

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 2

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

7 September 2022

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, 6 September 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 Tuesday, 6 September 2022, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 12 September 2022, as follows:

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MRS ANDREWS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to the criminal law, law enforcement and proceeds of crime, and for related purposes. (*Crimes Legislation Amendment (Ransomware Action Plan) Bill 2022*)

(Notice given 5 September 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 M RYAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013*, and for related purposes. (*National Disability Insurance Scheme (Faster Approvals for NDIS Housing and Supports) Bill 2022*)

(Notice given 6 September 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.

- 3 MS COKER:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Government's commitment to fix the mess the former Government made of aged care and that this is a priority for the Government;
- (2) acknowledges the Government's support for a pay rise for Australia's aged care workers as recommended by the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety; and
- (3) recommits to delivering a better standard of care for Australians in aged care.

(Notice given 6 September 2022.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Coker — 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 at a later hour.*

4 MRS ANDREWS: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that 17 September 2022 is the start of National Police Week, which culminates with National Police Remembrance Day on 29 September 2022;
- (2) acknowledges the crucial, and often challenging and dangerous, work that the men and women of our state and federal police do on a daily basis;
- (3) remembers those police who have lost their lives in the line of duty, and their families who are forever impacted; and
- (4) thanks the men and women of our state and federal police for their ongoing dedication to keeping Australian communities safe and maintaining the rule of law.

(Notice given 5 September 2022)

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

Speech time limits —

Mrs Andrews — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 10 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 TUDGE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that in Government, the Coalition invested significantly in research and development, including an estimated \$4.3 billion in 2020-21 through the education portfolio;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) Australia stands internationally as one of the highest performing contributors to foundational research, being responsible for 2.7 per cent of the world’s scientific output, compared to being home to 0.34 per cent of the world’s population; and

- (b) in terms of research translation and commercialisation, Australian does not meet the same high performing reputation;
- (3) further notes that the previous Government:
 - (a) agreed in February 2022 to a ten-year Research Commercialisation Action Plan to drive greater utilisation of research and collaboration with industry; and
 - (b) budgeted \$2.2 billion to support its Research Commercialisation Action Plan to boost Australia’s economic recovery, including:
 - (i) \$1.6 billion for Australia’s Economic Accelerator to establish a staged program to support translation and commercialisation in the six National Manufacturing Priority Areas;
 - (ii) \$243 million for the Trailblazer Universities Program to select universities to partner with industry to work on research; and
 - (iii) \$296 million to support greater collaboration through 1,800 industry-focused PhDs and 800 industry fellowships over ten years; and
- (4) calls on the Government to commit to implementing the Coalition’s Research Commercialisation Action Plan in full and on-time, first with introducing legislation to establish Australia’s Economic Accelerator.

(Notice given 2 August 2022.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Tudge — 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 NEUMANN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) many veterans struggle to find work when they transition to civilian life, which can lead to other problems, such as mental illness, homelessness, incarceration and even suicide; and
 - (b) some veterans can experience stigma and discrimination in the job market;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) the Government will deliver a comprehensive \$24 million veteran employment program to provide greater support to defence personnel as they transition to civilian life; and
 - (b) this will aim to help veterans into good quality jobs by doing more to boost recognition of their skills and experience, and provide support for further education and training for veterans wanting to move into the civilian workforce; and
- (3) welcomes a number of outcomes from the recent Jobs and Skills Summit to support veteran employment and training, including:

- (a) a one-off income credit so that veteran pensioners who want to work can earn an additional \$4,000 over this financial year without losing any of their pension; and
- (b) improved access to jobs and training pathways for veterans and other disadvantaged groups, through equity targets for training places, 1,000 digital apprenticeships in the Australian Public Service, and other measures to reduce barriers to employment.

(Notice given 6 September 2022.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Neumann — 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 STEGGALL: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) there are around 2.5 million families with dependent children aged under 15 in Australia;
 - (b) Australia has one of the least generous paid parental leave schemes in the OECD;
 - (c) McKinsey & Company found that in Australia, participation in early childhood education is lower and costs over 40 percent more than the OECD average; and
 - (d) perinatal discrimination is the top discrimination complaint in Australian workplaces;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) Australia lags developed countries in the provision of best practice, evidenced-based policies that support families and children;
 - (b) at the Jobs and Skills Summit there was broad agreement from trade unions to the Business Council of Australia, and advocacy groups that improving paid parental leave and childcare were essential to improving women's workforce participation; and
 - (c) there is significant economic benefit to Australia from increasing female workforce participation, gender equity and outcomes for children; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) provide for at least 26 weeks of paid parental leave with a use it or lose it provision to incentivise shared use of leave where there are two carers;
 - (b) set 1 January 2023 as the start date for lower the cost of early childhood education for all families; and
 - (c) improve access to paid carers' leave for parents of sick children.

(Notice given 6 September 2022.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Steggall — 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 STANLEY: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is on 15 October 2022;
 - (b) this day is an opportunity for parents, families, friends and healthcare workers to mark their shared loss, whether through miscarriages, stillbirth, and infant death; and
 - (c) it is also a day that increases awareness about preventative measures to reduce perinatal mortality;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) losing a baby at any time in pregnancy, birth or the neonatal period is devastating to families;
 - (b) each year, 20 to 30 percent of women who are pregnant experience a miscarriage;
 - (c) stillbirths and perinatal death rates are a combined 9.4 in every 1000 births, these figures have not changed for over 20 years;
 - (d) stillbirth occurrence is higher in Aboriginal and culturally diverse communities;
 - (e) these families go through further issues after experiencing such a tragic event, such as depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, changes in relationships and anxiety that may be underestimated by healthcare providers, friends and family; and
 - (f) further research is required to support the creation of programs that help lower the overall mortality, and to provide support to those families that have experienced the loss of a baby as well as help them overcome their trauma in a healthy and meaningful manner;
- (3) commends the Government for providing \$6.8 million funding to assist families dealing with the grief of stillbirth;
- (4) expresses sympathy to all families who have suffered a miscarriage, a stillbirth or infant death
- (5) further commends each and every person who has supported parents and families through the loss of a baby; and
- (6) thanks support groups like Red Nose, Still Aware, SANDS, and Miracle Babies for the work they do to support families.

(Notice given 5 September 2022.)

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

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.*

Items for Federation Chamber (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices – continued

5 MR THOMPSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that on 16 August 2021 soldiers from the 1st Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, along with other military attachments, were deployed to Afghanistan to rescue Australian passport holders and those who supported our nation throughout the war on terror;
- (2) acknowledges;
 - (a) the brave soldiers who put themselves in harm's way to rescue more than 4100 people from the chaos;
 - (b) that when the Taliban took back Kabul, the soldiers returned to the belly of the beast to evacuate thousands of civilian men, women and children; and
 - (c) that the Afghan people may have lost their city and country, but our Australian Defence Force heeded the call to ensure that they did not lose their lives;
- (3) honours the brave, selfless actions of those deployed; and
- (4) calls on the Government to honour the 1st Battalion Royal Australian Regiment with the appropriate battle honours to highlight the unique operation that was conducted in the most hazardous, chaotic and challenging circumstances.

(Notice given 5 September 2022.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Thompson — 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.*

6 MS DANIEL: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Senate Environment and Communication References Committee with the support of the Labor Senators recommended to the 46th Parliament that the Commonwealth initiate a judicial inquiry, with the powers of a Royal Commission to investigate the concentration of media ownership in Australia;

- (b) according to the Public Interest Journalism Initiative, 255 media outlets across the country closed down between the beginning of 2019 and March 2022, nearly 70 per cent in regional Australia;
 - (c) the transfer of ownership of APN led to 112 local print newspapers being shut down;
 - (d) according to a comprehensive international study of international media ownership and concentration by Columbia University, only Egypt and China have greater concentration of newspaper ownership of the countries studied;
 - (e) one company has a 59 per cent share of the metropolitan and national print media market by readership and the second 23 per cent;
 - (f) 3,000 journalists had lost their jobs in the decade to 2018 and more since then;
 - (g) unlike the United Kingdom there is no longer a ‘fit and proper person’ test in the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*; and
 - (h) the public interest test does not apply to cross-media mergers; and
- (2) supports and calls on the Government to:
- (a) initiate a judicial inquiry, with the powers of a Royal Commission, to investigate and report on the state of media diversity in Australia with the following powers, to:
 - (i) call witnesses and require the production of documents and information equal to those afforded the Royal Commission into the banking system;
 - (ii) seek expert advice and make recommendations to broaden media diversity, especially in rural, regional and suburban Australia; and
 - (iii) seek expert advice and make recommendations on the state of self-regulation of media in generally available in Australia, in particular, whether the Australian Press Council and the Australian Communications and Media Authority are fit for purpose;
 - (b) commit to the long-term and adequate funding of Australia’s only independent newswire, Australian Associated Press;
 - (c) establish an independent and permanent trust to assist emerging news ventures, especially in regional areas, including the funding of journalism traineeships; and
 - (d) abide by the independent process for appointments to the boards of the ABC and SBS.

(Notice given 6 September 2022.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Daniel — 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.*

7 MR HOGAN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the European Union (EU) is Australia’s second largest two-way trading partner of goods and services worth over \$74 billion; and
 - (b) with a high-income population of almost 450 million people, the EU represents an incredibly significant market opportunity for Australian exporters;
- (2) acknowledges the significant work undertaken by the former Government to pursue an ambitious and comprehensive free trade agreement with the EU; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) prioritise the negotiation and completion of the Australia-European Union Free Trade Agreement; and
 - (b) deliver a commercially significant agreement with liberalised access that is in the national interest.

(Notice given 6 September 2022.)

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Hogan — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

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

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

Orders of the day

AGED CARE: Resumption of debate on the motion of Ms Coker—That this House:

- (1) notes the Government’s commitment to fix the mess the former Government made of aged care and that this is a priority for the Government;
- (2) acknowledges the Government’s support for a pay rise for Australia’s aged care workers as recommended by the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety; and
- (3) recommits to delivering a better standard of care for Australians in aged care.

(Notice given 6 September 2022.)

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.*

Notices – continued

8 MR PIKE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the increasing costs in the construction industry are creating significant strains on Australian building companies;
 - (b) rising costs are creating serious delays and further exacerbating substantial housing shortages in many communities across the country; and
 - (c) these shortages are perpetuating the current rental crisis;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) union lawlessness is on the rise in the commercial construction sector following the Government’s announcement to abolish the construction industry watchdog, the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC); and
 - (b) this lawlessness is further undermining the housing industry and compounding the strains felt across the sector;
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) implement measures to reign in rising costs, assisting businesses, renters and Australians who are building or have bought their own home;
 - (b) move to curtail the underhanded and illegal actions of the Construction Forestry Maritime Mining Energy Union (CFMMEU) throughout the commercial construction sector; and
 - (c) reinstate the ABCC in its role as the construction industry watchdog.

(Notice given 4 August 2022.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Pike — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 9 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

7 September 2022