

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 38

Committee and delegation business

and

Private Members' business

3 February 2016

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Chair Hon A. D. H. Smith MP, Speaker

Members Ms N Marino MP (Chief Government Whip)

 Mr C Hayes MP (Chief Opposition Whip)

 Mr M Coulton MP (Nationals Chief Whip)

 Mr G Christensen MP

 Hon J Fitzgibbon MP

 Ms J Hall MP

 Mr E Hutchinson MP

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 Mr B Scott MP, Deputy Speaker

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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, 2 February 2016.
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, 8 February 2016, as follows:

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Statements

1 Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs

Statement on the progress of the Parliamentary inquiry into surrogacy.

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 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 provide for the regulation of renewable fuel content in motor vehicle fuel, and for related purposes. (*Renewable Fuel Bill 2016*) (*Notice given 3 December 2015.*)

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Katter — 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 MR CHRISTENSEN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
- (a) the importance of a robust and clear legal system that allows for timely judicial review and certainty for investors and the community alike;
 - (b) the latest legal challenge brought by the Melbourne based Australian Conservation Foundation to the development of the Galilee Basin is another cynical attempt to abuse due process;
 - (c) ongoing ‘green’ lawfare is holding Queensland families to ransom and jeopardising Australia’s reputation as a place to do business; and
 - (d) that rather than protecting the environment, the replacement of the Galilee Basin’s lower emission coal by higher emission coal from other countries could instead cause an increase in global emissions; and
- (2) calls on the Australian Labor Party to support legislative amendments to close legal loopholes being exploited by ‘green’ groups.

(Notice given 10 November 2015.)

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 + 6 x 5 mins]

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

3 MS CHESTERS: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
- (a) the ongoing media reports and Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) findings into the exploitation of Working Holiday visa (subclass 417) holders, Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (subclass 457) holders and international students;
 - (b) nationwide monitoring by the FWO has uncovered suspected exploitation in 20 per cent of 560 migrant Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (subclass 457) worker cases examined between October 2014 and January 2015;
 - (c) the FWO said ‘migrant workers complaints of mistreatment had soared in recent years, and sponsorship breaches were often deliberate acts of exploitation by unscrupulous employers’;
 - (d) exploitation by employers has been identified in various industries including but not limited to construction, hospitality, cleaning, food processing, agriculture, the marketing and promotions sector, privately owned childcare centres and kindergartens, shopping trolley collectors and postal service contractors;
 - (e) many of these workers are low paid and low skilled, and are on Temporary Work (Skilled) visas (subclass 457), Working Holiday visas (subclass 417) or student visas; and

- (f) this unconscionable conduct is widespread and is creating a sub class of workers that does not just hurt the employees; it puts at risk the pay and working conditions of all Australians;
- (2) acknowledges the:
 - (a) recent hard work of the FWO to monitor, investigate, and expose potential breaches of the work visa program and Australian workplace laws; and
 - (b) proactive role the Australian union movement has played to highlight and expose unconscionable conduct by some employers and industries exploiting temporary visa workers;
- (3) condemns the Government's:
 - (a) inaction to immediately address and implement the findings of recent FWO reports in relation to this matter; and
 - (b) recent moves to relax regulations for bringing in temporary visa workers, instead of toughening the rules; and
- (4) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) immediately strengthen the work visa safeguards it has deliberately relaxed to make it easier for companies to hire overseas workers; and
 - (b) ensure that Australia's work visa program has robust safeguards in place to protect all workers and is not being used as a back door avenue to source cheap labour.

(Notice given 15 September 2015.)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Chesters — 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 MR BILLSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the importance of changing the national culture to make disrespecting women un-Australian;
- (2) welcomes the Government's \$100 million Women's Safety Package to combat domestic violence;
- (3) supports efforts at the upcoming COAG meeting to engage all levels of government and the broader community on this shared national endeavour;

- (4) places on record its deep concern about the use of new technology and in particular smart phone tracking applications by family violence perpetrators to obtain and monitor the location of their victims; and
- (5) calls on all governments to consider this as part of their strategy to combat domestic violence and technology facilitated abuse.

(Notice given 25 November 2015.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Billson — 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.*

2 MR CHAMPION: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) people with dyslexia have difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters and other symbols;
 - (b) dyslexia does not affect general intelligence; and
 - (c) the primary symptoms of dyslexia are:
 - (i) problems learning the letter sounds for reading and spelling;
 - (ii) difficulty in reading single words, such as on flash cards and in lists (decoding);
 - (iii) lack of fluency;
 - (iv) reading slowly with many mistakes;
 - (v) poor spelling; and
 - (vi) poor visual gestalt/coding (orthographic coding);
- (2) acknowledges:
 - (a) the hard work of support groups, educators and families in raising awareness of dyslexia;
 - (b) the many programs and services helping students to achieve their best every day; and
 - (c) dyslexia as a disability through the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*; and
- (3) calls upon the Government to consider:
 - (a) continuing to work with the states and territories to complete the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability program and implement the disability loading recommended in the Gonski report;
 - (b) developing a national program which encompasses accreditation and development of schools which specialise in dyslexia, including early identification, teacher training, school autonomy, assessment and examination;

- (c) adopting models such as the United Kingdom model for dyslexia, the Education, Health and Care Plan; and
- (d) Dyslexia Aware School accreditation education programs in South Australian schools.

(Notice given 17 September 2015.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Champion — 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 MRS PRENTICE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that Vietnam Veterans Day:
 - (a) is held on 18 August every year;
 - (b) commemorates the service and sacrifice of the almost 60,000 Australians who served in the Vietnam War, including the 521 who were killed, and the 3,000 wounded; and
 - (c) was, until 1987, known as Long Tan Day, which commemorated the service of the 108 personnel of D Company 6RAR, who on 18 August 1966, with limited supplies and in torrential rain, successfully fought off 2,000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops near the village of Long Tan;
- (2) reiterates its sincere appreciation for the service of all veterans of the Vietnam War; and
- (3) expresses its regret that many veterans of the Vietnam War did not receive appropriate recognition of their service upon their return to Australia.

(Notice given 13 October 2015.)

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.*

4 MS PARKE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes continuing concerns in relation to the practice of harvesting organs from prisoners in the People’s Republic of China, in addition to allegations of an illegal organ harvesting trade in other parts of Asia and in Europe; and
- (2) calls on the Government to to:
 - (a) acknowledge the illegal trade of organs as a significant health policy and human rights issue in the international community and publicly condemn organ transplant abuses;
 - (b) engage in international dialogue, in a human rights context, relating to the harvesting of organs, ensuring cooperation to protect the poorest and most vulnerable groups from organ transplant tourism and the illegal sale of tissues and organs through the development of tools to ensure traceability of organs;
 - (c) consider federal measures and encourage Australian states and territories to consider measures to ensure that trafficking of human organs is addressed;
 - (d) urge the Chinese Government to immediately cease the practice of harvesting organs from prisoners;
 - (e) support and encourage universal adoption and implementation of the WHO Guiding Principles on Human Organ Transplantation regarding protection of donors, transparency and the implementation of quality systems including vigilance and traceability; and
 - (f) urge the Chinese Government to increase efforts to set up an organised and efficient national register of organ donation and distribution, and to cooperate with requests from the United Nations Special Rapporteurs and other international bodies and governments for investigations into the system.

(Notice given 10 November 2015.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Parke — 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 LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (Mr Entsch): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 2015*).

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

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

[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 A. D. H. SMITH MP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

3 February 2016