

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 70**

Committee and delegation business;

private Members' business,

and

referral of bills to committees

**31 October 2012**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Chair	Ms A E Burke 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 L Fitzgibbon MP, Chief Government Whip
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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, 30 October 2012.
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, 26 November 2012, as follows:

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

#### **COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS**

##### **Presentation and statements**

#### **1 Parliamentary Delegation to the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Indonesia**

*Report of the Parliamentary Delegation to the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Indonesia, 26 August - 7 September 2012*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10:20 a.m.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Hon Alan Griffin — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.*

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

#### **2 Joint Standing Committee on Migration**

*Inquiry into Multiculturalism in Australia*

*The Committee determined that statements on the inquiry may be made — all statements to conclude by 10:30 a.m.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Vamvakinou — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.*

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

### **3 Standing Committee on Climate Change, Environment and the Arts**

*Inquiry into Australia's biodiversity in a changing climate*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Zappia — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.*

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

## **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

### **Notices**

- 1 MR KATTER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975*, and for related purposes. (*Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Amendment (Cubbie Station) Bill 2012*).

*Time allotted — 10 minutes*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Katter — 10 minutes.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 1 x 10 mins ]

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

- 2 MR BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fair Work Act 2009*, and for related purposes. (*Fair Work Amendment (Tackling Job Insecurity) Bill 2012*)

*Time allotted — 10 minutes*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Bandt — 10 minutes.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 1 x 10 mins ]

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

**3 MS HALL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) promises to remember all children with type 1 diabetes; and
- (2) notes that 100 young Australians with type 1 diabetes will be in Parliament House on 29 November 2012 as part of Kids in the House. (*Notice given 29 October 2012.*)

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Hall — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 12 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)**

**COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS**

**Presentation and statements**

**2 Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the Solomon Islands and Samoa**

*Report of the Delegation to The Solomon Islands and Samoa*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 8.05 pm*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr K. J. Thomson — 5 minutes.*

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

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Orders of the day

#### **1 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AMENDMENT (MAKING MARINE PARKS ACCOUNTABLE) BILL 2012 [NO. 2] (Mr Christensen):** Second reading (*from 17 September 2012*).

*Time allotted — 50 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Christensen — 10 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 2 x 10 mins + 6 x 5 mins]

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

### Notices

#### **1 MR BANDT:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes with concern the recent and growing job losses in state governments around Australia, as well as the difficulties many state public sector employees face in bargaining over wages and conditions;
- (2) directs the Standing Committee on Education and Employment to inquire into and report on the conditions of employment of state public sector employees and the adequacy of protection of their rights at work as compared with other employees, including:
  - (a) whether:
    - (i) current state government industrial relation legislation provides state public sector workers with less protection and entitlements than workers to whom the *Fair Work Act 2009* applies;
    - (ii) the removal of components of the long held principles relating to Termination, Change and Redundancy from state legislation is a breach of obligations under the International Labour Organisation (ILO) conventions;
    - (iii) the rendering unenforceable of elements of existing collective agreements relating to employment security is a breach of the obligations under the ILO conventions relating to collective bargaining;
    - (iv) the current state government industrial relations frameworks provide protection to workers as required under the ILO conventions;
    - (v) state public sector workers face particular difficulties in bargaining under state or federal legislation; and

- (vi) the *Fair Work Act 2009* provides the same protections to public sector workers as it does to other workers; and
- (b) what legislative or regulatory options are available to the Commonwealth to ensure that all Australian workers, including those in state public sectors, have adequate and equal protection of their rights at work. (*Notice given 29 October 2012.*)

*Time allotted — remaining private Members’ business time prior to 9:30 pm*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Bandt — 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.*

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

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**

#### **Notices**

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

- (1) opposes the Queensland Government’s gutting of Sunfish and major recreational fishing programs;
- (2) notes the continued efforts by the Liberal National Party (LNP) in Queensland and nationally to undermine recreational fishing by redefining, then cutting frontline services;
- (3) notes that:
  - (a) before the Queensland election, Premier Newman said the public service had ‘nothing to fear’ from a new LNP government; and
  - (b) Federal Minister Ludwig has written on behalf of Sunfish Queensland to his counterpart, requesting urgent advice on the destructive cuts;
- (5) strongly supports recreational fishers;
- (6) calls on the Queensland Government to restore funding as a matter of urgency; and
- (7) notes the Federal Coalition’s failure to act despite the Leader of the Opposition being fully briefed on the Queensland Government’s budget cuts before they were announced. (*Notice given 9 October 2012.*)

*Time allotted — 60 minutes*

*Ms Livermore — 10 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking

= 2 x 10 mins + 8 x 5 mins]

**2 MS MARINO:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges:
  - (a) the financial pressures faced by rural producers;
  - (b) that farmer viability is the key to food production; and
  - (c) that producer viability is primarily essential for long term food security;
- (2) notes that return on capital rates in agriculture is far below that of other industries; and
- (3) recognises that the Government's National Food Plan green paper completely fails to address producer viability. (*Notice given 19 September 2012.*)

*Time allotted — 30 minutes*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Marino — 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 DR LEIGH:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that:
  - (a) the Battle of Eureka:
    - (i) was a key moment in Australian democracy;
    - (ii) called for basic democratic rights, including broadening the franchise and removing the property qualification to stand for the Legislative Council;
    - (iii) inspired subsequent movements in Australian history, including female suffrage and the Australian Republican Movement; and
    - (iv) demanded changes to make mining taxation more equitable, with the revenue to be spent on improvements to local infrastructure; and
  - (b) the importance of the Battle of Eureka is to be commemorated by the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka in Ballarat, partly funded by the Australian Government in recognition of its national significance; and
- (2) encourages all Australians to remember and respect the Battle of Eureka by:
  - (a) visiting the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka to learn about the history of the Battle of Eureka and its effect on modern democracy; and



- (b) flying the Eureka Flag on 3 December each year in its memory. (*Notice given 29 October 2012.*)

*Time allotted — 30 minutes*

*Speech time limits —*

*Dr Leigh — 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 GAMBARO:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
- (a) 28 July is World Hepatitis Day;
  - (b) the event is one of only four official world disease awareness days endorsed by the World Health Organization;
  - (c) chronic hepatitis C is a large and growing health problem in Australia with more than 200,000 people living with the disease;
  - (d) left untreated, hepatitis C can possibly lead to liver damage, cancer and death;
  - (e) hepatitis C has now eclipsed HIV/AIDS as the number one viral killer in Australia;
  - (f) hepatitis C can be cured with the appropriate treatment;
  - (g) needle and syringe programs have proven effective in relation to preventing transmission of hepatitis B and hepatitis C as well as HIV; and
  - (h) hepatitis C disproportionately impacts the Indigenous community with Indigenous people representing less than 3 per cent of the total Australian population but more than 8 per cent of the Australian population infected with hepatitis C; and
- (2) welcomes scientific and treatment advances that greatly increase the chance of curing patients with the most common and hardest to treat strain of hepatitis C. (*Notice given 9 October 2012.*)

*Time allotted — remaining private Members’  
business time prior to approx 1:30 pm*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Gambaro — 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 Main Committee (approx 6.30 to 9 pm)

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices

#### 5 MR HAYES: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) 25 November is observed as White Ribbon Day, a day aimed at preventing violence against women through a nation-wide campaign to raise public awareness of the issue; and
  - (b) the current statistics indicate that one in three women will experience physical violence and one in five will experience sexual violence over their lifetime;
- (2) encourages:
  - (a) all Australian men to challenge the attitudes and behaviours that allow violence to continue, by joining the 'My Oath Campaign' and taking the oath: 'I swear never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women'; and
  - (b) Members to show their support for the principals of the White Ribbon Day by taking the oath and wearing a white ribbon or wristband on the day; and
- (3) acknowledges the high economic cost of violence against women and their children, estimated to be \$13.6 billion in 2008-09 and, should no action be taken, the cost will be an estimated \$14.6 billion in 2021-22. (*Notice given 18 September 2012.*)

*Time allotted — 60 minutes*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Hayes — 10 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 2 x 10 mins + 8 x 5 mins]

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

#### 6 MRS GRIGGS: To move—That this House notes:

- (1) that the 12 October 2012 marks the tenth anniversary of the horrific Bali Bombings, which killed 202 people, including 88 Australians, and injured a further 240 people, the majority suffering burn injuries;

- (2) the significant contribution made by the Darwin and Perth hospitals in assisting Bali's Sanglah Hospital deal with the scale of the disaster, as many of the injured required specialist burn treatment which was not available in Bali;
- (3) the establishment of the National Critical Care and Trauma Centre funded by the Australian Government which ensures Australia's capability to respond to disasters and major medical incidents in our region;
- (4) the benefits to the Northern Territory community through the great work that the National Critical Care and Trauma Centre performs, including the ability to provide specialist trauma and disaster training to all Australian clinicians, particularly those who provide services to the Northern Territory;
- (5) the ability of the National Critical Care and Trauma Centre to rapidly deploy highly skilled personnel to respond to incidents in the region, notably the involvement and provision of specialist expertise in the following international incidents, the:
  - (a) second Bali Bombing;
  - (b) East Timor unrest;
  - (c) East Timor presidential assassination attempt;
  - (d) Ashmore Reef Siev 36 incident; and
  - (e) Pakistan floods; and
- (6) the bipartisan acknowledgment of the outstanding clinical and academic leadership the National Critical Care and Trauma Centre has in disaster and trauma care, and the importance for ongoing support and funding of this essential facility. (*Notice given 9 October 2012.*)

*Time allotted — 30 minutes*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mrs Griggs — 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 S. P. JONES:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT) is the most common form of inherited motor and sensory neuropathy;
  - (b) there is no cure for CMT and while most sufferers live a normal lifespan, many do so with severe disabilities;
  - (c) estimates are that around one in every 2,500 Australians is affected by CMT;
  - (d) while CMT is more common than diseases such as Muscular Dystrophy, there is a low level of community awareness of CMT, particularly amongst Indigenous Australians;
  - (e) genetic counselling and pre-implantation genetic diagnosis means that those carrying the CMT gene can now conceive without the 50 per cent risk of passing CMT to their offspring; and

- (f) despite the advances, detection and genetic counselling, low awareness and detection of CMT means that this disease is still spreading to future generations, when it could be stopped; and
- (2) notes the need for more investment for research into the cause, care and cure of CMT; and
- (3) as a first step, calls on the Government to provide funding for projects which will lead to the eradication of CMT. (*Notice given 9 October 2012.*)

*Time allotted — 20 minutes*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr S. P. Jones — 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.*

**8 MR ENTSCHE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the
  - (a) uniqueness of the relationship between Australia and Papua New Guinea (PNG) given the physical proximity of the Western Province to the Torres Strait, and the familial and cultural ties; and
  - (b) Torres Strait Treaty with PNG (ratified in 1985) that provides for Torres Strait Islanders and the coastal people of Papua New Guinea to carry on their traditional way of life, allowing for traditional people from both countries to move freely (without passports or visas) for traditional activities in the Torres Strait Protected Zone;
- (2) acknowledges that an increased level of obligation from within existing resources is required to work towards improving the health and well-being of our closest international neighbours;
- (3) recognises that:
  - (a) there is an ongoing crisis in the Western Province region, particularly in relation to the incidence of tuberculosis and other highly-contagious diseases; and
  - (b) while the Government has pledged \$8 million over 2011-12 to 2014-15 for the South Fly District Tuberculosis Management program, it is evident that sufficient medical support and financial resources are not reaching services on the ground;
- (4) calls for a review of administration of AusAID funding for the provision of South Fly District Tuberculosis Management;
- (5) calls on the Australian Government to ensure it is working closely with representatives from the PNG Government and the PNG Treaty Village Association towards establishing a long term solution;
- (6) reviews priorities within the AusAID budget to enable full funding to be restored to the Saibai and Boigu clinics, to provide necessary support until such time as capacity has been established in the 13 Treaty villages; and

- (7) recognises that if current policy is to continue unchanged, the health and safety of Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians will be in jeopardy, as evidenced by the recent arrival at Cairns Base Hospital of the first case of multi drug-resistant tuberculosis. (*Notice given 10 October 2012.*)

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Entsch — 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.*

3. The committee determined that the following bill be referred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services:

- Fair Indexation of Military Superannuation Entitlements Bill 2012.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

To enquire into the impact of this bill on existing superannuation arrangements and military entitlements and to understand its financial impact on the budget.

4. The committee recommends that the following items of private Members’ business listed on the notice paper be voted on:

*Orders of the Day—*

Return of Australian Troops From Afghanistan (Mr Bandt)

Victims of Terrorism Overseas (Mr Abbott)

Australia's Future Workforce Needs (Mr Neumann)

Indigenous Servicemen and Servicewomen (Mr Coulton)

Meals on wheels (Mr Coulton)

Breast Cancer Awareness Month (Ms Hall).

**ANNA BURKE MP**

Chair

31 October 2012