

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 1

Private Members' business

14 September 2016

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Report relating to the consideration of private Members' business

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 14 September 2016.
2. The committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of private Members' business on Monday, 10 October 2016 as follows:

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR KATTER:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish a commission of inquiry into banking in Australia with the powers of a Royal Commission, and for related purposes. (*Banking Commission of Inquiry Bill 2016*)
(Notice given 30 August 2016.)

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 MR KATTER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975*, and for related purposes. (*Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Amendment (Strategic Assets) Bill 2016*)
(Notice given 30 August 2016.)

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.

- 3 MR KATTER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Produce Act 1986* to establish a Milk Marketing Board, and for related purposes. (*Dairy Produce Amendment (Milk Marketing Board) Bill 2016*)
(Notice given 31 August 2016.)

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.

4 MR WILKIE: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* in relation to gifts from foreign sources, and for related purposes. (*Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Foreign Political Donations) Bill 2016*)
(*Notice given 13 September 2016.*)

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.

5 MS COLLINS: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aged Care (Living Longer Living Better) Act 2013* to require a review of various matters, and for related purposes. (*Aged Care (Living Longer Living Better) Amendment (Review) Bill 2016*)
(*Notice given 13 September 2016.*)

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.

6 MS FLINT: 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 14 September 2016.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Flint — 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.

7 MR WATTS: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that 18 August is Vietnam Veterans Day;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) prior to 1987, Vietnam Veterans Day was referred to as Long Tan Day;
 - (b) 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, a battle that took place on 18 August 1966; and
 - (c) at the Battle of Long Tan:
 - (i) less than 120 soldiers from Delta Company faced over 2,000 soldiers;
 - (ii) 18 Australian soldiers lost their lives during battle, with 25 more injured; and
 - (iii) over 245 North Vietnamese soldiers also lost their lives;
- (3) further notes that:
 - (a) approximately 60,000 Australians served in Vietnam; and
 - (b) upon their return to Australia, many Vietnam Veterans struggled with post-traumatic stress disorder and a disregard from an Australian public unsupportive of the Vietnam War;
- (4) acknowledges:
 - (a) that Australia would have suffered many more casualties if not for the South Vietnamese soldiers who the Australian Army fought alongside;
 - (b) the hundreds of thousands of South Vietnamese soldiers and civilians that lost their lives during the Vietnam War;
 - (c) the sacrifices of the South Vietnamese are rarely mentioned in Australia's collective stories of the Vietnam War; and
 - (d) that Vietnam Veterans and the South Vietnamese deserve the respect and recognition of all Australian Society; and
- (5) recognises the:
 - (a) bravery and heroism of the soldiers of Delta Company that fought at Long Tan; and
 - (b) sacrifices made by Australian and former Republic of Vietnam soldiers that fought alongside each other during the Vietnam War.

(Notice given 13 September 2016.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Watts — 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.

Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MS CLAYDON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the International Day of the Girl Child:
 - (a) will be celebrated globally on 11 October 2016; and
 - (b) is an international day of observance that promotes girls' human rights, highlights gender inequalities that remain between girls and boys and addresses the various forms of discrimination and abuse suffered by girls around the globe;
- (2) recognises that:
 - (a) the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals include key targets for gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by 2030;
 - (b) achieving these targets will require increased investment by national governments, national aid agencies, and global companies and foundations; and
 - (c) increased investments in gender equality are vital if the world is to achieve sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth and development;
- (3) calls on the Australian Government to work towards the longstanding internationally agreed aid targets in order for Australia to contribute its fair share to international development and aid the empowerment of all women and girls under the Sustainable Development Goals; and
- (4) urges all Members to be leaders in their community and in Parliament, to act on the advancement of gender equality.

(Notice given 14 September 2016.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Claydon — 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 T. R. WILSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that Australia is a prosperous nation with a high standard of living and low levels of poverty by international standards;
- (2) recognises that despite our national prosperity, poverty remains an issue for some Australians;

- (3) notes that 11 to 17 October is Anti-Poverty Week, a week where all Australians are encouraged to organise or take part in activities to highlight and overcome poverty in Australia and overseas;
- (4) understands that the main aims of Anti-Poverty Week are to:
 - (a) strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship; and
 - (b) encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments; and
- (5) commends the organisers and sponsors of Anti-Poverty Week for their ongoing efforts to raise awareness and take action to address poverty.

(Notice given 14 September 2016.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr T. R. Wilson — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

[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 HAYES: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that National Police Remembrance Day is observed on 29 September;
- (2) acknowledges the significant role police make to our local communities and the high degree of risk and personal sacrifice that comes with their duty;
- (3) honours the courage and commitment of the men and women who serve in our state and territory police forces together with the Australian Federal Police, and who dedicate their careers to protecting and serving our community;
- (4) remembers the ultimate sacrifice that has been made by police officers who have been killed in the course of their duty, and honours their lives;
- (5) commends the good work of Police Legacy, who look after the loved ones of police who have died as a result of their duties; and
- (6) reaffirms our support for the nation's 56,000 police officers, and honours their efforts to make a difference, defend our way of life and safeguard the peace and security of our communities.

(Notice given 13 September 2016.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Hayes — 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 MR HASTIE: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges and supports the deployed Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel currently serving overseas;
- (2) recognises that:
 - (a) there are currently well over 2,000 ADF personnel serving overseas; and
 - (b) these men and women are playing a critical role in supporting Australia's national interests by contributing to international security operations; and
- (3) notes the Government's ongoing support for our deployed ADF personnel and the \$910.7 million provided in the 2015 budget to support major overseas operations including Okra, Highroad, Manitou, Accordion and Resolute.

(Notice given 14 September 2016.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Hastie — 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

Orders of the day

1 VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE AND COURT PROCEEDINGS:

Resumption of debate (*from 12 September 2016*) on the motion of Mr Perrett—That this House:

- (1) notes that Women's Legal Services Australia and 90 other organisations concerned with family violence wrote to all political leaders in May 2016 calling on them to put safety first in family law;
- (2) recognises that:
 - (a) unrepresented litigants have been an increasing feature of the Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia for many years;
 - (b) due to the cuts made to Legal Aid funding by the Government, the number of unrepresented litigants continues to increase;
 - (c) unrepresented litigants are entitled to cross-examine the other party to test their evidence in a trial; and
 - (d) where a victim of family violence is subjected to direct cross-examination by their abuser, the:

- (i) victim can be severely traumatised;
 - (ii) quality of the evidence given to the court can be compromised;
 - (iii) perpetrator can use the court process to further abuse the victim; and
 - (iv) victim may discontinue the proceedings because they are unable to endure the cross-examination;
- (3) further notes that the Opposition took to the election a commitment to protect victims and survivors from being personally cross-examined by alleged perpetrators; and
- (4) calls on the Government to immediately act to protect victims of family violence by introducing amendments to the *Family Law Act 1975* to ensure that victims of family violence are not directly cross-examined by their abusers during court proceedings.

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All Members speaking — 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.*

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5 MR E. L. O'BRIEN: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the vital role the Bruce Highway plays in connecting communities all the way from Brisbane to Cairns;
- (2) acknowledges that the Australian Government is investing \$6.7 billion into upgrading the Bruce Highway;
- (3) notes that:
 - (a) the Australian Government has approved \$6.4 million to fund a planning study into upgrading the Bruce Highway between Pine Rivers and Caloundra Road; and
 - (b) the Queensland Government is not planning to finalise the planning study until the middle of 2018;
- (4) calls on the Queensland Government to expedite its work on the planning study so that much needed upgrade works to the Bruce Highway can start as soon as possible; and
- (5) congratulates the Australian Government for approving the supplementary study into upgrading the Bruce Highway between the Sunshine Motorway and the Maroochydore Interchange.

(Notice given 14 September 2016.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr E. L. O'Brien — 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.*

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

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) penalty rates:
 - (i) continue to be a fundamental part of a strong safety net for Australian workers, enabling those in low income and highly casualised industries to share in the nation's economic prosperity; and
 - (ii) are not a luxury—they pay the bills and put food on the table for up to 4.5 million Australians relying on them; and
 - (b) reducing the penalty rates of low-paid workers will negatively impact the economy as a whole;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) hospitality workers are in the bottom 30 per cent of Australian income earners;
 - (b) along with hospitality and food services, retail has the largest proportion of low paid workers in Australia; and
 - (c) women comprise a disproportionate share of workers in both the retail and hospitality sectors, accounting for 55 per cent of all employed;
- (3) condemns the Government's failure to protect penalty rates, particularly given continued record low wage growth; and
- (4) calls on the Government to protect penalty rates by joining with the Opposition in making a submission to the Fair Work Commission, arguing strongly that penalty rates should not be cut.

(Notice given 30 August 2016.)

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]

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of this matter should continue on a future day.*

7 MS PLIBERSEK: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Government's abject failure in higher education policy, including:
 - (a) repeated attempts to introduce a United States style, user pays approach to tuition fees which will leave young Australians with \$100,000 degrees;
 - (b) a continued policy to slash 20 per cent from Commonwealth Grants Scheme funding; and
 - (c) the short-sighted 2016-17 budget decision to remove 40 per cent of funding to the Higher Education Participation Program by 2019-20; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) recognise that two in every three jobs created in the future will require a university degree;
 - (b) acknowledge that investment in human potential is critical to boosting productivity and driving innovation; and
 - (c) immediately work to improve access to higher education and stop putting barriers around our universities through massive debt burdens.

(Notice given 13 September 2016.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Plibersek — 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.*

8 MS COLLINS: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that:
 - (a) World Mental Health Day (WMHD) will take place on 10 October; and
 - (b) Mental Health Week will take place in Australia from 9 to 15 October;
- (2) seeks to encourage help-seeking behaviour, reduce the stigma associated with mental issues and foster connections through communities;
- (3) acknowledges the importance of WMHD and other campaigns including R U OK? Day in Australia, and World Suicide Prevention Day that help:
 - (a) build community awareness about mental health issues and around suicide prevention; and
 - (b) to encourage people to have regular and meaningful conversations with family, friends and colleagues;
- (4) recognises the efforts of dedicated individuals and organisations working to address mental health issues and suicide prevention;
- (5) notes with concern that suicide rates remain unacceptably too high—in Australia:
 - (a) suicide is the leading cause of death for men and women between the ages of 15 and 44;

- (b) each day seven people die by suicide, and 30 attempt it;
 - (c) higher rates of suicide exist among vulnerable groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, young people and people from lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex communities;
 - (d) the annual number of deaths by suicide is around 2,500;
 - (e) each year it is estimated that 65,000 people attempt suicide; and
 - (f) the annual suicide toll is now twice the annual road toll; and
- (6) calls on the Government to show leadership around suicide prevention, including working in a bipartisan approach to adopt the National Mental Health Commission's target to reduce suicide by 50 per cent over the next 10 years.

(Notice given 12 September 2016.)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Collins — 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 A. D. H. SMITH MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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