

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 27**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**26 June 2024**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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## 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, 25 June 2024.
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, 25 June 2024, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 1 July and Thursday, 4 July 2024, as follows:

### Monday 1 July 2024

#### Items for House of Representatives Chamber (11.40 am to 12 noon)

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

##### Notices

- 1 MS SHARKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001*, and for related purposes. (*Interactive Gambling Amendment (Ban on Gambling Advertisements) Bill 2024*)

*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 R MITCHELL:** To move—That this House:
  - (1) notes that on Monday, 1 July 2024, every Australian taxpayer will receive a tax cut; and
  - (2) acknowledges the Government's number one priority is to tackle the cost of living pressures facing Australians by ensuring they earn more and keep more of what they earn.(*Notice given 25 June 2024.*)

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr R Mitchell — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

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

*The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue at a later hour.*

## Items for Federation Chamber (12.30 pm to 1.30 pm)

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices

#### 1 MS SHARKIE: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that:
  - (a) the number of older people in Australia is anticipated to grow from 4.31 million people aged over 65 years in 2021 to 6.66 million by 2041 with the number of those aged over 85 years anticipated to grow 140 per cent from 534,000 to 1.28 million over that same timeframe;
  - (b) many older Australians report experiencing age discrimination, elder abuse, financial stress and homelessness;
  - (c) one in three people report experiencing age discrimination after turning 50, with employment-related and other forms of age discrimination reported including when accessing businesses and financial, and Government services such as My Aged Care;
  - (d) 20 per cent of pensioners are considering going back to work but barriers in place to their doing so reportedly include dealing with government services including finding digitally-based Services Australia interfaces inaccessible;
  - (e) 94 per cent of older people are concerned about rising living costs in the long term, 26 per cent are extremely concerned, and 24 per cent of older people report an inability to access dental care due to its cost;
  - (f) Australia's homeless population is ageing, with the rate of homelessness growing by over 30 per cent between 2011 and 2016 for older women;
  - (g) one in six older Australians reported experiencing elder abuse (psychological, neglect, financial, physical and/or sexual) in 2021, with higher rates among those experiencing poor health or social isolation; and
  - (h) many retirement village residents report poor transparency and lax consumer protections and calls have been made for a national review and harmonisation of regulation; and
- (2) calls on the Government to establish a portfolio and Minister for Older Australians to:
  - (a) demonstrate the Government's commitment to older people during a time of demographic change in which Australians are expected to live longer lives, but with increased reliance on key services such as health and aged care;
  - (b) act as a conduit between Government and the community to better engage with older people on matters which concern them, beyond aged care, and enable a whole of Government approach to policy-making for and with older Australians across multiple sectors and Government agencies;
  - (c) ensure Government services are accessible and inclusive for all including those who may not have ease of digital access or may be experiencing hearing or vision loss;
  - (d) champion our older Australians and shift the narrative of older people as vulnerable and in need of support (a 'burden') to more positive aspects of ageing and the contribution older people make to the economy and society;

- (e) work with older people and the sector to address key issues including age discrimination, elder abuse, social exclusion and isolation, homelessness, access to and cost of health care, and financial stress; and
- (f) reframe the current narrative to recognise that older people helped to build our nation and continue to represent some of our greatest assets, rather than promoting intergenerational competition or conflict.

*(Notice given 25 June 2024.)*

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Sharkie — 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.*

## **Orders of the day**

**TAX CUTS:** Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr R Mitchell— That this House:

- (1) notes that on Monday, 1 July 2024, every Australian taxpayer will receive a tax cut; and
- (2) acknowledges the Government's number one priority is to tackle the cost of living pressures facing Australians by ensuring they earn more and keep more of what they earn.

*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.*

**1 BEEF CORRIDOR:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2024*) on the motion of Ms Landry—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that:
  - (a) the cattle industry within the Queensland ‘Beef Corridor’ road network consists of a quarter of Australia’s cattle herd and makes an important contribution to the Queensland economy worth \$2.7 billion;
  - (b) the Beef Corridor, consisting of a 457 kilometre network of roads, serves as a crucial interconnected system for agricultural supply chains spanning from east to west;
  - (c) this infrastructure facilitates the seamless movement of premium beef throughout every stage of the production cycle;
  - (d) beef produced within the Beef Corridor road network is of world-class quality but is transported on dangerous sub-standard roads; and

- (e) in 2022, the former Government committed \$400 million to make the crucial improvements to the Beef Corridor roads;
- (2) condemns the Government for its reckless decision to delay the full funding amount of \$400 million for the Beef Corridor road network upgrades and creating uncertainty around this critical road safety project; and
- (3) calls on the Government to reinstate the original 2023-24 funding profile of \$400 million back to the 2025-26 start date to ensure the much needed road upgrades can begin so the beef industry can deliver its high value product to market safely.

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

*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.*

## **Items for Federation Chamber (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)**

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

#### **Orders of the day – continued**

#### **2 ROAD SAFETY DATA:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2024*) on the motion of Mr Pasin—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) 677 lives were lost on Australian roads in the six months to 31 December 2023; and
  - (b) the second half of 2023 was the deadliest six months on Australian roads since 2010;
- (2) recognises that the data needed to understand Australia's worsening road toll is being collected by state and territory governments but is not consistent and not being shared;
- (3) further notes that:
  - (a) before the 2022 election, the federal Labor Party committed 'to cooperate with the states and territories to improve the timeliness and quality of road trauma data and look for opportunities to extract better quality road safety data from states and territories in return for funding of road projects'; and
  - (b) the Government has failed to deliver on that promise; and
- (4) calls on the Government to compel the states and territories to collect and share data relating to the quality of Australian roads, the causes of crashes, and the effectiveness of road safety measures as a condition of the \$50 billion in federal road funding allocated over the next five years under the National Partnership Agreement on Land Transport Infrastructure Projects.

*Time allotted — 45 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*All 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.*

## **Notices – continued**

### **2 MS J RYAN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that on Monday, 1 July 2024, 2.6 million low paid workers will receive a third consecutive pay rise; and
- (2) acknowledges the Government’s number one priority is to tackle the cost of living pressures facing Australians by ensuring they earn more and keep more of what they earn.

*(Notice given 25 June 2024.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms J Ryan — 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 MR CHESTER:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that:
  - (a) natural gas is a key pillar of the Australian economy which employs 80,000 people in the industry supply chain, largely in regional areas;
  - (b) natural gas is connected to more than five million Australian homes and provided 42 per cent of the energy consumed by the Australian manufacturing sector in 2022;
  - (c) natural gas is essential to Australia achieving its net zero target by 2050;
  - (d) Australia has a critical role in providing a reliable source of natural gas to trusted trading partners which rely on our supplies for energy security; and
  - (e) regional Australia has benefitted enormously from long-term investment in the natural gas sector;
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) new natural gas supply is needed to meet energy demand and reduce emissions in Australia and overseas;
  - (b) natural gas shortfalls will severely impact energy security and add to cost of living pressures; and

- (c) the natural gas sector provided \$17.1 billion in taxes, royalties and charges in 2023-24 allowing governments to invest in critical services and public infrastructure; and
- (3) urges the Government to take urgent action to provide policy certainty which allows the industry to bring on the new gas supply needed to address forecast shortfalls, ensure Australia's energy security, and rebuild investor confidence.

*(Notice given 25 June 2024.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Chester — 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 MS THWAITES:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that on Monday, 1 July 2024, every Australian household will receive \$300 in energy bill relief and small businesses will receive \$325 off their energy bills; and
- (2) acknowledges the Government's number one priority is to tackle the cost of living pressures facing Australians by ensuring they earn more and keep more of what they earn.

*(Notice given 25 June 2024.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Thwaites — 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.*



Thursday 4 July 2024

Items for Federation Chamber (10 am to 12.30 pm)

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Notices

**1 MR CHANDLER-MATHER:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) only 1.3 per cent of public schools nationally receive their full schooling resource standard funding, while 98 per cent of private schools are currently overfunded;
  - (b) in Queensland this year, public schools will be underfunded by \$1.7 billion, which is approximately \$3,000 per student;
  - (c) schools like Indooroopilly State High School, in the electoral division of Ryan, are so overcrowded that students do not go to the bathroom because the lines are so long; and
  - (d) public schools should be genuinely free for all students; and
- (2) calls on the Government to make public schools genuinely free and immediately lift funding to deliver 100 per cent of schooling resource standard funding to every public school in the country.

*(Notice given 25 June 2024.)*

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Chandler-Mather — 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.*

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

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) safe and affordable housing is central to the security and dignity of Australians;
  - (b) Australia does not have enough homes and has not for a long time; and
  - (c) the Government has committed to an ambitious housing reform agenda which will boost the supply of all housing, including more public and social housing, more affordable housing, more homes to rent, and more homes to buy;
- (2) acknowledges the \$6.2 billion in new investment in the 2024-25 budget to build more homes more quickly, bringing the Government's new housing initiatives to \$32 billion, which includes:
  - (a) additional funding for the new \$9.3 billion National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness (including a doubling of Commonwealth homelessness funding to \$400 million every year, matched by states and territories);

- (b) directing \$1 billion to Housing Australia towards crisis and transitional accommodation for women and children experiencing domestic violence;
  - (c) assisting nearly 1 million Australian households with the cost of rent by delivering \$1.9 billion for the first back-to-back increase to Commonwealth Rent Assistance in more than 30 years; and
  - (d) providing up to \$1.9 billion in concessional finance for community housing providers and other charities to support delivery of the 40,000 social and affordable homes under the Housing Australia Future Fund and National Housing Accord; and
- (3) further acknowledges the Government's ambitious goal of building 1.2 million homes by the end of the decade.

*(Notice given 25 June 2024.)*

*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.*

**3 MR TED O'BRIEN:** To move—That this House notes that:

- (1) every Australian deserves and should expect access to cheaper, cleaner and consistent electricity, 24 hours a day, seven days a week;
- (2) the Government has broken its promise to reduce household energy bills by \$275, with households instead paying some of the world's most expensive energy bills;
- (3) in the past two years power bills have increased by up to \$1,000 more than the Government promised;
- (4) the Australian Energy Market Operator has issued dire warnings about the state of Australia's gas market due to a lack of supply;
- (5) 90 per cent of Australia's baseload energy will exit the grid by 2034 under this Government;
- (6) baseload power stations should not be closed prematurely with no replacement ready to go;
- (7) the Government is steamrolling regional communities in a desperate attempt to fulfill its all-eggs-in-one-basket 'renewables only' approach to meet its unachievable 82 per cent renewables target; and
- (8) the Opposition believes in a balanced energy mix including renewables, gas and as coal exits the grid, it should be replaced with zero-emissions nuclear energy.

*(Notice given 25 June 2024.)*

*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 notes that:

- (1) the 2024-25 budget provided significant new investment in Australia's arts and cultural sector, including:
  - (a) \$115.2 million over four years to support the long-term financial sustainability of the national arts training organisations and \$36.4 million of indexed and ongoing funding from 2028-29 (including the National Institute of Dramatic Art, Australian Film, Television and Radio School, NAISDA Dance College, Flying Fruit Fly Circus, Australian Ballet School, National Institute of Circus Arts, Australian National Academy of Music and the Australian Youth Orchestra);
  - (b) \$14.5 million to support the production of Australian children's screen content, recognising the importance of Australian children seeing themselves reflected in the stories they watch;
  - (c) \$9.3 million to expand and enhance the National Film and Sound Archive's capacity to digitise audio-visual materials at risk of irreversible degradation; and
  - (d) \$5.2 million to expand and develop the Canberra Symphony Orchestra and Darwin Symphony Orchestra;
- (2) these investments sustain the momentum that the national cultural policy, Revive has created in rebuilding Australia's cultural sector and safeguarding our cultural heritage; and
- (3) the Government is delivering transformative new investment to the cultural sector after a decade of neglect and cuts by the previous Government.

*(Notice given 28 May 2024.)*

*Time allotted — 25 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Templeman — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

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

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

**5 MS WARE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) Multiple Birth Awareness Week is observed each year from the third to the fourth Sunday of March;
  - (b) this year, Multiple Birth Awareness Week was observed between 17 and 24 March 2024;
  - (c) every year there are approximately 4,200 multiple births in Australia, making up 1.4 per cent of all births;
  - (d) multiples are more likely to face greater challenges in their early years, necessitating additional dedicated support; and
  - (e) the Multiple Birth Allowance provided as part of Family Tax Benefit Part A is insufficient in recognition of these greater challenges and is only provided to families of higher order multiples;
- (2) calls on the Government to provide additional support to:
  - (a) families with multiples; and
  - (b) the not-for-profit sector to assist with improved education and peer support; and
- (3) acknowledges the tireless work of advocacy groups including the Australian Multiple Birth Association.

*(Notice given 14 May 2024.)*

*Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 12.30 pm.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Ware — 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.*

**THE HON D. M. DICK MP**

Speaker of the House of Representatives

26 June 2024