

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 35

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

13 February 2019

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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 Wednesday, 13 February 2019.
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 Tuesday, 12 February 2019, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 18 February 2019, as follows:

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MS M. M. H. KING:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009*, and for related purposes. (*National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Small Amount Credit Contract and Consumer Lease Reforms) Bill 2019*)

(Notice given 29 November 2018.)

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 WILKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide a legislative response to all people seeking asylum in Australia, and for related purposes. (*Refugee Protection Bill 2019*)

(Notice given 12 February 2019.)

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 BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to prohibit the mining of thermal coal in the Galilee Basin, and for related purposes. (*Galilee Basin (Coal Prohibition) Bill 2019*)

(Notice given 12 February 2019.)

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 BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to restrict activities in relation to thermal coal, and for related purposes. (*Coal Prohibition (Quit Coal) Bill 2019*)
(Notice given 12 February 2019.)

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 SHARKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Banking Act 1959* in relation to loans to primary production businesses, and for related purposes. (*Banking Amendment (Rural Finance Reform) Bill 2019*)
(Notice given 12 February 2019.)

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 MCGOWAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish the Office for Regional Australia, and for related purposes. (*Office for Regional Australia Bill 2019*)
(Notice given 12 February 2019.)

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.

- 7 MR KATTER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Reserve Bank Act 1959*, and for related purposes. (*Reserve Bank Amendment (Australian Reconstruction and Development Board) Bill 2019*)
(Notice given 12 February 2019.)

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.

- 8 MS SHARKIE:** To present A Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Control Act 1982*, and for related purposes. (*Export Control Amendment (Banning Cotton Exports to Ensure Water Security) Bill 2019*)
(Notice given 12 February 2019.)

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.

9 MS O'TOOLE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) Townsville has experienced the worst floods in recorded history;
 - (b) Townsville received a year's rainfall in nine days, with 1,134 millimetres recorded up to 9 am on Monday 4 February 2019, reaching over 1.65 metres;
 - (c) the Ross River Dam reached a record breaking 244 per cent capacity; and
 - (d) more than 22,000 homes and 110 roads in Townsville were affected by this extreme weather event;
- (2) acknowledges the:
 - (a) professional and skilled work undertaken by the Townsville Local Disaster Management Group;
 - (b) dedicated and collaborative work undertaken by the Australian Defence Force (ADF), Emergency Services and State Emergency Services (SES) in rescuing stranded residents in dangerous circumstances;
 - (c) commitment and hard work of the ADF in the massive recovery clean-up process; and
 - (d) amazing work of the SES, Ergon Energy, Townsville City Council workers, businesses and the thousands of community volunteers for their efforts to assist the many people whose homes were inundated; and
- (3) calls on the Government to end the confusion related to the disaster recovery payment and assist the thousands of distressed Townsville residents during this difficult time.

(Notice given 12 February 2019.)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms O'Toole — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 mins + 2 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 ENTSCHE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) 24 March is World Tuberculosis Day, a day to commemorate the precious lives lost due to tuberculosis, a disease that is preventable and curable;

- (b) tuberculosis is contagious and airborne—it is the world’s leading infectious disease killer, killing more people than HIV/AIDS;
 - (c) in 2017 alone, 1.6 million people died from tuberculosis worldwide and 10 million people became sick with the disease; and
 - (d) there is a funding gap of US\$1.3 billion annually in tuberculosis research and development and it is critical to develop quicker diagnostic tools, better drugs, and a new tuberculosis vaccine in order to end the tuberculosis epidemic;
- (2) recognises that the:
- (a) funding that Australia is providing jointly with the World Bank to support testing and treatment in Papua New Guinea is already leading to an initiative to achieve universal testing for tuberculosis in Daru; and
 - (b) provision of \$75 million over five years for Product Development Partnerships in the Indo-Pacific health security initiative to accelerate access to new therapeutics and diagnostics for drug resistant tuberculosis and malaria, building on the successes of Australia’s previous investments; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
- (a) develop an action plan to monitor the progress made towards the targets and commitment made at the United Nations High-Level Meeting on TB; and
 - (b) make an increased financial commitment to the Global Fund at its Replenishment Conference in October 2019.

(Notice given 12 February 2019.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Entsch — 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 MS RYAN: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that our public schools are at the heart of our education system;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) public schools teach two in three of all school students, and the overwhelming majority of Australia’s neediest children, including:
 - (i) 82 per cent of the poorest children;
 - (ii) 84 per cent of Indigenous children; and
 - (iii) 74 per cent of children with disabilities;
 - (b) under the current Government, almost nine in ten (88 per cent) of public schools will never get to their fair funding level because the Government has capped federal funding for public schools at just 20 per cent of the Schools Recommendation Scheme;

- (c) after spending a year trying to deny there were cuts, the fact the Government has restored funding to Catholic and independent schools was finally an admission that it is cutting billions of dollars from schools;
 - (d) Labor has announced a plan to restore funding to public schools; and
 - (e) Labor's plan will transform public schools across Australia and give all children the opportunity to reach their full potential, no matter where they live, or what amount their parents earn; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
- (a) immediately adopt Labor's plan to restore funding to public schools to ensure every public school reaches its fair funding level; and
 - (b) work with school systems to get every school to its fair funding level.

(Notice given 12 February 2019.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Ryan— 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 LEESER: To move—That this House:

- (1) strongly endorses *An India Economic Strategy To 2035*, the independent report by Mr Peter Varghese AO, and its goals of:
 - (a) lifting India into Australia's top three export markets by 2035;
 - (b) making India the third largest destination in Asia for Australian outward investment; and
 - (c) bringing India into the inner circle of Australia's strategic partnerships, and with people to people ties as close as any in Asia;
- (2) recognises the unprecedented opportunity for Australia to cement India as a priority economic partner; and
- (3) acknowledges the importance of building a broad and deep bilateral relationship based on:
 - (a) a sustainable long term economic strategy;
 - (b) our shared strategic interests in the Indo-Pacific, including the importance of the rules based international order; and
 - (c) the strength of the Indian community in Australia, the fastest growing diaspora in our nation.

(Notice given 26 November 2018.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Leeser— 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 OWENS: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges:
 - (a) that 21 February is International Mother Language Day (IMLD);
 - (b) the work of the Ekushe Academy Australia and the Mother Language Conservation Movement in creating awareness of the importance of mother languages in Australia;
 - (c) that 2019 is the Year of Indigenous Languages; and
 - (d) that about 200 different languages are spoken throughout Australia; and
- (2) calls on the Australian Government to:
 - (a) observe IMLD on 21 February;
 - (b) promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by people around the world, especially in Australia;
 - (c) build on Australia's multilingual strengths including support for second language education in Australian education institutions; and
 - (d) actively work to support communities in their efforts to preserve their mother language.

(Notice given 12 February 2019.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Owens— 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 AGED CARE AMENDMENT (STAFFING RATIO DISCLOSURE) BILL 2018

(Ms Sharkie): Second reading—Resumption of debate *(from 20 August 2018).*

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

All 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 (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices – continued

5 MR LEESER: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that parts of Australia have been affected by fire, floods and storms during the recent summer period;
- (2) recognises the support the Government has given in response to these disasters;
- (3) also recognises the outstanding work of emergency services, the Australian Defence Force and volunteers in supporting victims of these natural calamities; and
- (4) offers support to the victims of the fires, floods and storms and will do all we can to support our fellow Australians in their time of need.

(Notice given 12 February 2019.)

Time allotted — 60 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Leeser — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 12 x 5 mins]

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

6 MR B. K. MITCHELL: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the devastating impact that the recent bushfires have wreaked across Tasmania, particularly in the Central Highlands, Derwent Valley and the Huonville regions, and that sadly these fires have:
 - (a) burnt more than 194,000 hectares of land, including many unique natural areas such as the Tasmania Wilderness World Heritage Area; and
 - (b) resulted in:
 - (i) the loss of eight homes while causing damage to others and to infrastructure;
 - (ii) significant damage to the iconic Tahune Airwalk at Geeveston; and
 - (iii) significant economic loss to affected regions from the loss of trade, wages and tourism;
- (2) acknowledges and commends the:
 - (a) work and dedication of the men and women of the Tasmanian Fire Service (TFS) who have demonstrated remarkable courage and strength while working relentlessly to contain and extinguish the fires;
 - (b) women and men who travelled from interstate and New Zealand to offer assistance and to support the work of the TFS;

- (c) contribution of Tasmania's volunteer firefighters who demonstrated unflinching dedication for days and weeks, often at significant personal cost in terms of lost family time, wages and consumption of annual leave; and
 - (d) resilience and strength of the Tasmanian people and their willingness to rally in support of firefighters and fire affected communities, including volunteers and others who operated and staffed evacuation centres at Bothwell and Huonville; and
- (3) calls on the Australian Government to:
- (a) continue to provide disaster relief funding to Tasmania as per established Commonwealth-state processes, and ensure there is no unnecessary delay in the distribution of federally funded relief to affected parties; and
 - (b) liaise with the Tasmanian Government on an appropriate Commonwealth funding contribution to rehabilitate fire affected World Heritage and other wilderness, which does not qualify for assistance under existing disaster relief agreements.

(Notice given 12 February 2019.)

Time allotted — 35 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr B. K. Mitchell— 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 1 x 10 mins + 5 x 5 mins]

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

Orders of the Day – continued

2 ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT: Resumption of debate *(from 23 October 2018)* on the motion of Mr van Manen—That this House:

- (1) notes that over the year, the economy grew 3.4 per cent, which is the fastest rate of growth since the 2012 September quarter during the height of the mining investment boom, and the 27th year of consecutive economic growth;
- (2) recognises that strong employment outcomes have been accompanied by an elevated rate of labour force participation, particularly for women, and that wages can be expected to rise if economic growth remains strong; and
- (3) calls on the Government to remain resolute in its effective economic management to ensure funding for the essential services we need.

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays including 18 February 2019.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All 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 GILES: To move—That this House:

- (1) pays tribute to the work done on loneliness in the United Kingdom in memory of Mrs Jo Cox;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) the Jo Cox Loneliness Commission’s inquiry into loneliness has succeeded due to bipartisan support, including the appointment of a responsible minister; and
 - (b) there is a similar problem in Australia, but it is less well understood than it should be, particularly having regard to its impacts on younger Australians and the influence of social media; and
 - (c) the problem of loneliness is under recognised, despite its acknowledged and significant negative impacts on individuals and society;
- (3) notes the work of Australian academics and civil society in this area; and
- (4) calls for a national response in Australia, to better understand the scope of the challenge and to inform and support an evidence based policy response.

(Notice given 27 November 2018. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays including 18 February 2019.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Giles — 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.*

8 MR HAYES: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the Australian Parliament’s ongoing commitment to the global promotion of democracy, human rights and respect for the rule of law;
- (2) notes with concern the existence of a policy of extrajudicial killing in the Philippines, an issue which has escalated with a nationwide drug campaign based merely on suspicion, providing police and vigilante groups with a ‘licence to kill’;
- (3) notes that Philippine Senator Leila De Lima, the former Secretary of Justice, has been a notable critic of President Rodrigo Duterte’s policy of extrajudicial killing;
- (4) notes the deteriorating plight of Senator De Lima, who since 24 February 2017 has been arbitrarily detained without trial, charged with drug related offences on the strength of untested statements of convicted drug lords, police officers and prison officials;
- (5) further notes that the conditions and circumstances of her arbitrary detention have restricted her:
 - (a) freedom of movement; and

- (b) capacity to carry out her duties as an incumbent Senator of the Republic of the Philippines, including the very fundamental and critical right of a legislator to attend parliamentary hearings and cast her vote on legislative measures;
- (6) also notes that President Duterte is on record having made a number of attacks against Senator De Lima, publicly vowing to destroy her;
- (7) further notes that the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention of the United Nations Human Rights Council, handed down a ruling in November 2018 confirming the injustice of Senator De Lima's arrest and has recommend a number of measures be adopted by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, most notably, her immediate release; and
- (8) calls on the Australian Government to use all diplomatic measures to urge the Philippine Government to:
 - (a) immediately:
 - (i) release Senator De Lima from incarceration; and
 - (ii) remove all undue personal and work restrictions that have been placed on her;
 - (b) ensure the conduct of a fair and transparent trial, consistent with the rule of law; and
 - (c) permit Senator De Lima to fully discharge her office as a duly elected Senator.

(Notice given 12 February 2019.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Hayes— 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 A. D. H. SMITH MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

13 February 2019