

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 4**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**29 October 2025**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Chair	Hon M Dick Speaker
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	Mr A Violi MP (Chief Opposition Whip)
	Ms A Byrnes MP
	Mr C Caldwell MP
	Ms K Chaney
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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, 28 October 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, 28 October 2025, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 3 November 2025, as follows:

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

##### Notices

- 1 **MR GEE:** To present a Bill for an Act to stop wind farms in State forests, and for related purposes. (*Stopping Wind Farms in State Forests Bill 2025*)  
(Notice given 27 October 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 CHANEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, and for related purposes. (*Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Protecting Voters) Bill 2025*)  
(Notice given 28 October 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 27 October 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 MR CALDWELL: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that the Government has made Australia’s housing crisis worse than ever by:
  - (a) overseeing a historic collapse of housing construction, with the last financial year seeing less homes built than at any other time during this Government;
  - (b) expanding the five per cent deposit scheme from a sensible and targeted approach, to an uncapped and non-means-tested, free-for-all which will push up prices and expose first home buyers to larger mortgages;
  - (c) creating the failing Housing Australia Future Fund which is buying houses from Australians, not building houses for Australians; and
  - (d) allowing the criminal and corrupt Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union to run rampant across Australian residential building sites, pushing up apartment prices by up to 30 per cent; and
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) the Government continues to keep a \$24,000 report into poor governance at Housing Australia secret; and
  - (b) leaked advice from the Department of the Treasury states that the Government will fail to reach its National Housing Accord target of 1.2 million homes by 2029.

*(Notice given 28 October 2025.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Caldwell — 5 minutes*

*Other Members — 5 minutes*

[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 MR SOON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) 3 November 2025 marks six months since the federal election; and
  - (b) the Government is delivering on the commitments it made to the Australian people by:
    - (i) strengthening Medicare;
    - (ii) ensuring Australians earn more and keep more of what they earn;
    - (iii) easing cost of living pressures; and
    - (iv) building a Future Made in Australia; and
- (2) acknowledges that while the Government is focused on building Australia’s future, the Opposition is focused on themselves.

*(Notice given 28 October 2025.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Soon — 5 minutes*

*Other Members — 5 minutes*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 6 x 5 mins]

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

## **Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)**

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

#### **Notices**

#### **1 MS STEGGALL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) the Government's National Climate Risk Assessment highlights that climate change is costing the Australian economy more than \$40 billion per year and this cost is predicted to rise to at least \$73 billion, or four per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) by 2060; and
  - (b) current policies to protect our communities from climate change remain inadequate with spending on climate resilience and adaptation remaining too low; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
  - (a) lift climate adaptation spending to 0.25 per cent of GDP;
  - (b) establish a National Climate Adaptation Authority to oversee the implementation of the National Adaptation Plan;
  - (c) facilitate better funding for local governments to strengthen resilience against climate change within their communities;
  - (d) build strong private-public partnerships with the insurance industry that reduces underlying risk through enforceable, publicly funded resilience measures and transparent hazard data;
  - (e) ensure that climate resilience projects and measures are undertaken in collaboration with First Nations;
  - (f) broaden the safeguard mechanism to include all sectors across the economy are mitigating climate risks;
  - (g) ensure that polluting companies pay the social and environmental cost of the carbon they emit; and
  - (h) reform the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax to ensure Australians get their fair share from their resources.

*(Notice given 28 October 2025.)*

*Time allotted — 15 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Steggall — 5 minutes*

*Other Members — 5 minutes*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 3 x 5 mins]

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

**2 MS MILLER-FROST: To move—That this House:**

(1) notes:

- (a) that on 1 November, the Government’s once-in-a-generation reforms to aged care began, giving more older Australians and their loved ones better access to a system that puts safe, high quality and dignified care at its core; and
- (b) the *Aged Care Act 2024* and related reforms deliver a range of improvements to ensure older people and their needs are at the centre of the new aged care system including:
  - (i) strengthened aged care quality standards;
  - (ii) a statement of rights;
  - (iii) a new model for supported decision-making; and
  - (iv) introducing the Support at Home program to help older Australians remain in their homes for longer; and

(2) acknowledges that the commencement of the *Aged Care Act 2024* is the next step in the Government’s aged care reforms, which has already included:

- (a) the introduction of star ratings;
- (b) more direct care for over 250,000 older people in aged care homes;
- (c) 24-hours, seven days a week nursing in aged care homes;
- (d) higher wages for aged care workers;
- (e) a new single assessment system; and
- (f) more transparency on provider finances and operations.

*(Notice given 28 October 2025.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Miller-Frost — 5 minutes*

*Other Members — 5 minutes*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 6 x 5 mins]

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

**3 MR TEHAN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) condemns the Government for its failures regarding energy affordability and policy transparency; and
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) Australians were promised a \$275 cut to their power bills but under the Government households are instead paying on average \$1,300 more;
  - (b) energy bills have already surged close to 40 per cent under the Government;
  - (c) the Government has broken its most basic promise to the Australian people; and
  - (d) the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water advised the Minister for Climate Change and Energy within the Incoming Government Brief of ‘a further significant increase in retail electricity prices next financial year’.

*(Notice given 28 October 2025.)*

*Time allotted — 35 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Tehan — 5 minutes*

*Other Members — 5 minutes*

[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 BURNELL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the Prime Minister’s successful visit to Washington DC, during which the United States-Australia Framework for Securing the Supply of Critical Minerals and Rare Earths was signed with the President of the United States, a landmark bilateral framework on critical minerals and rare earths;
- (2) notes that the agreement will:
  - (a) assist both countries in achieving resilience and security of critical minerals and rare earth supply chains;
  - (b) support Australian jobs in the mining, separation, and processing of these minerals through the use of economic policy tools and coordinated investment; and
  - (c) support defence and other advanced technologies; and
- (3) recognises that this agreement:
  - (a) represents a further strengthening of the enduring Australia-United States alliance and a significant milestone in the long-standing friendship and cooperation between the two nations; and
  - (b) is delivering on the Government’s Future Made in Australia agenda by driving investment in new export industries and providing good jobs in regional Australia.

*(Notice given 28 October 2025.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Burnell — 5 minutes*

*Other Members — 5 minutes*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 6 x 5 mins]

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

**5 MR T WILSON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) condemns the Government's handling of corruption allegations within the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU), acknowledging that:
  - (a) the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations continues to endorse its solution despite whistleblowers saying corruption is worse than it was before the appointment of the CFMEU Administrator;
  - (b) the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations refuses to answer questions about new allegations of corruption since the Government put the CFMEU into administration;
  - (c) organisers were promoted into senior roles by the Administrator and subsequently sacked on allegations of accepting cartel kickbacks and corruption since the administration has been in place;
  - (d) meetings have been tolerated with known organised crime figures and meetings have seemingly been green lighted with violent misogynists since the administration has been in place;
  - (e) there are allegations of bribes and cartel kickbacks being paid with the knowledge and possible sanction of the administration;
  - (f) the union leader, backed by the Government to reform the CFMEU, Zach Smith, directed a subordinate to secretly meet with a 'notorious construction industry fixer' and Melbourne 'underworld identity' Mick Gatto;
  - (g) despite claiming meetings between CFMEU officials and Mr Gatto could lead to up to two years in prison, the Administrator only issued a caution once it was revealed this meeting was made public;
  - (h) the union leader backed by the Government to reform the CFMEU, Zach Smith, has been having coffee and card catch ups with John Setka whose conduct was the basis for the appointment of the Administrator in the first place;
  - (i) the Administrator has seemingly sanctioned meetings between Mr Smith and Mr Setka and they continue to this day;
  - (j) the Prime Minister relies on Mr Smith's vote in meetings of the National Executive of the Australian Labor Party with other ministers; and
  - (k) the current Government's failure to take tough action is tainted by its acceptance of \$7 million in donations from the CFMEU, and informs why it is backing the Administration even though whistleblowers are saying it is failing; and

- (2) notes that:
- (a) the Government is not taking the action needed to stop the corruption and cartel kickbacks that led the CFMEU to be put under administration because of its conflicts of interest;
  - (b) allowing the criminal and corrupt CFMEU to run rampant across residential, commercial and public projects, is pushing up costs to taxpayers and inflation, and is pushing up the cost of first homes by up to 30 per cent; and
  - (c) leaked advice from the Department of the Treasury states the Government will fail to reach the National Housing Accord target of 1.2 million homes by 2029 because it is putting the CFMEU ahead of first home buyers.

*(Notice given 28 October 2025.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr T Wilson — 5 minutes*

*Other Members — 5 minutes*

[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**

#### **6 DR WEBSTER:** To move—That this House:

- (1) condemns the Government's lack of transparency in its proposal to slash default regional road speed limits from 100 kilometres per hour to as low as 70 kilometres per hour, including its attempt to quietly progress the policy without proper public scrutiny;
- (2) notes that the Government was forced, at the eleventh hour, to extend its abysmally short 28-day consultation period only after strong intervention from the Opposition;
- (3) warns that the Government's proposal is a lazy, damaging approach that will slow regional Australia to a crawl, and drive up freight times and costs for farmers, transport operators and small businesses;
- (4) highlights that instead of fixing the roads by funding maintenance for line-marking, road shoulders, rumble strips and pothole repairs, the Government is cutting the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program from 1 July next year; and
- (5) calls on the Government to commit to consultation and genuine road safety improvements that protect lives without crippling regional productivity and national supply chains.

*(Notice given 28 October 2025.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Dr Webster — 5 minutes*

*Other Members — 5 minutes*

[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 GREGG:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that on 1 November, bulk billing incentives were expanded to all Australians, and a new incentive payment began for practices that bulk bill every patient; and
- (2) notes:
  - (a) that these policies will mean:
    - (i) nine out of ten general practitioner (GP) visits will be bulk-billed by 2030; and
    - (ii) the current number of fully bulk-billed practices will triple to around 4,800 nationally;
  - (b) other policies the Government has delivered to strengthen Medicare, such as:
    - (i) opening 90 Medicare Urgent Care Clinics across Australia, with 47 more on the way;
    - (ii) tripling the bulk-billing incentive;
    - (iii) opening 61 free Medicare Mental Health Centres;
    - (iv) lowering the maximum cost of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme listed medicines to \$25 from 1 January 2026 and freezing the concession price at \$7.70 until 2030; and
    - (v) boosting funding for hospitals by \$1.7 billion; and
  - (c) that while the Government is expanding access to bulk billing, by contrast, the Leader of the Opposition as the Minister for Health:
    - (i) never increased Medicare rebates, the only health minister in Australian history not to do so;
    - (ii) doubled down on the then Government's \$50 billion cut to hospitals; and
    - (iii) continued the fight for the former Leader of the Opposition's GP tax.

*(Notice given 28 October 2025.)*

*Time allotted — 35 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Gregg — 5 minutes*

*Other Members — 5 minutes*

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

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

**8 DR WEBSTER:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) the 3G telecommunications network was switched off on the Government’s watch in 2024;
  - (b) the interim report of the Senate inquiry into the shutdown made clear recommendations about the impending shutdown, recommending that the Government delay the shutdown until it was satisfied that ‘the 4G network provides coverage equivalent to or better than the coverage provided by the licensee’s 3G network’;
  - (c) the Government relied on the assurances of commercial operators to ensure equivalent mobile coverage after the shutdown but despite promises, regional Australians have been detrimentally affected and thousands of consumers have been left with worse, or no, coverage at all;
  - (d) furthermore, there have been reports of poor handling of consumer complaints about their loss of service post 3G shutdown; and
  - (e) the Government has failed to take responsibility for the fallout of the 3G shutdown in regional Australia, and its response to the final report by the Senate into the shutdown was again lazy and noncommittal, failing to agree to any new actions; and
- (2) calls upon the Minister for Communications to take responsibility for the botched 3G shutdown and its impact on the connectivity of regional Australians by:
  - (a) providing transparency regarding the crowdsourcing component of the National Audit of Mobile Coverage and expanding it to include off-road areas (including on private land such as farming and grazing properties) to ensure an accurate picture of the impact of the shutdown on mobile coverage is attained; and
  - (b) thoroughly addressing the first recommendation of the final Senate inquiry report to ‘establish a program to help customers that have lost mobile phone coverage since the 3G shutoff’.

*(Notice given 28 October 2025.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Dr Webster — 5 minutes*

*Other Members — 5 minutes*

[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 MS STANLEY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that 11 November 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the removal of the Government of Prime Minister Whitlam; and
- (2) acknowledges:
  - (a) the work of Professor Jenny Hocking to ensure that the historical events that happened at that time are documented;

- (b) that the reforms of Prime Minister Whitlam's Government modernised Australian society and its economy; and
- (c) the impact of Prime Minister Whitlam's policies continue to define Australia's political landscape.

*(Notice given 8 October 2025.)*

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Stanley — 5 minutes*

*Other Members — 5 minutes*

[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**

**SIX MONTHS SINCE FEDERAL ELECTION:** Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Soon—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) 3 November 2025 marks six months since the federal election; and
- (b) the Government is delivering on the commitments it made to the Australian people by:
  - (i) strengthening Medicare;
  - (ii) ensuring Australians earn more and keep more of what they earn;
  - (iii) easing cost of living pressures; and
  - (iv) building a Future Made in Australia; and

(2) acknowledges that while the Government is focused on building Australia's future, the Opposition is focused on themselves.

*(Notice given 28 October 2025.)*

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

*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.*

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

Speaker of the House of Representatives

29 October 2025