

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 1

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

30 July 2025

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, 29 July 2025.
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, 29 July 2025, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 25 August 2025, 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 law relating to social security, and for related purposes. (*Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Responding to Robodebt) Bill 2025*)
(Notice given 29 July 2025.)

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 MS STEGGALL:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish a national climate change adaptation framework, and for related purposes. (*Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation) Bill 2025*)
(Notice given 29 July 2025.)

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 MS LE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, and for related purposes. (*Higher Education Support Amendment (Fair Study and Opportunity) Bill 2025*)
(Notice given 29 July 2025.)

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 MR THOMPSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) providers and participants will be significantly impacted and hold grave concern regarding changes to the transport allowance arrangements that have been announced in the recent annual price review, at very short notice without consultation by the Government; and
 - (b) the feasibility for NDIS providers and participants to make the necessary adjustments to service delivery arrangements in such a short time period is not achievable and will be at the detriment of the participant;
- (2) condemns the Government for failing to consult with the NDIS sector and failing to understand the needs of participants and providers; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) defer these changes for at least three months to allow for consultation and planning around the changes to service delivery that may result from these changes; and
 - (b) explain how it expects community-based service providers in particular to adapt to these new pricing arrangements.

(Notice given 23 July 2025.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Thompson — 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 ABDO: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) during National Skills Week, we recognise the importance of Australia's vocational education and training (VET) sector;
 - (b) there have been more than 650,000 enrolments in the Government's Free TAFE program; and
 - (c) there have been more than 170,000 Free TAFE courses completed by Australians;
- (2) commends the Government's successful passage of the Free TAFE Bill 2024, supporting quality training and putting TAFE back at the heart of the VET sector;
- (3) recognises Free TAFE is helping Australians to get skills in in-demand areas like housing construction, nursing and aged care, giving Australians the skills they want, in sectors we need; and
- (4) supports the Government as it continues to invest in the Australian people by prioritising training initiatives like Free TAFE.

(Notice given 29 July 2025.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Abdo — 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

Notices

1 MS BELL: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) the Government's environment credentials are all washed up;
- (b) after refusing to even meet with scientists regarding the spread of toxic algal bloom in South Australia for over 18 months, the Minister for the Environment and Water has made a last minute dash in a desperate attempt to avoid scrutiny over the Government's lack of leadership on the matter; and
- (c) from recycling to Indigenous cultural heritage and environment protection and biodiversity conservation, the Government has failed to deliver on any of its major promises; and

(2) calls on the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water to attend the chamber to explain the Government's failures on the environment.

(Notice given 23 July 2025.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Bell — 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 MS JARRETT: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the Government's commitment to driving economic equality for Australian women, from closing the gender pay gap and lifting wages for women, to investing in women's health and expanding paid parental leave;

- (2) notes that on 1 July 2025 women in Australia benefited from key changes delivered by the Government, including:
 - (a) expanding paid parental leave to 24 weeks and paying superannuation on it;
 - (b) lifting the minimum wage by 3.5 per cent; and
 - (c) commencing the Commonwealth Prac Payment scheme for teaching, nursing, midwifery and social work students; and
- (3) welcomes the Government continuing to deliver a better future for Australian women.

(Notice given 29 July 2025.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Jarrett — 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 WATSON-BROWN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) during the 2025 federal election, the then Leader of the Opposition, promised to approve Woodside’s North West Shelf gas project in Western Australia within 30 days, and the Government approved it within 15 days of being sworn in;
 - (b) the North West Shelf gas project is estimated to produce annual emissions totalling more than all of Australia’s existing coal-fired power plants combined; and
 - (c) the Government has accepted more than \$1 million in donations from Woodside since 2014, making them the tenth largest donor over the last decade; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) cancel the draft approval for Woodside’s North West Shelf gas project;
 - (b) implement a moratorium on new coal and gas projects; and
 - (c) commit to addressing corporate influence over our political system.

(Notice given 22 July 2025.)

Time allotted — 15 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Watson-Brown — 5 minutes.

Other 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.*

4 DR GARLAND: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the Government's number one priority is helping Australians with the cost of living;
 - (2) notes that on 1 July 2025, the following measures started rolling out:
 - (a) more energy bill relief for every household with \$150 off energy bills; and
 - (b) a 30 per cent discount to home batteries to permanently cut power bills; and
 - (3) welcomes the Government delivering the better future Australians voted for.
- (Notice given 23 July 2025.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Dr Garland — 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 LEESER: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the passing of John Owen Stone AO on 17 July 2025;
- (2) notes his extensive contribution to public life, including his service as Secretary to the Treasury, and as a Senator for Queensland;
- (3) recognises his role in shaping policy and contributing to the national debate on issues from national economic policy and industrial relations to federalism; and
- (4) extends its sincere condolences to his family and pays tribute to his lifelong dedication to the Australian people.

(Notice given 29 July 2025.)

Time allotted — 15 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Leeser — 5 minutes.

Other 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.*

Orders of the day

1 SMALL BUSINESS: Resumption of debate (*from 28 July 2025*) on the motion of Mr T Wilson—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges 2.5 million small businesses have been abandoned by the Government;
- (2) notes the Government has:
 - (a) achieved a record number of small business insolvencies this financial year;
 - (b) done nothing to create an environment for small businesses to thrive; and

- (c) made it more difficult than ever to do business in Australia; and
- (3) calls on the Government to prioritise the problems facing small businesses by:
 - (a) removing excessive regulation it insists on applying to small business;
 - (b) scrapping its plans to impose a family savings tax on unrealised capital gains; and
 - (c) backing small business to make it easier to employ Australians.

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

Speech time limits —

Mr T Wilson — 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.

Items for Federation Chamber (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices – continued

6 MS PAYNE: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the Government's commitment to strengthening the paid parental leave system;
- (2) notes that on 1 July 2025:
 - (a) the Government's paid parental leave increased by two weeks, from 22 weeks to 24 weeks; and
 - (b) superannuation was added to Government paid parental leave meaning taking paid parental leave will not mean missing out on superannuation; and
- (3) welcomes the Government delivering the better future Australians voted for.
(*Notice given 23 July 2025.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Payne — 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 MS PRICE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) that 1 July 2025 marks seven years since the official establishment of the Australian Space Agency;
 - (b) the former Government committed more than \$2 billion towards the civil space sector after the Agency's establishment, as part of our goal to triple the domestic sector to \$12 billion and to create an extra 20,000 jobs by 2030; and
 - (c) the current Government's significant cuts to Australia's space sector, including:
 - (i) \$1.2 billion from the National Space Mission for Earth Observation;
 - (ii) \$59.7 million from the Technology into Orbit program and the space flight tickets subprograms;
 - (iii) \$18 million from the Moon to Mars global supply chain facilitation; and
 - (iv) \$32.3 million slated for co-investment in space ports and launch sites; and
- (2) calls on the Government to reprioritise Australia's space sector, including investing in our sovereign capability.

(Notice given 23 July 2025.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Price — 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 MS COFFEY: To move—That this House notes that:

- (1) to meet growing need, the Government is putting mental health at the heart of Medicare and services at the centre of communities;
- (2) the Government is rolling out a national network of 91 Medicare Mental Health Centres, which offer free walk-in mental health support and care from clinical and non-clinical staff, without the need for an appointment, referral, or mental health treatment plan; and
- (3) the Government is delivering services, closer to home, across the whole of the lifespan by opening new Perinatal Mental Health Centres, Medicare Mental Health Kids Hubs, headspace centres, and Medicare Mental Health Centres.

(Notice given 29 July 2025.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Coffey — 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.*

9 MR WOOD: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the establishment and ongoing implementation of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme, a significant bipartisan initiative designed to address chronic workforce shortages in regional and rural Australia;
- (2) recognises the role of the former Government in consolidating the Seasonal Worker Programme and Pacific Labour Scheme into the unified PALM scheme in 2021, streamlining Pacific labour mobility and enhancing regional cooperation;
- (3) notes that the PALM scheme provides a vital workforce for Australian farmers, growers, food processors, and regional businesses, particularly in horticulture, meat processing and essential services—sectors that face ongoing labour constraints;
- (4) further recognises the mutual benefits of the PALM scheme, delivering reliable employment and remittance opportunities to workers from nine Pacific Island nations and Timor-Leste, while strengthening Australia’s diplomatic, economic, and cultural ties with our Pacific family; and
- (5) affirms Australia’s responsibility as a regional partner, upholding its moral and regional leadership responsibility as a trusted partner in Pacific development.

(Notice given 29 July 2025.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Wood — 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.*

THE HON D. M. DICK MP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

30 July 2025