

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 2

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

27 August 2025

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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 August 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, 26 August 2025, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 1 September 2025, as follows:

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR PIKE:** To present a Bill for an Act to declare Australia Day, on 26 January, to be the national day, and for related purposes. (*Australia Day Bill 2025*)

(*Notice given 25 August 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 **DR SCAMPS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018*, and for related purposes. (*Road Vehicle Standards Amendment (Safer E-Bikes) Bill 2025*)

(*Notice given 26 August 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.

Orders of the day

- 1 **REPEAL NET ZERO BILL 2025** (*Mr Joyce*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 August 2025*).

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.

Notices – continued

3 MS BYRNES: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the final report of the Secure Jobs, Better Pay Review;
- (2) notes the report found the Government’s workplace changes are already delivering for Australian workers, and that:
 - (a) coverage of collective bargaining ‘has increased markedly’;
 - (b) real wages and workers’ economic circumstances are improving; and
 - (c) the Secure Jobs Better Pay Act represents a significant development aimed at improving outcomes for working women, including a reduction in the gender pay gap;
- (3) further notes recent data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics that showed:
 - (a) a record number of Australians work;
 - (b) since May 2022, employment had risen by 8.6 per cent, a higher rate of employment growth than all major advanced economies;
 - (c) the gender pay gap is at the lowest ever level since records began; and
 - (d) annual real wages have now grown for seven consecutive quarters under this Government; and
- (4) acknowledges the Government’s commitment for Australians to earn more and keep more of what they earn.

(Notice given 25 August 2025.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Byrnes — 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 at a later hour.*

Orders of the day – continued

2 NDIS SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS: Resumption of debate *(from 25 August 2025)* on the motion of Mr Thompson—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.

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

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.

Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MS COFFEY: To move—That this House:

- (1) affirms the importance of Women's Health Week, held annually in the first week in September, as a national campaign led by Jean Hailes for Women's Health, promoting health awareness, education, and empowerment for women, girls, and gender-diverse people across Australia;
- (2) celebrates the 2025 theme, 'Say yes to you' which encourages women to prioritise their health, speak up, and access the care they need, values that align with the Government's commitment to equity, dignity, and universal healthcare;
- (3) acknowledges the systemic challenges women face in accessing timely, affordable, and appropriate healthcare, including underdiagnosed conditions such as endometriosis, pelvic pain, cardiovascular disease, and menopause-related symptoms;
- (4) commends the Government for its historic investment of \$793 million to strengthen Medicare and improve women's health outcomes, including:
 - (a) new Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme listings for oral contraceptives and menopause hormone therapies;
 - (b) expanded bulk billing and Medicare rebates for long-acting reversible contraceptives and menopause health assessments;
 - (c) the establishment of 11 new endometriosis and pelvic pain clinics, increasing the national total to 33 clinics; and
 - (d) national trials enabling pharmacists to treat uncomplicated urinary tract infections, improving access for over 250,000 concession cardholders; and

- (5) reaffirms this House's ongoing commitment to a fairer, stronger healthcare system that meets the needs of all Australians, especially women, through evidence-based policy, investment, and compassion.

(Notice given 26 August 2025.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Coffey — 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.*

2 MS SHARKIE: To move—That this House:

(1) recognises that:

- (a) on 31 March 2025, 89,597 older Australians were waiting for a Home Care Package at their approved level, 70,223 without receiving lower-level Home Care Package services;
- (b) many older Australians are waiting up to a year to receive a Home Care Package at their approved level; and
- (c) although many people are approved to receive Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) services while waiting for Home Care at their approved level, those in regional and rural areas have great difficulty accessing CHSP services due to providers' lack of capacity and poor coverage of some Aged Care Planning Regions (ACPRs);

(2) acknowledges that:

- (a) during 2023-24, 3,383 people passed away and 7,380 people entered residential aged care while waiting for a Home Care Package at their approved level;
- (b) the Government's deferral of an additional 80,000 Support at Home places from the commencement of the new *Aged Care Act 2024* from 1 July 2025 to the revised start date of 1 November 2025 is having a profound, adverse impact on older Australians; and
- (c) CHSP providers are funded under grant agreements to deliver services in ACPRs, but it is a provider's business decision whether to deliver services to specific areas within the ACPR, meaning some would-be recipients miss out; and

(3) calls on the Government to urgently:

- (a) address systemic issues in the CHSP which see people in many regional and rural areas unable to even get on a provider's waiting list for services; and
- (b) commence delivery of 80,000 additional packages promised in December 2024 so that older Australians are not left waiting up to a year or more for much-needed care.

(Notice given 26 August 2025.)

Time allotted — 15 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Sharkie — 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.*

3 MR REPACHOLI: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and that prostate cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in Australian men, with a profound impact on men, their partners, families and communities;
- (2) recognises the vital role of general practitioners, nurses, specialists and allied health workers in early detection, treatment, recovery and survivorship, and acknowledges the important work of community organisations including the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and local support groups;
- (3) acknowledges that men in regional and rural communities, First Nations men, and men with a family history of prostate cancer face higher risks and often greater barriers to timely screening, diagnosis and care;
- (4) encourages men, particularly those aged 50 to 69, and younger men with additional risk factors, to talk with their general practitioner about prostate-specific antigen testing and individual risk, and to act early on symptoms or concerns;
- (5) commends the work underway, including by the Government, to improve access to high quality diagnosis and treatment, with initiatives such as specialist nurses, mental health supports and better follow-up care; and
- (6) affirms that talking about men's health saves lives and that early action gives men the best chance to live long and well.

(Notice given 25 August 2025.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Repacholi — 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.*

4 MR THOMPSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the:
 - (a) abhorrent behaviour of protestors burning the Australian national flag at rallies throughout our country which is deplorable, disrespectful and goes against our values as a nation;
 - (b) Australian flag is the flag members of our Australian Defence Forces wear on their shoulders and the flag that sits on the coffin of our fallen men and women; and

- (c) *Flags Act 1953* fails to criminalise the destruction of the Australian national flag;
 - (2) condemns the:
 - (a) Government's failure to enact legislative power to punish those who burn the Australian national flag; and
 - (b) Government for allowing protestors to carry and display declared terrorist flags throughout our community; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) criminalise the desecration and/or burning of the Australian national flag; and
 - (b) punish those supporting declared terrorists' groups.
- (Notice given 26 August 2025.)

Time allotted — 35 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Thompson — 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

SECURE JOBS, BETTER PAY REVIEW: Resumption of debate on the motion of Ms Byrnes —That this house:

- (1) acknowledges the final report of the Secure Jobs, Better Pay Review;
- (2) notes the report found the Government's workplace changes are already delivering for Australian workers, and that:
 - (a) coverage of collective bargaining 'has increased markedly';
 - (b) real wages and workers' economic circumstances are improving; and
 - (c) the Secure Jobs Better Pay Act represents a significant development aimed at improving outcomes for working women, including a reduction in the gender pay gap;
- (3) further notes recent data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics that showed:
 - (a) a record number of Australians work;
 - (b) since May 2022, employment had risen by 8.6 per cent, a higher rate of employment growth than all major advanced economies;
 - (c) the gender pay gap is at the lowest ever level since records began; and
 - (d) annual real wages have now grown for seven consecutive quarters under this Government; and
- (4) acknowledges the Government's commitment for Australians to earn more and keep more of what they earn.

(Notice given 25 August 2025.)

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.*

Notices – continued

5 MR LEESER: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the 80th anniversary of B'nai B'rith in Australia, an organisation whose work has strengthened not only the Australian Jewish community but the entire Australian population;
- (2) commends B'nai B'rith for its leadership in promoting education, interfaith understanding, cultural expression, and the fight against antisemitism;
- (3) notes its range of initiatives to support the community including the Courage to Care program, youth leadership development, and its charitable trust, which have left a lasting mark on the community; and
- (4) acknowledges the volunteers and members of B'nai B'rith past and present, whose 80 years of service reflect our nation's values of compassion, justice, and responsibility.

(Notice given 26 August 2025.)

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

Speech time limits —

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

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) regional Australians are subject to ongoing and significant challenges with access to reliable telecommunications coverage, despite many years of government investment and the fast pace of technological advance;
 - (b) regional connectivity is essential to modern life, for business and work, farm productivity, education, healthcare and social connection;

- (c) many areas of poor mobile phone coverage remain across our regions, and regional Australians face ongoing impediments to their internet and landline voice service access, quality and reliability;
 - (d) the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee (RTIRC) provides three-yearly investigations into the state and needs of telecommunications in regional, rural and remote Australia, as mandated by Part 9B of the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*;
 - (e) the first legislated review with a focus on the regions was in 2000;
 - (f) section 158Q(6) of the Act states that: ‘if a report sets out one or more recommendations to the Commonwealth Government: (a) as soon as practicable after receiving the report, the Minister must cause to be prepared a statement setting out the Commonwealth Government's response to the recommendations; and (b) within 6 months after receiving the report, the Minister must cause copies of the statement to be tabled in each House of the Parliament’; and
 - (g) the Government is yet to meet the legislated requirements of the Act in respect of the 2024 RTIRC report which was tabled in December 2024; and
- (2) calls upon the Minister to respond to and table said response to the recommendations of the 2024 RTIRC report forthwith, in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

(Notice given 26 August 2025.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Dr Webster — 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.*

Orders of the day – continued

1 MENTAL HEALTH: Resumption of debate (*from 25 August 2025*) on the motion of Ms Coffey—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.

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.*

Notices – continued

7 MR L O'BRIEN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that Police Week commences on 13 September 2025 with the 16th Wall to Wall Ride for Remembrance, and concludes on National Police Remembrance Day, which will be commemorated on 29 September 2025;
- (2) acknowledges the role and service of police officers in communities across Australia, their work in protecting people, communities and property, and the risk and sacrifice that is associated with their service;
- (3) honours the lives of those police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the course of their duty, as well as those police officers who have suffered injuries in the course of their work;
- (4) conveys its respects and condolences to the families, loved ones and colleagues of police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty;
- (5) commends the work of Police Legacy, which provides care and comfort to the loved ones of fallen police officers; and
- (6) reaffirms its support for police and thanks police officers for their courage and dedicated service to keeping Australian communities safe.

(Notice given 26 August 2025.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr L O'Brien — 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 MASCARENHAS: To move—That this House:

- (1) commends the Government for its \$500 million Battery Breakthrough Initiative that will give Australian businesses access to capital grants and production incentives through the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA);
- (2) recognises:
 - (a) that this latest piece of the Future Made in Australia represents a commitment to the growth of our national battery manufacturing industry which is essential to our future energy independence, affordability and our sovereign capabilities;

- (b) that batteries are essential to all aspects of modern life both in Australia and abroad, and that securing jobs in this growing sector is a race with global competition; and
 - (c) the urgent need to progress Australian industry up the manufacturing value chain to lock in our place in the global energy economy and make the most of our comparative advantages in resources and renewables;
- (3) further commends:
- (a) the Government for its commitment to consultation in designing this scheme alongside ARENA, with stakeholders in industry for maximum impact; and
 - (b) Australian industry and researchers for driving the move towards a clean energy future even before they had a partner in Canberra; and
- (4) calls on the Opposition to:
- (a) support the Government's commitment to local manufacturing and securing the Australian jobs of the future; and
 - (b) cease its attempts to distract from and derail the global push to reduce emissions as it is out of step with the national interest and decreases certainty for businesses.

(Notice given 25 August 2025.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Mascarenhas — 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.*

9 MR GEORGANAS: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that 24 August 2025 marks three and a half years since Russia's illegal, immoral and unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine;
- (2) reaffirms Australia's continued support for Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity;
- (3) condemns Russia's:
 - (a) attacks on Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity since Ukraine gained independence in 1991;
 - (b) backing of separatist militias in the Donbas;
 - (c) illegal attempted annexation of Crimea; and
 - (d) full-scale invasion of Ukraine, as well as its interference in Ukraine's domestic politics;

- (4) supports:
- (a) the Government's:
 - (i) efforts since the full-scale invasion to provide military, humanitarian, energy, reconstruction and recovery assistance to Ukraine; and
 - (ii) measures that impose costs on Russia for its violations of international law, including trade sanctions and targeted financial sanctions; and
 - (b) Australia's continued calls on Russia to fulfil its obligations under international humanitarian law and end its illegal invasion of Ukraine; and
- (5) endorses the Government's commitment to continue to support a just and lasting peace for Ukraine.

(Notice given 31 July 2025.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Georganas — 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.*

10 MS SPENDER: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
- (a) one in four women and one in 14 men have experienced violence by an intimate partner since the age of 15 as of 2024;
 - (b) 37 women were killed by a current or former intimate partner in 2024 according to the Status for Women Report Card;
 - (c) the Report of the Rapid Review of Prevention Approaches, *Unlocking the Prevention Potential: accelerating action to end family, domestic and sexual violence* provided the Government with 21 recommendations which have not yet all been responded to; and
 - (d) the Government has made some meaningful commitments including a \$4.7 billion investment into a range of preventative measures and support services; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
- (a) urgently respond to all recommendations put forward by the Rapid Review; and
 - (b) expand the eligibility requirements of the Family Violence Crisis Payment to allow for victim-survivors to receive the support they need.

(Notice given 26 August 2025.)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Spender — 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.

THE HON D. M. DICK MP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

27 August 2025