

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 5

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

5 March 2014

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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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, 4 March 2014.
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, 17 March 2014, as follows:

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

Statement to the House on the Committee's roundtable on drones and privacy.

The Committee determined that statements may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.15 am.

Speech time limits —

Mr Christensen — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 1 x 5 mins]

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR PALMER:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for a Parliamentary Joint Committee to investigate establishing an Australia Fund, and for related purposes. (*Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australia Fund Bill 2014*) (Notice given 13 February 2014.)

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Palmer — 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 CONROY: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the proud naval shipbuilding history of Australia;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) the ability to build and maintain naval ships is essential to our national defence capability;
 - (b) over 4,000 skilled workers are currently employed in the Naval Shipbuilding Industry throughout Australia, most notably in Port Adelaide, Williamstown, Sydney, the Hunter and Henderson;
 - (c) as current contracted work reaches the end of the production phase, these jobs and shipyards will begin to come under threat; and
 - (d) once these jobs and skills are lost, it will be very difficult for the industry to be re-established; and
- (3) calls on the Government to continue the work begun by the last Government and to provide additional Commonwealth contracts to ensure that these jobs and valuable skills are not lost. (*Notice 13 February 2014.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Conroy — 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.*

3 MS GAMBARO: To move—That this House:

- (1) expresses grave concern regarding the escalation of tensions in Ukraine, in particular, the decision of the Russian Parliament to authorise the use of force within Ukraine;
- (2) calls on the:
 - (a) Russian Government to respect Ukraine's sovereignty, withdraw its troops and open channels for dialogue with Ukraine; and
 - (b) Ukraine Government to continue to exercise restraint in the face of provocation; and
- (3) acknowledges the steps taken by the Australian Government in support of a peaceful resolution to the dispute.

Time allotted — 35 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Gambaro — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 + 3 x 5 mins]

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

4 MR THISTLETHWAITE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the:
- (a) importance of the Australian aid program to sustainable economic and social development and poverty alleviation for Pacific nations;
 - (b) contribution of the Australian aid program to Australia's national interests through support for regional stability, security and prosperity;
 - (c) Foreign Minister's verbal commitment to not cut Australian development assistance to Pacific nations; and
 - (d) announcement by the Foreign Minister on 18 January 2014 that \$650 million will be cut from Australia's development assistance in 2013-14, including \$61.4 million cuts to the following Pacific country and regional programs:

Program	Cuts
Papua New Guinea	\$5.3 million
Solomon Islands	\$14.2 million
Vanuatu	\$6.2 million
Samoa	\$3.6 million
Fiji	\$2.8 million
Tonga	\$2.7 million
Kiribati	\$3 million
Other Small Pacific Islands	\$3.6 million
Pacific Regional	\$20 million

- (2) calls on the:
- (a) Foreign Minister to meet her commitment to not cut Australian development assistance to Pacific nations; and
 - (b) Government to reverse its \$4.5 billion in cuts to Australia's aid program and reinstate funding to levels published in the 2013-14 budget.

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Thistlethwaite — 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 MR E. T. JONES: To move—That this House notes:

- (1) the importance of investing in infrastructure to improve Australia's competitiveness;
- (2) the Bruce Highway covers approximately 1,700 kilometres and is the major arterial connecting Queensland seaboard communities and economic centres;
- (3) Queensland and our nation cannot achieve our full economic potential without a safe, reliable and efficient Bruce Highway; and
- (4) the Government is already delivering on its commitment to upgrade important sections of the Bruce Highway. (*Notice given 24 February 2014; amended 28 February 2014.*)

Time allotted — 60 minutes.

Mr E. T. Jones — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 mins + 8 x 5 mins]

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

2 MS RISHWORTH: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the importance of a well-resourced dental system in improving the oral health of our most vulnerable citizens; and
 - (b) that well trained and well supported dental graduates are critical to improving the oral health of our nation;
- (2) shows extreme concern at the Government's announcement to cut \$40 million from the Voluntary Dental Graduate Program (VDGP); and
- (3) calls on the Government to reverse this decision and ensure that the 36 public dental services that were set to host the VDGP in 2014 are able to do so. (*Notice given 11 February 2014.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Ms Rishworth — 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.*

3 MRS K. L. ANDREWS: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that:
 - (a) there are three significant netball events approaching over the next four years, the:
 - (i) Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014;
 - (ii) Netball World Cup in Sydney in August 2015; and
 - (iii) Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in 2018; and
 - (b) netball:
 - (i) continues to be one of the most popular sports in Australia with the highest participation rate of any team sport amongst girls; and
 - (ii) has been identified as not only having notable fitness benefits but also significantly decreasing the likelihood of depression; and
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) Australia's elite netball players have opportunities to interact with parliamentarians as they prepare for the upcoming Commonwealth Games and the Netball World Cup;
 - (b) the Australian media plays an important role in highlighting the role that netball has in our cultural identity, which in turn promotes the sport and increases participation rates; and
 - (c) Netball Australia should be congratulated for its impact in boosting the profile of women in sport, providing its members with valuable leadership skills and supporting world-class athletes. (*Notice given 24 February 2014.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Mrs K. L. Andrews — 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 RYAN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the importance of investing in local communities to assist them in meeting future challenges and seizing future opportunities;
- (2) acknowledges that the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) Round 5 and 5b commitments, which were announced and budgeted for by the former Government, were an opportunity for regional communities to address their challenges of growth whilst also providing economic activity and job creation;
- (3) recognises that the withdrawal of these funding commitments will adversely affect every local council across Australia that was relying on the RDAF Round 5 and 5b funding; and
- (4) calls on the Government to immediately reinstate the funding as previously promised and budgeted for, thereby enabling communities to continue with certainty the projects they so desperately need. (*Notice given 11 December 2013.*)

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

Ms Ryan — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

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THE HON BRONWYN BISHOP MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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