

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 26**

Private Members' business

**3 June 2015**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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## Report relating to the consideration of private Members' business

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1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 2 June 2015.
2. The committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of private Members' business on Monday, 15 June 2015, as follows:

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

##### Notices

**1 MR VAN MANEN:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) 96 per cent of all of Australian businesses are small businesses, employing more than 4.5 million people and producing more than \$330 billion of the nation's economic output;
- (b) in 2013-14 Australians started more than 280,000 small businesses; and
- (c) the Coalition Government has developed and started to deliver as part of the Budget, the largest small business package in the nation's history—the Jobs and Small Business Package—worth \$5.5 billion; and
- (d) as part of the Jobs and Small Business Package, all small businesses will get an immediate tax deduction for each asset they buy costing less than \$20,000; and

(2) acknowledges the work of the Prime Minister, the Treasurer and the Minister for Small Business in putting together a package that will deliver for small businesses now and into the future.

*(Notice given 28 May 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr van Manen — 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.*

**2 MR CONROY:** To move—That this House:

(1) recognises that alongside national defence, there is no higher obligation on a Commonwealth government than to support and promote the employment prospects of its citizens;

- (2) condemns the record of the Government which has seen:
- (a) an unemployment rate at a 12 year high;
  - (b) more than 81,000 Australians added to the unemployment queue since the election of the Government;
  - (c) a record underemployment rate of 8.6 per cent.
  - (d) a youth unemployment rate of over 15 per cent;
  - (e) 190,000 people long term unemployed, more than any time since records began; and
  - (f) one in four unemployed people being long term unemployed; and
- (3) recognises that while support for small businesses is important to stimulating jobs growth, more is needed; and
- (4) calls on the Government to invest more in education, training, industry and innovation policies to rectify this jobs crisis.
- (Notice given 2 June 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Conroy — 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 MR NIKOLIC:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises:
- (a) the importance of Australia’s Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), which now include nations in three continents—North America, South America and Asia;
  - (b) Australia’s three most recent FTAs negotiated and signed in 2014 with Japan, South Korea and China and the positive security, stability and economic prosperity which will result from each of these mutually constructive agreements;
  - (c) the Government’s intention to continue to enhance current and future trade and investment opportunities for the long term advantage of all Australian citizens; and
  - (d) the significant personal contribution made by the Minister for Trade and Investment in securing FTAs with Japan, South Korea and China in 2014;
- (2) acknowledges the following advantages of FTAs to Australia as being:
- (a) removing potentially billions of dollars of tariff imposts for foreign produced consumer goods (including, clothes, shoes, car components, cars and electronics);

- (b) enhancing capital flows into Australian agriculture, finance, tourism, infrastructure and mining as a result of streamlined approval procedures for foreign state owned investors;
  - (c) improving primary agriculture, particularly dairy, beef, lamb, wine and horticulture as a result of overseas tariffs being phased out over time;
  - (d) streamlining licensing and reducing restrictions on Australian services firms, including banks, insurance companies, financial fund managers, as well as law, architecture and engineering firms; and
  - (e) providing cheaper and more streamlined visa approval procedures, making it easier to undertake reciprocal travel, work and study in Australia and relevant trade partner nations; and
- (3) notes the continuing importance of trade between nations and of Australian formal FTAs in supporting both global and regional stability, as well as Australian long term economic prosperity, all of which are emphasised by Australia's unique geopolitics.

*(Notice given 1 June 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Nikolic — 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.*

## **Orders of the day**

### **1 MARRIAGE AMENDMENT (MARRIAGE EQUALITY) BILL 2015** (Mr Shorten): Second reading—Resumption of debate *(from 1 June 2015)*.

*Time allotted — 10 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*All Members — 5 minutes.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 2 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:

- (a) Bowel Cancer Australia ran an initiative throughout the month of February titled 'Prevent Bowel Cancer' to raise awareness of bowel cancer and encourage more Australians to screen for the disease with the tagline 'Don't Wait Until It's Too Late';
  - (b) bowel cancer:
    - (i) is the second most common type of newly diagnosed cancer in Australia affecting both men and women almost equally;
    - (ii) is Australia's second biggest cancer killer after lung cancer with more than 15,000 Australians diagnosed each year; and
    - (iii) claims nearly 4,000 lives every year; and
  - (c) when found early 90 per cent of bowel cancer cases can be successfully treated;
- (2) acknowledges the Government's free National Bowel Cancer Screening Program initiative and the inclusion of people turning the ages of 70 and 74 in the program; and
- (3) notes the requirement for greater awareness and promotion of available bowel cancer screening tests and the need for people from age 50 to undertake regular screening to prevent this disease.

*(Notice given 2 June 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mrs McNamara — 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.*

**2 MR FITZGIBBON:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes:

- (a) that Australia has the most stringent and effective live animal welfare regulatory system in the world that is underpinned by the Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System;
- (b) recent alleged breaches of Australian's animal welfare standards in the live export sector; and
- (c) the Government's:
  - (i) abolition of the position of Inspector-General of Animal Welfare and Live Animal Exports; and

- (ii) failure to increase regulatory and supervisory resources to keep pace with growth in trade; and
- (2) calls on the Government to build public confidence and to protect the sustainability of the live export sector by:
  - (a) appointing an independent Inspector-General of Animal Welfare and Live Animal Exports; and
  - (b) providing quarterly ministerial reports to the Parliament on:
    - (i) any new markets;
    - (ii) the number of head exported;
    - (iii) any allegations of breaches of animal welfare standards and investigations undertaken; and
    - (iv) any sanctions or other action taken against those who have breached or should have prevented breaches of Australia's animal welfare standards.

*(Notice given 26 May 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Fitzgibbon — 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.*

## **Orders of the day**

- 1 **MR BROAD:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 June 2015*) on the motion of Mr Broad—  
That this House notes:
  - (1) that Australian small business is a major contributor to the national economy and should be acknowledged for its innovation, entrepreneurship and endeavour, as demonstrated by the 15,000 small businesses across the electoral division of Mallee and many small businesses across the rest of Australia; and
  - (2) the recent budget must be commended for assisting small business with accelerated depreciation for assets purchased under \$20,000.

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*All 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.*

**Notices – continued**

**3 MRS ELLIOT:** To move—That this House:

(1) recognises that:

- (a) over 105,000 Australians are currently defined as homeless throughout the nation;
- (b) on any given night this translates to 1 in 200 Australians homeless or sleeping rough;
- (c) great work is done by organisations such as Homelessness Australia and countless local charities in their support for homeless people right across the country; and

(2) notes that:

- (a) the current Government has made significant cuts to front line youth services putting more young people at the risk of homelessness;
- (b) the current Government has made significant cuts to domestic violence services putting more woman and children at risk of homelessness; and
- (c) more needs to be done to address homelessness in Australia.

*(Notice given 25 May 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mrs Elliot — 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 MCGOWAN:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development's own statistics, two thirds of Australia's export earnings come from regional industries such as agriculture, tourism, retail, services and manufacturing;
- (b) Australian regional businesses and industries are highly exposed to global market forces;
- (c) whether exporting or not, businesses and consumers alike are influenced and are in turn influencing regional Australia's future competitive advantage; and
- (d) the future of manufacturing and industry in this country requires extensive skills development, training and employee development in key sectors such as farming, food production, engineering and value-adding; and

- (2) calls on the Australian Government to:
- (a) prioritise investment in regional infrastructure that supports growth in rural and regional industries and manufacturing businesses, such as:
    - (i) improving telecommunications access for rural and regional Australians;
    - (ii) improving passenger rail and freight rail timetables and services; and
    - (iii) simplifying compliance for interstate businesses by reducing cross-border anomalies; and
  - (b) provide additional capacity for the regions to design their strategic vision to meet future industry, manufacturing and regional development demands in Australia.

*(Notice given 26 May 2015.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms McGowan — 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.*

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

3 June 2015