HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

# **REPORT No. 74**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

5 February 2013

#### **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, 5 February 2013.
- 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, 11 February 2013, as follows:

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

## **COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS**

#### **Presentation and statements**

## 1 Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Annual Report of Committee Activities 2011-2012.

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.20 am.

Speech time limits — Mr Byrne — 5 minutes. Next Member speaking — 5 minutes. [Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 2 x 5 mins]

#### 2 Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government

Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government: Preliminary Report.

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.30 am.

Speech time limits — Ms Rowland — 5 minutes. Next Member speaking — 5 minutes. [Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 2 x 5 mins]

### **3** Parliamentary Delegation

Report of the Parliamentary Delegation to the UK and Poland, November 2012.

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.40 am.

Speech time limits — Mr Schultz — 5 minutes. Next Member speaking — 5 minutes. [Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 2 x 5 mins]

## 4 Standing Committee on Health and Ageing

Living with the pain of adhesive arachnoiditis.

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.50 am.

Speech time limits — Ms Hall — 5 minutes. Next Member speaking — 5 minutes. [Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 2 x 5 mins]

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR ABBOTT: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and for related purposes. (*Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Towards Transparency) Bill 2012). (Notice given 26 November 2012.)* 

Time allotted — 10 minutes. Speech time limits — Mr Abbott — 10 minutes. [Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 1 x 10 mins]

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

2 MR MORRISON: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*, and for related purposes. (*Migration Amendment (Reinstatement of Temporary Protection Visas) Bill 2012*). (*Notice given 26 November 2012*.)

Time allotted — 10 minutes.
Speech time limits — Mr Morrison — 10 minutes.
[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 1 x 10 mins]

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

**3 MR BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Minerals Resource Rent Tax Act 2012*, and for related purposes. (*Minerals Resource Rent Tax Amendment* (*Protecting Revenue*) *Bill 2012*). (*Notice given 27 November 2012*.)

> Time allotted — 10 minutes. Speech time limits — Mr Bandt — 10 minutes. [Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 1 x 10 mins]

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

**4 MR KATTER:** To present a Bill for an Act to impose a moratorium on aquifer drilling connected with coal seam gas extraction, and for related purposes. (Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Moratorium on Aquifer Drilling Connected with Coal Seam Gas Extraction) Bill 2013). (Notice given 5 February 2013.)

Time allotted — 10 minutes. Speech time limits — Mr Katter — 10 minutes. [Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 1 x 10 mins]

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

5 MR KATTER: To present a Bill for an Act to provide for Australian ownership and operation in relation to certain air services, and for related purposes. (Aviation Laws Amendment (Australian Ownership and Operation) Bill 2013). (Notice given 5 February 2013.)

Time allotted — 10 minutes. Speech time limits — Mr Katter — 10 minutes. [Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 1 x 10 mins]

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

6 MR KATTER: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fair Work Act 2009*, and for related purposes. (*Fair Work Amendment (Arbitration) Bill 2013*). (*Notice given 5 February 2013*.)

Time allotted — 10 minutes. Speech time limits — Mr Katter — 10 minutes. [Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 1 x 10 mins]

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

7 MR KATTER: To present a Bill for an Act to enable dairy farmers to obtain a fair price from processors for drinking milk, and for related purposes. (*Dairy Industry* (*Drinking Milk*) *Bill 2013*). (*Notice given 5 February 2013*.)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 12 noon. Speech time limits — Mr Katter — 10 minutes. [Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 1 x 10 mins]

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

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices

- 8 MR BILLSON: To move—That this House:
  - (1) notes:
    - (a) the incidence of skin cancer in Australia is the highest in the world and is two to three times that seen in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom; and
    - (b) that skin cancers account for around 80 per cent of all newly diagnosed cancers in Australia;
  - (2) supports policies that focus on early detection which will in turn significantly reduce the number of Australian lives lost to skin cancer every year;
  - (3) notes the importance of training for general practitioners to ensure that family doctors are able to recognise, diagnose and treat the various forms of precursors or early stages of skin cancer; and
  - (4) acknowledges the work of anti-cancer community organisations, the medical fraternity and the pharmaceutical industry in increasing awareness of skin cancer and risk prevention strategies, promoting the importance of regular skin checks and facilitating affordable access to skin checks and early stage treatments. (*Notice given 29 October 2012.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes. Speech time limits — Mr Billson — 10 minutes. Next Member speaking — 10 minutes. Other Members — 5 minutes each. [Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 2 x 10 + 4 x 5 mins]

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

Orders of the day

## 1 PROTECTING LOCAL JOBS (REGULATING ENTERPRISE MIGRATION AGREEMENTS) BILL 2012 (*Mr Bandt*): Second reading (*from 18 June 2012*).

Time allotted — 20 minutes. Speech time limits — All Members — 5 minutes each. [Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 4 x 5 mins]

## Notices

- 9 MR NEUMANN: To move—That this House:
  - (1) recognises that:
    - (a) tobacco is still the single most preventable cause of death and disease in Australia;
    - (b) there was over 19,000 tobacco related deaths in 2012 in Australia; and
    - (c) the social cost of smoking is as high as \$31 billion a year in Australia;
  - (2) notes that mandatory plain packaging of tobacco took effect in Australia on 1 December 2012; and
  - (3) calls on all Members, Senators, candidates and political parties to stop accepting donations from tobacco companies. (*Notice given 5 February 2013.*)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 9:30 pm. Speech time limits — Mr Neumann — 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.

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices

- 1 MR McCORMACK: To move—That this House:
  - (1) notes that:
    - (a) 2012 marks the centenary of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (MIA) with the official 'Turning on the Water' taking place at the Yanco regulator on 13 July 1912;
    - (b) the MIA:
      - (i) was created to control and divert the flow of local river and creek systems for the purpose of food production; and
      - (ii) is, today, one of the most diverse and productive regions in Australia, contributing more than \$5 billion annually to the Australian economy; and
    - (c) the Riverina towns of Coleambally, Leeton and Yanco, and the city of Griffith were purpose built and designed as part of the project, and are now some of the most thriving, multicultural regional communities in Australia; and

- (2) calls on Members of the House to:
  - (a) acknowledge the importance of:
    - (i) irrigation in underpinning national and international food security; and
    - (ii) our irrigation industry in Australia fulfilling its role as the food bowl of Asia;
  - (b) recognise that it is important to build our food-processing industry so that it can supply Asia's growing consumer markets, and develop the research, technologies and logistics that strengthen irrigation, grow higher-yield crops and improve safety; and
  - (c) accept that irrigation communities such as those in the MIA are reliant on a Murray-Darling Basin Plan which fulfils a triple-bottom line of social, economic and environmental outcomes; and
- (3) calls on the Prime Minister to implement her commitment to 'strengthen irrigation' as stated in her speech to the Global Foundation Summit in Melbourne on 3 May 2012. (*Notice given 11 October 2012.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes. Mr McCormack — 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.* 

2 MR BANDT: To move—That this House acknowledges that the current level of Newstart is too low. (*Notice given 5 February 2013.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes. Mr Bandt — 5 minutes. Other Members — 5 minutes each. [Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 6 x 5 mins]

- **3 MR SIMPKINS:** To move—That this House:
  - (1) notes that:
    - (a) the Islamic Republic of Iran will conduct Presidential elections on June 14 (Khordad 24 on the Iranian calendar) of 2013;

- (b) within Iran, political activists, journalist, and political opposition leaders are imprisoned, and often tortured, for attempting to express their freedom of speech, political and media freedom, and for attempting to hold their government accountable for its actions; and
- (c) Iran continues to refuse international inspectors free and unfettered access to its nuclear program and this raises suspicions that it is seeking to develop nuclear weapons;
- (2) recognises that:
  - (a) the upcoming Iranian elections will see Mahmoud Ahmadinejad replaced as President by another Supreme Leader endorsed candidate;
  - (b) political prisoners being held in violation of human rights must be released as a first step towards holding free and fair elections;
  - (c) Iran's potential acquisition of nuclear weapons poses a serious threat to the Middle Eastern region, and especially to Israel, and could lead to nuclear proliferation; and
  - (d) the Government's decision in sending two senior officials to the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in Iran in August has potentially undermined efforts to isolate the nation, with Iran's Supreme Leader viewing the participation of nations from around the world at the NAM in Iran as affirmation of sanction failure and as a level of endorsement for Iran; and
- (3) calls for the:
  - (a) release of political prisoners in Iran in order to take a step towards the nation conducting legitimate elections, and as an attempt to begin to resolve some of Iran's human rights issues; and
  - (b) taking of all possible steps to increase sanctions and isolate the regime and pressure it to allow free and unfettered access to International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors. (*Notice given 30 October 2012.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes. Mr Simpkins — 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.

# **4 MS RISHWORTH:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the important work done by Mr David Gonski AC in conducting the first review into school funding and school education in almost 40 years;
- (2) recognises the transformative power of education and the importance of ensuring that we have a school system that provides all Australian children with a real chance to reach their full potential;

- (3) supports the principles emerging from this review which have been incorporated into the Government's *National Plan for School Improvement*, including the need to deliver;
  - (a) a fairer school funding system based on the needs of every student in every classroom;
  - (b) more support for schools and students who need it most;
  - (c) quality teaching in every classroom;
  - (d) more power in the hands of school principals; and
  - (e) more information about school performance for parents and the community; and
- (4) recognises that the *National Plan for School Improvement* will build on the reforms the Government has already delivered to ensure every Australian school is a great school, including:
  - (a) the construction of new and upgraded facilities at around 9500 schools;
  - (b) delivering record funding to support students with disability; and
  - (c) working with States and Territories to deliver a national curriculum. (*Notice given 5 February 2013.*)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to approx 1:30 pm. Ms Rishworth — 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.

# Items for Federation Chamber(approx 6.30 pm to 9 pm)

# PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

# Notices

# **5 MR A D H SMITH:** To move—That this House:

- con condemns the contemptible act of attempted murder committed on 9 October 2012 by Taliban terrorists who boarded a school bus in the Pakistani town of Mingora, sought out 14 year old schoolgirl Malala Yousafzai by name and shot her point blank in the head and neck;
- (2) applauds Ms Yousafzai's advocacy on behalf of gender equality in Pakistan;
- (3) expresses particular admiration for Ms Yousafzai's public speaking debut in September 2008 when, at the tender age of 11 years, she declared in a speech to the media in Peshawar, Pakistan: 'How dare the Taliban take away my basic right to education?';

- (4) notes media reports that the Taliban have openly claimed responsibility for this despicable attack on Ms Yousafzai and have threatened to try again to assassinate her at the first available opportunity; and
- (5) wishes Ms Yousafzai a speedy and complete recovery from her injuries. (*Notice given 30 October 2012.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes. Mr A D H Smith — 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.

- 6 MS O'NEILL: To move—That this House:
  - (1) acknowledges the inequity that exists within our communities in the provision of services to people with disability;
  - (2) notes the high level of community engagement with the Every Australian Counts campaign for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and the DisabiliTEA events held around the nation;
  - (3) supports the Government's focus on improving the standard of living for people with disability and their families through the introduction of a NDIS;
  - (4) commends the Government for introducing the draft legislation that sets out a framework for the NDIS; and
  - (5) notes that the first stage rollout will benefit more than 20,000 people with disability, their families and carers in the Hunter in NSW, the Barwon area of Victoria, and South Australia, Tasmania, and the ACT. (*Notice given 5 February 2013.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes. Ms O'Neill — 5 minutes. Other Members — 5 minutes each. [Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 8 x 5 mins]

# 7 MRS PRENTICE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) Primary Language Disorder (PLD) is a lifelong disability which affects many children in Australia;
  - (b) families of children with PLD face great uncertainties and vagaries due to the obscure nature of PLD and therefore the difficulty of reaching a diagnosis of their child's disability;
  - (c) children with PLD have the best chance in life if they receive treatment for their condition as early as possible;
  - (d) without intervention, there are profound long term implications for affected individuals in terms of gaining an education and employment, leaving them feeling isolated and despondent and at a high risk of developing depressive and anxiety disorders; and
  - (e) an April 2012 report by the Australian Institute of Criminology highlights the high incidence (50 per cent) of oral language dysfunction in youth offenders;
- (2) recognises that:
  - (a) the CHI.L.D. Association's Glenleighden School is the only school in the southern hemisphere which caters specifically to the needs of children with PLD and other language disorders;
  - (b) for over 30 years, this school has achieved significant results for thousands of children;
  - (c) the CHI.L.D. Association:
    - (i) through both its outreach program and direct clinical services, provides support for children with PLD and their families and schools across Queensland; and
    - (ii) provides quality specialised early intervention services through its clinic, but is limited to those families who can pay for services as PLD does not fulfil the criteria for funding under the Better Start for Children with Disability Initiative; and
  - (d) there are currently no consistent eligibility criteria across Australian States and Territories for children with PLD to access specialised educational resources; and
- (3) calls on the Government to consider PLD as part of a review of the Better Start for Children with Disability Program. (*Notice given 29 October 2012.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes. Mrs Prentice — 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]

## **8 MS HALL:** To move—That this House:

- acknowledges that the Government has a positive reform agenda for older Australians and is delivering enormous commitment and investment in aged care and promoting positive aged care issues by:
  - (a) increasing the aged pension;
  - (b) reforming the aged care system; and
  - (c) helping older Australians stay at work longer; and
- (2) calls on all Members to support the reforms and guarantee support for older Australians. (*Notice given 5 February 2013.*)

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

#### ANNA BURKE MP Chair

5 February 2013