

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 15**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**22 October 2014**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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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, 21 October 2014.
2. The committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of private Members' business on Monday, 27 October 2014, 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 Agriculture and Industry**

*A clearer message for consumers – Report on the inquiry into country of origin labelling for food*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Ramsey — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member — 5 minutes.*

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

##### **2 Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**

*Progress report on the inquiry into Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Wyatt — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member — 5 minutes.*

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

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Notices

- 1 MR WILKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to give the community rights in relation to the development of phone towers and certain telecommunications facilities, and for related purposes. (*Telecommunications Amendment (Giving the Community Rights on Phone Towers) Bill 2014*)  
(Notice given 30 September 2014.)

*Time allotted — 10 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Wilkie — 10 minutes.*

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

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

- 2 MRS PRENTICE:** To move—That this House:

(1) recognises that:

- (a) over the next four years, total annual Commonwealth funding to Queensland is increasing by around \$5.8 billion (including GST);
- (b) despite the tight budget conditions, the Commonwealth is increasing annual funding for Queensland hospitals by 40 per cent, and schools by 47 per cent, over the next four years; and
- (c) this represents a combined increase in funding to Queensland schools and hospitals of over 40 per cent by 2017-18, on 2013-14 funding levels;

(2) commends the Government for investing \$13.4 billion to build the infrastructure of the 21st century for Queensland, including:

- (a) \$6.7 billion towards fixing the Bruce Highway; and
- (b) almost:

- (i) \$1.3 billion towards the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing; and
- (ii) \$1 billion towards the upgrade of the Gateway Motorway North; and

(3) notes that the Queensland Government estimated the impact of the carbon tax to be \$148 million in its 2013-14 state budget and its repeal will help support jobs and investment.

(Notice given 30 September 2014.)

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mrs Prentice — 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.*

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

- (1) expresses grave concern about the outbreak of the Ebola virus in, and its impact on, West Africa, in particular Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone, and beyond;
- (2) recognises that the peacebuilding and development gains of the most affected countries concerned could be reversed in light of the Ebola outbreak, underlining that the outbreak is undermining the stability of the most affected countries concerned and, unless contained, may lead to further instances of civil unrest, social tensions and a deterioration of the political and security climate;
- (3) determines that the unprecedented extent of the Ebola outbreak in Africa constitutes a threat to international peace and security;
- (4) expresses concern about the particular impact of the Ebola outbreak on women;
- (5) takes note of the:
  - (a) measures taken by United Nations Member States of the region, especially Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone, as well as Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal, in response to the Ebola outbreak, and recognises that the outbreak may exceed the capacity of the governments concerned to respond; and
  - (b) letter dated 29 August 2014 to the United Nations Secretary-General from the presidents of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, requesting a comprehensive response to the Ebola outbreak, including a coordinated international response to end the outbreak and to support the societies and economies affected by restrictions on trade and transportation during the outbreak;
- (6) emphasises the:
  - (a) key role of United Nations Member States, including through the Global Health Security Agenda where applicable, to provide adequate public health services to detect, prevent, respond to and mitigate outbreaks of major infectious diseases through sustainable, well-functioning and responsive public health mechanisms; and
  - (b) control of outbreaks of major infectious diseases requires urgent action and greater national, regional and international collaboration, stressing the crucial and immediate need for a coordinated international response to the Ebola outbreak;
- (7) expresses:
  - (a) deep appreciation to the first-line responders to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, including national and international health and humanitarian relief workers contributed by the Member States of diverse regions and non-governmental organisations such as Médecins Sans Frontières and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; and
  - (b) appreciation of the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service for transporting humanitarian personnel and medical supplies and equipment, especially to remote locations in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, during the outbreak;
- (8) takes note of the:
  - (a) WHO Ebola Response Roadmap of 28 August 2014 that aims to stop transmission of the Ebola virus disease worldwide, while managing the consequences of any further international spread; and

- (b) 12 Mission Critical Actions, including infection control, community mobilisation and recovery, to resolve the Ebola outbreak; and
- (9) notes the United Nations call that Member States:
- (a) facilitate the delivery of assistance, including qualified, specialised and trained personnel to contain the outbreak to the affected countries and, expresses deep appreciation to the Government of Ghana for allowing the resumption of the air shuttle of United Nations Mission in Liberia from Monrovia to Accra, which will transport international health workers and other responders to areas affected by the Ebola outbreak in Liberia;
  - (b) provide urgent resources and assistance, including deployable medical capabilities such as field hospitals with qualified and sufficient expertise, staff and supplies, laboratory services, logistical, transport and construction support capabilities, airlift and other aviation support and aeromedical services and dedicated clinical services in Ebola treatment units and isolation units, to support the affected countries in intensifying preventive and response activities and strengthening national capacities in response to the Ebola outbreak, and to allot adequate capacity to prevent future outbreaks;
  - (c) mobilise and provide immediate technical expertise and additional medical capacity, including for rapid diagnosis and training of health workers at the national and international level, to the affected countries, and those providing assistance to the affected countries and to continue to exchange expertise, lessons learned and best practices;
  - (d) maximise synergies to respond effectively and immediately to the Ebola outbreak, provide essential resources, supplies and coordinated assistance to the affected countries and implementing partners, and encourage all relevant actors to cooperate closely with the Secretary-General on response assistance efforts; and
  - (e) commend the continued contribution and commitment of international health and humanitarian relief workers to respond urgently to the Ebola outbreak and seek all relevant actors to put in place the necessary repatriation and financial arrangements, including medical evacuation capacities and treatment and transport provisions, to facilitate their immediate and unhindered deployment to the affected countries.

(Notice given 21 October 2014.)

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms King — 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.*

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

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices

**1 MRS MCNAMARA:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the Government is providing practical assistance to small business;
- (2) recognises:
  - (a) the allocation of \$8 million in the 2014-15 budget to establish the Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman;
  - (b) that the Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman will act as an advocate for small business, cut previous compliance burdens and reduce red-tape;
  - (c) that the Government has a sustainable strategy in place to cut \$1 billion in red tape every year for small business workplaces; and
  - (d) that on Wednesday 19 March 2014, the Government introduced legislation and tabled documentation to repeal more than 10,000 pieces and over 50,000 pages of legislation and regulations, saving over \$700 million in compliance costs across the economy; and
- (3) commends the Government for providing real, practical assistance to small business, encouraging productivity in the Australian economy.

*(Notice given on 15 July 2014; amended 11 August 2014.)*

*Time allotted — 50 minutes.*

*Mrs McNamara — 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.*

**2 MR FERGUSON:** To move—That this House notes that:

- (1) October has been designated Shoctober by the Cardiac Arrest Survival Foundation;
- (2) Australian estimates of those dying from sudden cardiac arrest range from 23,000 to 33,000;
- (3) prompt defibrillation increases the probability of survival from cardiac arrest;
- (4) delayed use of defibrillators increases the probability that the victim will die;
- (5) defibrillator deployment guidelines have been developed by the Automated External Defibrillator Deployment Registry after significant consultation;
- (6) the commendable staff training and defibrillator placement by Sydney Trains;
- (7) wider availability of defibrillators is desirable; and

- (8) there have been calls that all Commonwealth funded constructions valued over \$3 million should have defibrillators and conform to the new Defibrillation Guidelines 1410 (v 1.3).

*(Notice given 3 September 2014.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Mr Ferguson — 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 MR E. T. JONES:** To move—That this House recognises:

- (1) the importance of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) cadets organisations in building the responsible citizens of tomorrow;
- (2) that cadets:
  - (a) learn important life and work skills, team work, leadership, confidence and responsibility through participation in the Navy, Army and Air Force cadets organisations; and
  - (b) assist local communities through volunteer engagement, community services and fund raising, which is fostered and encouraged through the ADF cadets organisations; and
- (3) the important role that ADF cadets play in contributing to our Defence Force of the future and building a stronger Australia.

*(Notice given 28 August 2014.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Mr E. T. Jones — 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 WATTS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) in 2015, 40 years will have passed since the arrival of Vietnamese refugees in Australia at the end of the Vietnam War; and
  - (b) during this time, the Vietnamese-Australian community has grown from approximately 700 Vietnam-born Australians to approximately 185,000 Vietnam-born Australians, and 220,000 Australians speaking Vietnamese at home;

- (2) acknowledges the contribution of Vietnamese-Australians to our society in the past 40 years, with Vietnamese-Australians becoming leading figures in business, politics, the arts, and in our communities;
- (3) notes that the Vietnamese Community in Australia, or VCA, is marking the 40th anniversary through a series of events, programs and exhibitions; and
- (4) encourages all Australians to take part in the celebrations to learn more about the culture and heritage of Vietnamese-Australians.

*(Notice given 21 October 2014.)*

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

*Mr Watts — 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.*

**THE HON BRONWYN BISHOP MP**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

22 October 2014