Notice given 26 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 VASTA:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the Government’s support for child care helped Australian families during the height of the coronavirus pandemic and continues to support families as our economy grows;
- (2) further notes that the latest data shows more than \$3 billion has been provided through the pandemic to keep services viable, staff in work and children in care;
- (3) recognises that women’s workforce participation has reached a record high of 61.8 per cent; and
- (4) further recognises that the Government is investing more than \$10.3 billion in the child care system this year, helping more than 1.2 million families.

(Notice given 23 June 2021.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Vasta — 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 HUSIC:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that 2021 marks 75 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between Australia and the Philippines;
- (2) celebrates the strength of the bilateral diplomatic relations between Australia and the Philippines over those 75 years;
- (3) reaffirms the strong relationship between Australia and the Philippines; and
- (4) acknowledges the importance of effective diplomatic relations with the Philippines, which are underpinned by our shared history and deep enduring relationship.

(Notice given 21 June 2021.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Husic — 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 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE :
Resumption of debate (*from 25 October 2021—Mr Sharma, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hayes—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.

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All 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.*

Notices

1 MR VAN MANEN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Government's ongoing commitment to improving road safety through the establishment of the Road Safety Program (RSP);
- (2) recognises that the RSP supports the fast roll out of lifesaving road safety treatments on rural and regional roads and greater protection for vulnerable road users, like cyclists and pedestrians, in urban areas;

- (3) commends the Government for its funding in the recent budget to provide \$3 billion over three years from 2020-21; and
- (4) acknowledges the ‘use it or lose it’ provision as part of the funding, requiring states and territories to use their funding within each six month tranche in order to receive their full allocation of funding for the next tranche, unless exceptional circumstances exist.

(Notice given 23 June 2021.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr van Manen — 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 MS RYAN: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that:
 - (a) over the past eight years of this Government, infrastructure funding to areas of growth has been neglected;
 - (b) as revealed in September’s Final Budget Outcome there has been another 12 months of broken infrastructure promises from the Government, with infrastructure spending totalling \$656.5 million less than was promised; and
 - (c) over eight long years of this Government, its infrastructure broken promises now total an incredible \$7.4 billion;
- (2) recognises that this lack of funding has resulted in fewer roads, fewer public transport upgrades, longer commutes, less time at home and fewer jobs for Australians who need them; and
- (3) calls on the Government to provide adequate funding to infrastructure projects and build the roads and rail that Australians actually need.

(Notice given 25 October 2021.)

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Ryan — 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.*

3 DR ALLEN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) Australia is continuing to display international leadership on the issue of HIV/AIDS by co-facilitating the 2021 United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on HIV and AIDS;
 - (b) this meeting took place from 8 to 10 June and covered the progress which had been made in reducing the impact of HIV since the last High Level Meeting in 2016;
 - (c) the High Level Meeting coincides with a meeting of public health and political leaders in Australia on 17 June to discuss Agenda 2025: Ending HIV transmission in Australia;
 - (d) testing and treatment services combined with successful leadership from governments and civil society mean that progression from HIV to AIDS is now relatively rare in Australia;
 - (e) action is still needed to address rising HIV transmission among First Nations, trans and gender diverse people, and other emerging high-risk population groups;
 - (f) gay and bisexual men continue to bear the burden of Australia's HIV epidemic and ongoing health education among this population group is needed, and;
 - (g) further bipartisan political action and leadership is required to meet our national target of ending HIV transmission in Australia.
- (2) recognises and acknowledges:
 - (a) the Agenda 2025: Ending HIV transmission in Australia strategy outlines the commitments needed to make Australia one of the first countries to eliminate HIV;
 - (b) the journey that people have made through their diagnosis, treatment and experiences of living with HIV;
 - (c) the tremendous efforts of peer educators, healthcare professionals, researchers and scientists in developing treatment and prevention regimes that have improved the lives of people living with HIV;
 - (d) the success of a bipartisan approach in Australia's health response; and
 - (e) the tireless community advocates, civil society organisations and support groups that actively tackle stigma associated with HIV.

(Notice given 18 October 2021.)

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

Speech time limits —

Dr Allen — 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

Notices – continued

4 DR FREELANDER: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that the early years are some of the most important in a child's life, in terms of their cognitive and social development;
- (2) notes that a child's health outcomes can be heavily influenced from the period of preconception, and the lives and lifestyles of both biological parents;
- (3) commends the work of Australian medical professionals who champion the First 1000 Days framework, a model that is aimed at improving the physical and mental health of parents from pre-pregnancy and up until a child reaches two years of age; and
- (4) implores the Government to adopt a national approach to the First 1000 Days initiative, to improve health outcomes in our future generations.

(Notice given 25 October 2021.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Dr Freelanders — 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.*

5 MR GOODENOUGH: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes with concern the long standing religious persecution of members of the Baha'i Faith in Iran;
- (2) expresses alarm at the raids on Baha'i homes and businesses and the increase in court cases against Baha'is since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic;
- (3) further calls on the Iranian Government to ensure that Baha'is enjoy the same rights as other citizens and that their belief and practice are not criminalised;
- (4) supports the 16 December 2020 resolution of the United Nations General Assembly which called on the Islamic Republic of Iran to uphold the human rights of all its citizens;
- (5) condemns the recent Iranian court judgments upholding the confiscation of homes and lands belonging to 27 Baha'is in the village of Ivel; and
- (6) calls on the Iranian judicial authorities to ensure that these lands and homes are restored to their rightful owners, and that no other Baha'i citizens have their properties confiscated due to their religion.

(Notice given 23 June 2021.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Goodenough — 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 MS SHARKIE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) a delegation from the Regional, Rural and Remote Communications Coalition (RRRCC) has approached Members of the 46th Parliament via a virtual delegation to highlight priorities for improving regional telecommunications;
 - (b) the RRRCC is a group of 21 like-minded organisations and advocacy bodies which have joined together to highlight their collective concern about the lack of equitable access to reliable and quality telecommunication in regional Australia;
 - (c) telecommunications is an essential service in a modern world, supporting social connectivity, business activity, and the delivery of health and education services;
 - (d) every Australian, irrespective of where they live or work, should have access to quality, reliable, and affordable voice and data services with customer support guarantees; and
 - (e) there is ongoing inequity in the access to telecommunications experienced by Australians living in regional, rural, and remote areas, compared to their urban counterparts; and
- (2) calls upon the Government to ensure that regional, rural, and remote Australia is best positioned to retain people and grow in the long term, by:
 - (a) establishing a rural, regional and remote communications fund to resource ongoing investment in regional telecommunications through the Mobile Black Spot Program, Regional Connectivity Program and through state and territory co-investment programs;
 - (b) continuing its commitment to expanding the mobile network in regional Australia through the Mobile Black Spot Program or a similar program, (such programs must continue to promote competition by requiring open access for all networks and the criteria for such programs reflect changing technologies and commercial circumstances);
 - (c) ensuring no mobile network user is disadvantaged by the switching off of the 3G network;
 - (d) having the Australian Communications and Media Authority investigate and monitor widespread mobile outages in regional and remote Australia, and the reliability of mobile infrastructure;
 - (e) ensuring there are adequate upgrade plans and pathways for regional Australians using ADSL services that provide access to higher quality or equivalent fixed broadband services;

- (f) bringing about further enhancements to NBN Sky Muster in order to reflect consumer and small business needs, including more affordable plans, and a mobility product;
- (g) legislating telecommunications as an essential service in all states and territories, recognising telecommunications providers as ‘essential users’ in natural disaster areas, and ensuring the rollout of NBN Disaster Satellite Services appropriately complement MBSP 5A upgrades to power supplies at base stations;
- (h) ensuring any alternative technologies for voice service delivery be proven to have greater reliability and performance quality for regional, rural, and remote consumers;
- (i) creating appropriate minimum service guarantees and performance benchmarks for connection, fault repair and appointment keeping timeframes for NBN and other statutory infrastructure providers, (these obligations and timeframes must support maximum connectivity during natural disaster events and customers must be adequately compensated when baseline timeframes are exceeded);
- (j) introducing adequate performance quality metrics for all services, including NBN Sky Muster, monitored against independent benchmarks;
- (k) committing to funding the regional tech hub service beyond the current one-year funding period, and working with the RRRCC and state and local governments to identify and deliver digital capacity building needs beyond the remit of the regional tech hub project;
- (l) creating a targeted, concessional NBN broadband service to support low-income residents in regional, rural and remote areas, and reconfiguring the existing telecommunication allowance to meet the needs of low-income, mobile-only consumers;
- (m) supporting remote communities, in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities, to have access to affordable telecommunications equipment so they can maximise access to services such as medical services; and
- (n) requiring retail service providers to be transparent about the limitations of the more affordable services they provide to low-income consumers.

(Notice given 25 October 2021.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Sharkie — 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.*

7 MR CONNELLY: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the benefits a career in the Australian Defence Force provides through skills, education, training and experience;
- (2) notes:
 - (a) the Australian Defence Force’s objective to protect Australia and that those recruited to deliver on this objective put their lives on the line for our country; and
 - (b) that Defence recruits the best and brightest and offers varying pathways for individuals to join and serve our nation; and
- (3) acknowledges the sacrifice our personnel and their families make for a career in the Australian Defence Force and our nation’s eternal gratitude for all those who have served past and present.

(Notice given 18 October 2021.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Connelly — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 11 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

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