

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 7**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**30 November 2022**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Ms A Byrnes MP

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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 Wednesday, 30 November 2022.
2. The Committee deliberated on items of committee and delegation business that had been notified, private Members' business items listed on the Notice Paper and notices lodged on Wednesday, 30 November 2022, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 6 February 2023, as follows:

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

##### Notices

- 1 MR BATES:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to elections and referendums, and for related purposes. (*Electoral Legislation Amendment (Lowering the Voting Age) Bill 2023*)  
(Notice given 29 November 2022.)

*Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.*

- 2 DR GILLESPIE:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) Australia has been at the forefront of nuclear science and technology since 1953 when the Australian Atomic Energy Commission was established and operated two research reactors at Lucas Heights in Sydney;
- (b) since the Australian Atomic Energy Commission became the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation in 1987, it has operated the HIFAR Research Reactor, and subsequently the OPAL Research Reactor, which has delivered significant benefits for nuclear medicine in Australia and around the world;
- (c) Australia has developed one of the world's leading regulatory and safety authorities to oversee the operation of its nuclear industries with the establishment of the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency;
- (d) Australia is a signatory to international non-proliferation treaties which is overseen by the Australian Safeguards and Non-proliferation Office; and

- (2) considers the deployment of nuclear energy to deliver energy security for the nation, as part of Australia's transition to a decarbonised electricity grid, utilising emerging nuclear technologies such as Generation III+, Generation IV Small Modular Reactors and Micro Modular Reactors; and
- (3) further considers the following legislative actions:
  - (a) removing the blanket prohibition on:
    - (i) the Minister for Environment and Water declaring, approving, or considering actions relating to the construction or operation of certain nuclear facilities as described in sections 37J, 140A and 146M, and paragraph 305(2)(d) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, by repealing those provisions; and
    - (ii) the construction or operation of certain nuclear facilities as described in section 10 of the *Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998*, by repealing that section;
  - (b) leaving unaffected:
    - (i) the other elements of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, pursuant to which the Minister would assess any application to establish a facility previously named in the repealed provisions;
    - (ii) state and territory powers to protect their citizens and the environment from potential adverse radiation impacts; and
    - (iii) the power vested in the Minister for Foreign Affairs to determine whether or not to issue a permit under the *Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act 1987* for such a proposed facility.

(Notice given 29 November 2022.)

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Dr Gillespie — 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 STANLEY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) 1 February 2023 marks the 39th anniversary of the introduction of Medicare by the Government of Prime Minister Hawke; and
  - (b) Australia's healthcare system is based on equitable and fair access for all Australians; and
- (2) acknowledges that:
  - (a) as of 1 January 2023, the Government will have reduced the cost of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme co-payment by \$12.50 to a maximum of \$30; and

- (b) the Government is making medicines cheaper and more accessible for Australian families.

*(Notice given 29 November 2022.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Stanley — 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 LE:** To move—That this House

- (1) notes that the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Cheaper Child Care) Bill 2022:
- (a) will increase demand on the early childhood education sector and does not address supply, namely:
    - (i) training individuals that wish to seek a future in the early childhood education sector; and
    - (ii) a retention strategy for the early childhood education sector, specifically childcare; and
  - (b) does not guarantee an increase in workforce participation;
- (2) further notes the Government subsidy for high income families is occurring simultaneous to the abolition of the Lower and Middle Income Tax Offset which will increase the cost of living pressures on low and middle income families that need the support most; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
- (a) implement the National Children’s Education and Care Workforce Strategy which is a co-design piece conducted by the entire sector addressing key supply issues such as:
    - (i) recruitment;
    - (ii) retainment; and
    - (iii) sustainability and quality of the sector workforce;
  - (b) acknowledge the child care service gaps in facilities and staffing in remote, rural, and regional Australia; and
  - (c) acknowledge the barriers in the childcare sector that impact multicultural communities across Australia such as:
    - (i) English not being the primary language for children at home;
    - (ii) training and upskilling; and
    - (iii) understanding the unique needs of culturally diverse children.

*(Notice given 29 November 2022.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Le — 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.*

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

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

#### **Notices**

#### **1 MRS ANDREWS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the importance of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science on 11 February 2023, and the amazing contribution of Australian women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields; and
- (2) acknowledges the crucial work undertaken by the previous Government to promote gender equity in STEM in Australia.

*(Notice given 29 November 2022.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mrs Andrews — 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 SMITH:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) in May 2022 Australians voted for a plan for cheaper child care; and
  - (b) on 23 November 2022, the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Cheaper Child Care) Bill 2022 passed the Parliament;
- (2) commends the Government for meeting its election commitment to the Australian people;
- (3) further notes that:
  - (a) the reforms will deliver affordable early education for more than a million families;
  - (b) from July 2022, approximately 96 per cent of families with a child in early childhood education and care will benefit;

- (c) from July 2022, the child care subsidy for families earning \$80,000 or less will increase to 90 per cent; and
  - (d) Treasury modelling shows that this will deliver the equivalent of up to 37,000 workers to the economy in the first year; and
- (4) acknowledges that these reforms will deliver real cost-of-living relief while boosting productivity.

(Notice given 30 November 2022.)

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Smith — 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 VIOLI:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) the previous Government made significant progress on supporting the growth and opportunities of the digital economy, including appointing the first Minister for the Digital Economy; and
  - (b) the Government does not have a Minister for the Digital Economy; and
- (2) acknowledges that:
  - (a) Australian digital activity value add increased by 7.4 per cent (\$7.5 billion) in 2019-20, compared with a two per cent increase for the total Australian economy;
  - (b) the digital economy strategy of the last Government provided a roadmap to becoming a top 10 digital economy and society by 2030; and
  - (c) digital assets could represent over 20 per cent of retail payments by 2050.

(Notice given 29 November 2022.)

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Violi — 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 THWAITES:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that November 2022 marks 15 years since the Government of Prime Minister Rudd made the National Apology to the Stolen Generations, a moment that forever changed this nation's relationship with our First Nations people;

- (2) notes that since this time there has been an increased focus, including through the annual Closing the Gap report, on the need for governments to deliver real, better outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians;
- (3) commends the work of the Coalition of Peaks and other First Nations organisations to progress efforts to Close the Gap;
- (4) recognises that the Government's commitment to hold a referendum to establish a Voice to Parliament represents a once in a generation opportunity to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians in our Constitution, and ensures that they will always be included in the policy-making process on matters affecting them; and
- (5) calls on members of Parliament, and people right across Australia to campaign in support of the referendum.

*(Notice given 30 November 2022.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Thwaites — 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 (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)**

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

#### **Notices – continued**

#### **5 MR HASTIE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) the Government has committed to the former Government's objective of growing the Australian Defence Force (ADF) by 18,500 people by 2040;
  - (b) to meet the objective, there must be net growth of 1,000 people per year; and
  - (c) the ADF recruitment numbers currently sit at a net growth of approximately 300 people per year; and
- (2) calls on all Members to:
  - (a) recognise that our regional security environment is deteriorating;
  - (b) acknowledge that Australia must build a strong and capable ADF;
  - (c) focus on how we find, recruit and retain young men and women we need to build the ADF into the future; and
  - (d) build a strong values based narrative of service, duty and country in appealing to our next generation of ADF recruits.

*(Notice given 29 November 2022)*



*Time allotted — 35 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Hastie — 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.*

**6 DR ANANDA-RAJAH:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges:
  - (a) that the Government introduced legislation ten years ago to allow Australia to become the first country in the world to implement tobacco plain packaging in December 2012;
  - (b) that the successful landmark tobacco plain packaging policy has saved countless lives;
  - (c) that tobacco smoking remains the leading cause of preventable death and disability;
  - (d) that in both health and economic terms of tobacco use, disadvantaged groups are hit more than three times harder than others in the community; and
  - (e) the tireless support and dedication of many in the public health sector, including health workers and the former Minister for Health and Ageing, Nicola Roxon, who fought for the changes to introduce plain packaging; and
- (2) notes the comprehensive tobacco plain packaging strategy was multi layered to include:
  - (a) tobacco plain packaging and graphic health warnings;
  - (b) rolling tobacco excise increases;
  - (c) advertising restrictions; and
  - (d) public health campaigns and quit smoking support.

*(Notice given 30 November 2022.)*

*Time allotted — 35 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Dr Ananda-Rajah — 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.*

**7 MR PASIN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that:
  - (a) the fuel excise levied by the Commonwealth will raise \$13.7 billion in 2022-23, and is expected to increase up to \$15.8 billion in 2025-26; and

- (b) the revenue raised by the fuel excise makes a significant contribution toward the costs of the development and maintenance, safety and efficiency of our road transport network;
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) the budget shows 91 per cent of the fuel excise is being reinvested in land transport infrastructure in 2022-23 but is decreasing to 88 per cent by 2025-26; and
  - (b) between the March and October 2022 budgets, land transport infrastructure spending decreased over the forward estimates by \$4.33 billion; and
- (3) calls for the Government to allocate 100 per cent of fuel excise revenue for investment in road transport infrastructure.

*(Notice given 29 November 2022.)*

*Time allotted — 35 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Pasin — 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.*

**8 MS BYRNES:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
  - (a) the importance of manufacturing for our nation, particularly our regional areas; and
  - (b) that Australia has suffered nearly a decade of policy-drift ranking last in the OECD when it comes to manufacturing self-sufficiency;
- (2) recognises the Government is delivering on its commitment to establish the National Reconstruction Fund, which will:
  - (a) create secure, well-paid jobs;
  - (b) diversify Australian industry to drive sustainable growth to create future prosperity;
  - (c) build our capability to manufacture high-value products for the world; and
  - (d) drive economic development in our regions and outer suburbs;
- (3) acknowledges that the Government is rebuilding Australia's manufacturing capacity to build a stronger and more resilient future; and
- (4) further notes that the Government is delivering its plan to:
  - (a) create a better future for Australians by investing to support and stimulate regional manufacturing; and
  - (b) implement a National Rail Manufacturing Plan to support the rail industry and create more skilled manufacturing jobs.

*(Notice given 30 November 2022.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Byrnes — 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.*

**9 MR CHANDLER-MATHER:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) Vanuatu's Minister of Climate Change, Ralph Regenvanu, would only back Australia's bid to host the 2026 COP if Australia does not commit to any new coal or gas handouts; and
- (b) the Government's first budget has over \$40 billion in fossil fuel subsidies including \$1.9 billion to open up a new LNG terminal and petrochemical hub in Darwin Harbour; and

(2) calls on the Government to end fossil fuel subsidies.

*(Notice given 22 November 2022.)*

*Time allotted — remaining private Members'  
business time prior to 7.30 pm.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Chandler-Mather — 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.*

**THE HON D. M. DICK MP**

Speaker of the House of Representatives

30 November 2022