

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 16

Committee and delegation business
and
private Members' business

1 March 2011

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Chair	Mr H A Jenkins MP, Speaker
Members	Mr A P Bandt MP
	Mr M M Coulton MP, Nationals Whip
	Hon W G Entsch MP, Chief Opposition Whip
	Hon J Fitzgibbon MP, Chief Government Whip
	Ms J G Hall MP
	Mr C P Hayes MP
	Ms N B Marino MP
	Mr R J M Oakeshott MP
	Ms J A Saffin MP
	Mr P D Secker MP

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	Ms K Brett

Report relating to the consideration of private Members' business

1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 1 March 2011.
2. The committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members' business on Monday, 21 March 2011, as follows:

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Presentation and statements

1 Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs

Statement concerning the Inquiry into the regulation of billboard and outdoor advertising.

The Committee determined that statements on the inquiry may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.15 am.

Speech time limits —

Mrs Moylan — 5 minutes.

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

2 Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications

Statements concerning the Inquiry into Smart Infrastructure.

The Committee determined that statements on the inquiry may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.25 am.

Speech time limits —

Ms Bird — 5 minutes.

Other Member — 5 minutes

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR HUNT:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish a Commission of Inquiry into the Home Insulation Program, and for related purposes. (*Home Insulation Program (Commission of Inquiry) Bill 2011*) (Notice given 1 March 2011.)

Presenter may speak for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41.

Orders of the Day

- 1 AUDITOR-GENERAL AMENDMENT BILL 2011** (Mr Oakeshott) — Second reading (*from 28 February 2011*).

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Oakeshott — 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 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION (ABOLITION OF ALPINE GRAZING) BILL 2011** (Mr Bandt): Second reading (*from 28 February 2011*).

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Bandt — 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.

3 ABOLITION OF AGE LIMIT ON PAYMENT OF THE SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE CHARGE BILL 2011 (*Mrs B. K. Bishop*): Second reading (*from 28 February 2011*).

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

Speech time limits —

Mrs B. K. Bishop — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 2 x 10 mins + 3 x 5 mins]

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

Items for House of Representatives Chamber (8 to 9.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

2 MR S. P. JONES: To move—That this House:

- (1) agrees that putting a price on carbon is an essential step in reducing carbon pollution and transforming our economy to achieve a clean energy future;
- (2) notes that in many manufacturing regions in Australia, business, unions, government and community organisations are already working to develop green jobs and clean energy production processes; and
- (3) agrees that governments must work with the manufacturing industry and communities to assist their transformation to meet the challenge of a carbon constrained future. (*Notice given 1 March 2011.*)

Time allotted — 45 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr S. P. Jones — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 2 x 10 mins + 5 x 5 mins]

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

3 MR COBB: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes with concern the impact on the Dairy Industry of the Coles milk pricing strategy, and that:
 - (a) dairy farmers around the country are today seriously questioning their future, having suffered through one of the worst decades in memory including droughts, floods, price cuts and the rising cost of inputs such as energy and feed;

- (b) unsustainable retail milk prices will, over time, compel processors to renegotiate contracts with dairy farmers and the prospect that these contracts will be below the cost of production may force many to leave the industry;
- (c) for many dairy farmers, the fact that supermarkets are now selling milk cheaper than many varieties of bottled water will be the straw that finally breaks the camel's back; and
- (d) the risk of other potential impacts include:
 - (i) decreased competition as name brands are forced from the shelves; and
 - (ii) the possible loss of fresh milk supplies to some parts of the country as local fresh milk industries become unviable; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) ask the ACCC to immediately undertake an investigation into the big supermarkets and milk wholesalers after recent price cuts to ensure they do not have too much market power and are not anti-competitive in their behaviour; and
 - (b) support the new Senate inquiry into the ongoing milk price war between the country's major supermarket chains. (*Notice given 1 March 2011.*)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 9.30 pm.

Speech time limits —

Mr Cobb — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking =
2 x 10 mins + 5 x 5 mins]

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

Items for Main Committee (approx 11 am to approx 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR ENTSCH: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the severe flooding effects taking place in the outer islands of the Torres Strait and the dire conditions the Torres Strait Islander people find themselves in each year;
- (2) recognises that:
 - (a) the Torres Strait Islander people deserve the same rights as the people in flooded South-East Queensland;
 - (b) discrimination should not exist in one particular area of the nation;
 - (c) the Torres Strait Islander people have been experiencing flood devastation for the past four years with no help from Government; and

- (d) sea wall infrastructure at six low-lying islands is inadequate and in urgent need of repair; and
- (3) in light of the evidence of continued flooding on the outer islands due to king tidal surges, calls on the Government to commit to restore and rebuild the damaged sea walls on the outer islands of the Torres Strait to protect the island communities from further devastation. (*Notice given 1 March 2011.*)

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Entsch — 10 minutes.

Next 3 Members speaking — 10 minutes each.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking =
4 x 10 mins + 2 x 5 mins]

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

2 MS SAFFIN: To move—That this House:

(1) notes:

- (a) that the Commonwealth is responsible for regulating the export of live animals, and for negotiating the arrangements and conditions that apply to the export of both live animals and chilled or frozen meat;
 - (b) that the current tariff barriers that apply in some countries to chilled or frozen meat exports mean that there is not a level playing field between the two forms of export;
 - (c) that the Commonwealth has consistently campaigned for a reduction in tariffs on all agricultural exports;
 - (d) the national and international concerns about the welfare of animals transported under the live animal export trade, both during transportation and at their destination, have been raised and substantiated in campaigns by organisations and individuals including the World Society for the Protection of Animals, Stop Live Exports, Princess Alia of Jordan, the RSPCA and the Barristers Animal Welfare Panel; and
 - (e) that Australia is one of few countries that consistently treats animals humanely during slaughter and that Australian chilled or frozen meat has gained wide acceptance in the Middle East for its quality and observance of halal and kosher standards;
- (2) acknowledges the opposition of the Australasian Meat Industry Employees Union and the local meat processors to the live export trade on the grounds that the live export trade has a detrimental effect on the local meat processing industry, affecting jobs and the Australian economy;
 - (3) calls for renewed consideration of a planned and supported transition in the medium term away from live exports and towards an expanded frozen and chilled meat export industry; and

- (4) asks that Austrade be encouraged to be involved in negotiations to increase exports in frozen and chilled meat. (*Notice given 1 March 2011.*)

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Saffin — 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 MR HAYES: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:

- (a) the importance of high school completion in equipping young people with the skills and education levels to translate into paid employment or further education opportunities;
- (b) the national rate of unemployment for persons aged 15 to 19 looking for full-time work was 24.2 per cent in January 2010; and
- (c) the current rate for Fairfield-Liverpool region is 33.5 per cent;

- (2) acknowledges that:

- (a) education and high school retention play a crucial part in improving youth employment opportunity;
- (b) in 2009, the Year 10 to 12 apparent national retention rate was 76.7 per cent; and
- (c) in South West Sydney the current retention rate is: 72.6 per cent;

- (3) calls on:

- (a) the Government to continue its efforts to ensure an above 90 per cent high school retention rate nationwide by 2015 in order to reduce the youth unemployment rate; and
- (b) local businesses to give, where possible, priority to the local youth searching for employment. (*Notice given 28 February 2011.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Hayes — 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 MS ROWLAND: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that National Youth Week is:

- (a) the largest celebration of young people in Australia and will take place on Friday 1 to Sunday 10 April 2011, with the theme ‘Own It’; and

- (b) organised and run by young people aged between 12 and 25 from around Australia;
- (2) acknowledges and commits itself to addressing the significant public policy and social challenges faced by young Australians including the:
 - (a) unacceptably high incidence of suicide amongst young people;
 - (b) prevalence of bullying and social stigmatisation, particularly in the form of cyber-bullying; and
 - (c) estimated tens of thousands of young people around Australia who are homeless on any given night;
- (3) applauds the outstanding contributions made by young people to a wide range of causes and volunteerism in their local communities and beyond, particularly a renewed emphasis on online participation in volunteering; and
- (4) affirms its belief that a quality education remains a key determinant of opportunity and inclusiveness for young people. (*Notice given 23 February 2011.*)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Rowland — 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 Main Committee (approx 6.30 to 9 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

5 MR COBB: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) this year marks the two-hundred and fiftieth anniversary of veterinary education with the establishment of the first veterinary school in Lyon, France, in 1761; and
 - (b) around the world, 2011 is being designated World Veterinary Year to honour the contribution and achievements of the veterinary profession in the community to animal health and production, public health, animal welfare, food safety and biosecurity;
- (2) recognises that:
 - (a) in Australia, 2011 marks the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of the first class of graduates from the inaugurated Melbourne Veterinary College;
 - (b) seven schools of veterinary medicine are now established in Victoria, NSW, Queensland, WA and SA;
 - (c) veterinarians:

- (i) are dedicated to preserving the bond between humans and animals by practising and promoting the highest standards of science-based, ethical animal welfare with all animals, large and small;
- (ii) are on the front line maintaining Australia's status as free from exotic diseases which threaten the environment, human and animal health, providing extensive pro bono services annually through ethical treatment of unowned animals and wildlife;
- (iii) are vital to ensuring the high quality of Australia's commercial herds and flocks and security of our food supply; and
- (iv) provide a valuable public health service through preventative medicine, control of zoonotic disease and scientific research; and
- (d) significant contributions and achievements have been made by many individual members of the Australian veterinary profession including:
 - (i) Nobel Prize winner and Australian of the Year, Dr Peter C. Doherty, who achieved major breakthroughs in the field of immunology which were vital in understanding the body's rejection of incompatible tissues in transplantation, and in fighting meningitis viruses;
 - (ii) Professor Mary Barton, a leading veterinary bacteriologist with a distinguished career in government and in veterinary public health, who has a strong research background in bacterial infections of animals and in antibiotic resistance in animal and human health; and
 - (iii) Dr Reg Pascoe, a renowned equine surgeon and dermatologist and leader in his profession for more than 50 years, who published 70 research papers and many texts while earning a doctorate and running a busy practice in Oakey, and dedicated years to the National Veterinary Examination and the Veterinary Surgeons' Board of Queensland; and
- (3) recognises:
 - (a) that 2011 is World Veterinary Year;
 - (b) the valuable and diverse roles veterinarians perform in the Australian community; and
 - (c) the veterinary profession as it celebrates the past and continuing contribution by veterinarians. (*Notice given 1 March 2011.*)

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Cobb — 10 minutes.

Next 3 Members speaking — 10 minutes each.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking =
4 x 10 mins + 2 x 5 mins]

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

6 MR GEORGANAS: To move—That this House acknowledges that:

- (1) a strong biosecurity and quarantine system is critical to Australia's rural and regional industries, jobs, consumers and our natural heritage;

- (2) Australian law protects Australia from pests and diseases carried by overseas animals, plants and their products; and
- (3) the application of Australian law will continue to be rigorously applied in Australia and defended against external challenge. (*Notice given 24 February 2011*)

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.

7 MR L. D. T. FERGUSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that 24 March is World Tuberculosis Day, in observance of a disease that still claims the lives of 1.7 million people every year, and which:
 - (a) is currently the leading killer of people living with HIV and the third leading killer of women;
 - (b) has the highest growth in the South East Asian region, which accounted for the largest number of new Tuberculosis cases in 2008; and
 - (c) could be dramatically reduced by improved detection and diagnosis;
- (2) recognises that the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) currently provides more than two thirds of the global funding to combat Tuberculosis, and that:
 - (a) Australia could supplement its recent pledge to the Global Fund to ensure that the resources for Tuberculosis as well as AIDS and Malaria are sufficient to achieve the goal of significantly reducing the number of people suffering from these diseases; and
 - (b) action by Australia to supplement its pledge would influence other donor countries to increase their pledges;
- (3) acknowledges that the widespread adoption of the new *Xpert* diagnostic tool, which cuts the time for diagnosis from several weeks to two hours, would lead to significant improvements in the detection and treatment of Tuberculosis; and
- (4) requests the Government facilitate the adoption of *Xpert* in South East Asia. (*Notice given 1 March 2011.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr L. D. T. Ferguson — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 2 x 10 mins + 4 x 5 mins]

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

8 MS PARKE: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that:
 - (a) there are 650 million people living with disabilities worldwide and that approximately 80 per cent of those people live in developing countries, with 82 per cent of those living below the poverty line on an income of less than US\$1.25 per day;
 - (b) children and young people can often be the hardest hit by disability, whether because a child has a disability or is caring for an adult with a disability; and
 - (c) UNESCO has found that 90 per cent of children with disabilities in developing countries do not attend school;
- (2) notes that the Australian Government is:
 - (a) committed to implementing changes in Australia's development assistance designed to deliver better outcomes for people with disabilities, as outlined in the strategy *Development for All: Towards a disability-inclusive Australian aid program*; and
 - (b) already held in high esteem internationally for its leadership in this field and in particular for the human rights-based approach taken to forming the strategy, in accordance with its adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and
- (3) calls on the Australian Government to consider:
 - (a) including the active participation of people with disabilities in its aid policy formulation, as well as incorporating monitoring mechanisms within aid funding to ensure that disability inclusive development is effectively measured; and
 - (b) any further ways in which AusAID and the Department of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade can continue their engagement with Disability-Inclusive Development policy to further strengthen Australia's commitment to this important cause. (*Notice given 1 March 2011.*)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 9 pm

Speech time limits —

Ms Parke — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking =
2 x 10 mins + 2 x 5 mins]

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

3. The committee recommends that the following items of private Members' business listed in the day's Notice Paper be voted on:

Orders of the Day

House of Representatives Chamber

20 – Multiculturalism in Australia – Motion of Mr L.D.T. Ferguson

21 – Assisting the Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2010 – Mr Abbott

Main Committee

1 – Workforce participation of people with a disability – Motion of Mrs Moylan

3 – Loss of the *Malu Sara* – Motion of Mr Entsch

5 – Climate change and a carbon price – Motion of Mr S.P. Jones

6 – Community hospitals in South Australia – Motion of Mr Secker

Harry Jenkins

Chair

1 March 2011