

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 28

Committee and delegation business

and

Private Members' business

18 June 2015

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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	Mr C Hayes MP (Chief Opposition Whip)
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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 Thursday, 18 June 2015.
2. The committee determined to amend the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members' business on Monday, 22 June 2015, as follows, with amended entries marked with a *:

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

Reviewing Troubled Waters: Consideration of the Government response to the 2012 inquiry into arrangements surrounding crimes at sea.

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Christensen — 5 minutes.

Next Member — 5 minutes.

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

2 Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation.

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Tehan — 5 minutes.

Next Member — 5 minutes.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR SMITH: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that 1 July 2015 marks the 28th anniversary of the introduction of dividend imputation in Australia;
- (2) recognises that:
 - (a) the system of dividend imputation introduced by the Labor Government in the 34th Parliament has been maintained and supported by every Government since;
 - (b) the system of refunding excess imputation credits for the benefit of low income earners and charities, which was introduced by the Coalition Government in the 39th Parliament, has been maintained and supported by every Government since;
 - (c) dividend imputation has delivered improved operation of Australia's capital markets and corporate landscape;
 - (d) the end of double taxation of profits has delivered increased prosperity to everyday Australians who own shares either directly, or through indirect means such as superannuation; and
 - (e) dividend imputation has encouraged increased share ownership levels throughout the Australian community;
- (3) endorses and lends ongoing support to dividend imputation; and
- (4) rejects calls to discard dividend imputation and reintroduce double taxation of dividends.

(Notice given 15 June 2015.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Smith— 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 MR WATTS: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the 40th anniversary of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* which was passed in implementation of our international obligations under the International Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination; and
- (2) recognises the:
 - (a) important role the Act plays in Australia's Human Rights Framework;

- (b) importance of Section 18C of the Act in protecting Australians from racist hate speech; and
- (c) important role the Human Rights Commission plays in administering the Act.

(Notice given 16 June 2015.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

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.*

3 MR VAN MANEN: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

(a) the Coalition Government has:

- (i) started to arrest the decline in the small business environment overseen by the previous Labor Government; and
- (ii) 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

(b) as part of the Jobs and Small Business Package, small businesses will be eligible for a 1.5 per cent company tax cut or a 5 per cent tax discount for small unincorporated businesses; and

(2) condemns the Leader of the Opposition for making unfunded announcements to small businesses in his Budget Reply Speech which ignore the two-thirds of small businesses which are not structured as companies; and

(3) commends the Prime Minister, the Treasurer and the Minister for Small Business on their effective management of the small business economy.

(Notice given 28 May 2015.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr van Manen — 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.*

4 DR STONE: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises 26 June 2015 as the 70th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter (Charter) at San Francisco;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) Australia was one of the 50 nations which signed the Charter that established the United Nations organisation;
 - (b) the United Nations came into being on 24 October 1945, a date that recognises each year as United Nations Day; and
 - (c) the signatories to the Charter agreed to:
 - (i) save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind;
 - (ii) reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small;
 - (iii) establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained; and
 - (iv) promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom; and
 - (v) achieve these ends, to:
 - practise tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours;
 - unite our strength to maintain international peace and security;
 - ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest; and
 - employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples; and
- (3) calls on all Members and Senators in the Australian Parliament to celebrate the achievements of the United Nations over the last 70 years.

(Notice given 2 June 2015.)

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

Speech time limits —

Dr Stone — 5 minutes.

Next Member — 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 (12.30 pm to 1.30 pm and 4.45 pm to 6.15 pm)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Presentation and statements

1 Standing Committee on Procedure

Role of the Federation Chamber: Celebrating 20 years of operation.

The Committee determined that statements may be made — all statements to conclude by 12.40 pm.

Speech time limits —

Mr Randall — 5 minutes.

Next Member — 5 minutes.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

***1 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 — 30 minutes.

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.*

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

- (1) notes that the Pacific Women’s Parliamentary Partnerships Forum (Forum) is funded by the Australian Government and is designed to support women in the region in politics and to assist Pacific parliaments in addressing gender equality issues;
- (2) recognises that the Pacific region has the lowest regional average of women parliamentarians in the world, currently 13.1 per cent female representation in single or lower houses across the region, including Australia and New Zealand;
- (3) recognises that the third annual Forum was held from 29 April to 1 May in Suva, Fiji, with the focus on addressing family violence in the Pacific region; and
- (4) notes that reducing family violence will require a coordinated approach, and that the Forum agreed on a list of priorities for Pacific parliaments to pursue that will raise awareness and encourage action to address the issue.

(Notice given 28 May 2015.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mrs Prentice — 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.*

***3 MR SIMPKINS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that it has been 40 years since the Vietnamese began coming to Australia and their arrival has been defined by:
 - (a) successful settlement;
 - (b) positive integration; and
 - (c) their assistance with the development of the Australian economy through their hard work and dedication;
- (2) acknowledges the positive influence in Australia of the Vietnamese-Australian people from:
 - (a) the Vietnamese Community Association;
 - (b) the Vietnamese parishes of the Catholic Church;
 - (c) the Vietnamese Free Buddhist Church;

- (d) other religious groups; and
 - (e) clubs and other service providers; and
- (3) commends the Vietnamese-Australian community for its dedication to Australia and determination to provide opportunities and success for Vietnamese-Australian families.

(Notice given 27 May 2015.)

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Simpkins — 5 minutes.

Next Member — 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.*

***4 MS L.M. CHESTERS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes with concern the importation to Australia of goods that:
 - (a) breach Australia's anti-dumping regime; and
 - (b) do not comply with Australian standards;
- (2) further notes the:
 - (a) injurious effect that the importation of such products has on Australian businesses and Australian jobs;
 - (b) risk to consumers of using substandard products and goods; and
 - (c) lack of inspection and compliance enforcement of imported products; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) continue to monitor the anti-dumping regime and effectiveness of recent changes;
 - (b) strengthen the inspection and compliance enforcement regime for imported goods;
 - (c) review penalties for importers who breach their Australian legal obligations and if necessary increase the penalties where they are found to be insufficient, to act as a deterrent; and
 - (d) hold an urgent meeting of the International Trade Remedies Forum to address these and related issues.

(Notice given 12 May 2015.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms L.M. Chesters — 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.*

***5 MRS GRIGGS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) commends the role of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) in recent humanitarian aid missions; and
- (2) congratulates:
 - (a) the Government on taking the decision to acquire two additional Boeing C-17A Globemaster III aircraft which will assist in future humanitarian and ADF operations; and
 - (b) the ADF on its rapid deployment of air assets, including C-17s, which supported the provision of disaster relief in Vanuatu and Nepal in 2015.

(Notice given 16 June 2015.)

Time allotted —20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mrs Griggs — 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.*

***6 MS MACTIERNAN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that in its 2015 budget, the Government has slashed investment in science, research and innovation agencies and programs, including cuts of:
 - (a) \$114 million from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation;
 - (b) \$75 million from the Australian Research Council (ARC);
 - (c) \$27.5 million from the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation;
 - (d) \$80 million from Cooperative Research Centres;
 - (e) \$173.7 million from the Research Training Scheme;
 - (f) \$260 million from the abolition of Commercialisation Australia;
 - (g) \$84 million from ceasing National ICT Australia funding from 2016;
 - (h) \$120 million from Defence Science and Technology Organisation;
 - (i) \$16.1 million from Geoscience Australia;
 - (j) \$7.8 million from the Australian Institute of Marine Science;
 - (k) \$263 million from Sustainable Research Excellence for universities;
 - (l) \$27 million more from the Cooperative Research Centres program; and
 - (m) \$27 million from its own Entrepreneurs' Infrastructure Programme;

- (2) calls on the Minister for Education to explain the decision to provide \$4 million in funding for the establishment of the Bjorn Lomborg Australian Consensus Centre at the University of Western Australia without any reference to the ARC; and
- (3) condemns the Government for the lack of transparency around the decision to fund the research centre, while at the same time making significant funding cuts to science, research and innovation.

(Notice given 3 June 2015.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms MacTiernan — 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.*

Orders of the day

1 MARRIAGE AMENDMENT (MARRIAGE EQUALITY) BILL 2015 (Mr Shorten): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 15 June 2015*).

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 6.15 pm.

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.*

THE HON BRONWYN BISHOP MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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