

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 12**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**27 August 2014**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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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 Tuesday, 26 August 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, 1 September 2014, as follows:

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

#### COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

##### Presentation and statements

#### 1 Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme

*Progress Report on the implementation and administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.*

*The Committee determined that statements may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.20 am.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Brough — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member — 5 minutes.*

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

##### Notices

- 1 **MR ALBANESE:** To present a Bill for an Act to continue the Nation Building Roads to Recovery Program, and for related purposes. (*Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Amendment (Nation Building Roads to Recovery Program) Bill 2014*)  
(Notice given 15 July 2014.)

*Time allotted — 10 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Albanese — 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 WILKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979* to restore access to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for asylum seekers with adverse security assessments. (*Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act Amendment (Restoring Merits Review) Bill 2014*)  
(Notice given 15 July 2014.)

*Time allotted — 10 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Wilkie — 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.*

- 3 MRS PRENTICE:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

(a) the Australian Red Cross (ARC) was founded in 1914 following the outbreak of World War I; and

(b) hundreds of thousands of volunteers signed up during World War I, and by World War II the ARC had become Australia's largest charitable organisation with nearly half a million members out of a population of seven million;

(2) recognises that the ARC has served the Australian people for the last 100 years, most notably through its immediate response to national disasters, blood service, and everyday work to help vulnerable people;

(3) values the important contribution of volunteers and staff across the country through their local ARC including members, branches and committees; and

(4) acknowledges the ARC's proud history of service in its centenary year.

(Notice given 26 June 2014.)

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mrs Prentice — 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.*

**4 MR BOWEN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) condemns the actions of the Islamic State in Iraq which amounts to attempted genocide of minorities including the Assyrian, Chaldean, Mandaen and Yezidi people;
- (2) re-affirms the rights of the Christian and other minorities of Iraq to live in peace and freedom and calls for all steps to be taken to ensure that all members of the affected communities can live in freedom in Iraq;
- (3) calls on the Australian Government and the international community to provide humanitarian, financial and other forms of appropriate assistance to support those Christian and other minorities who have been internally displaced within Iraq;
- (4) notes the aspirations of the Assyrian people for the establishment of an autonomous region in the Ninevah plains and welcomes the in-principle agreement of the Iraqi Government to this request earlier this year; and
- (5) calls on the Australian Government through its seat on the United Nations Security Council and the international community to take appropriate steps to protect the rights of minorities in Iraq, including the Assyrian Christian people.

*(Notice given 26 August 2014.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Bowen — 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.*

**5 MR PITT:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) Vietnam Veterans Day is held on 18 August each year to commemorate the iconic Battle of Long Tan in 1966;
  - (b) on that day, 108 Australian and New Zealand soldiers in Delta Company, 6 RAR fought for hours in torrential rain to fend off a regimental assault on the Australian base by approximately 2000 regular Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army troops;
  - (c) 18 Australians were killed and 24 were wounded, and approximately 500 enemy soldiers were killed;
  - (d) despite their victory, our veterans were treated appallingly upon their return to Australia; and
  - (e) the number and degree of awards presented to Australian soldiers following the Battle of Long Tan is today widely regarded as ‘being little short of insulting in view of the heroism displayed’; and
- (2) recognises:
  - (a) the tireless efforts of retired Lieutenant Colonel Harry Smith, over almost half a century, to seek recognition for his soldiers;

- (b) that Delta Company was awarded a Unit Citation for Gallantry in late 2009, however, two officers and ten other ranks still have not received the individual awards that were recommended in 1966, despite several reviews and inquiries naming the men; and
- (c) the Delta Company Commander and four Platoon Commanders, who recommended the awards in 1966, have provided supporting material to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal, and Part 2 of the Valour Inquiry is currently underway.

*(Notice given 15 July 2014.)*

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Pitt — 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.*

**6 MS A. E. BURKE:** To move—That this House acknowledges:

- (1) that as we approach the Centenary of ANZAC we also reflect on the forgotten war in which Australians first participated—the Boer War;
- (2) that as a parliament and parliamentarians we remember the beginning of Australian military history in which more than 23,000 Australian men and women put on uniforms to fight in South Africa and that about 1,000 paid the ultimate sacrifice;
- (3) the amazing work that the National Boer War Memorial Association is undertaking to ensure that this war is not forgotten by advocating and raising funds for the erection of a specific National Memorial on ANZAC Parade, Canberra, to honour those Australians who served in the Boer War; and
- (4) the need for additional funding to see this beautiful memorial, with its 1.5 times life size mounted troopers in bronze, which already has Government approval, a designated site and finalised design, to be completed by 2015 as part of our celebrations of Australia's proud military history.

*(Notice given 27 May 2014.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms A. E. Burke — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member — 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.*

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

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices

#### 1 MS PLIBERSEK: To move—That the House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) 2014 is the Centenary year of Red Cross in Australia, a significant milestone in the social history of the nation and commemorating 100 years of humanitarian service to the people of Australia;
  - (b) most Australians have shared a personal connection with Red Cross, from its humanitarian role during two world wars, to preparing, responding to and recovering from natural disasters, or helping vulnerable people and communities overcome disadvantage, and through its world-class national blood service; and
  - (c) for 100 years the Australian Red Cross has enjoyed a unique auxiliary status to the public authorities in the humanitarian field, working in partnership with governments of all political persuasions, in Australia and internationally, to alleviate suffering in a voluntary aid capacity whilst adhering to its principles of independence, neutrality and impartiality;
  - (d) Australian Red Cross is part of the world's largest humanitarian movement, with tens of millions of volunteers working in 189 countries, united by the fundamental principle of preventing and alleviating human suffering, without discrimination, wherever it may be found in times of war, conflict, disaster or personal crisis;
- (2) recognises that:
  - (a) today the Australian Red Cross has a network of over one million volunteers, members, staff, donors, aid workers and supporters; and
  - (b) through this network, the Australian Red Cross mobilises the power of humanity to work right across the country in local communities in every state and territory, and further afield, to help transform the lives of vulnerable people in need, whoever they are; and
- (3) calls on all honourable members to:
  - (a) join the Australian Red Cross in celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding on 13 August 1914, nine days after the outbreak of World War I;
  - (b) congratulate generations of Australians for their extraordinary contributions through the everyday work of Red Cross; and
  - (c) continue to support the independent, neutral and impartial humanitarian mission of Red Cross to work with and assist the most vulnerable people in need, both in Australia and internationally.

*(Notice given 26 August 2014.)*

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Ms Plibersek — 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.*

**2 MS F. M. SCOTT:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the first major root and branch review of competition policy in more than 20 years, as promised by the Coalition, is being delivered, and:
    - (a) is being conducted with a focus on the current laws and competition framework, to ensure that efficient businesses, both big and small, can compete effectively and have incentives to invest and innovate for the future; and
    - (b) will provide a framework for delivering durable benefits to consumers by building a productive and competitive 21st century Australian economy;
  - (2) recognises the plans of the Government to support efficient markets which deliver lower prices and better services for Australian consumers; and
  - (3) commends the Government on its approach to this important economic reform.
- (Notice given 15 July 2014.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Ms F. M. Scott — 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 DR LEIGH:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) was established in 2012 after external inquiries in 1995, 2001, 2010, Parliamentary committee reviews, issues and discussion papers, exposure drafts and consultations with experts, and is operating efficiently and effectively, helping charities, donors and taxpayers;
- (2) acknowledges that:
  - (a) the vast majority of submissions to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee's inquiry into the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Repeal) (No. 1) Bill 2014 speak positively of the ACNC's work and urge the Government to retain the charities commission as a one-stop shop;
  - (b) the evidence to this inquiry provided by eminent Australian, Mr Robert Fitzgerald AM, strongly supports the retention of the ACNC;



- (c) in a survey, four out of five charities support keeping the ACNC, while only 6 per cent like the Government's idea of returning the regulation of charities to the Australian Taxation Office;
  - (d) in an open letter, more than 40 charities, including Lifeline, Justice Connect, ACOSS, Social Ventures Australia, Save the Children, St John Ambulance Australia, Community Colleges Australia, Sane Australia, the Sidney Myer Fund, the Myer Foundation, Danks Trust, the RSPCA, Youth Off the Streets, the Ted Noffs Foundation, Music Viva Australia, Wesley Mission Victoria, the RSPCA Australia, World Vision, the Australian Conservation Foundation, Odyssey House, the McGrath Foundation, the Australian Council for International Development, Changemakers Australia, Volunteering Australia, YWCA Australia, the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education, the Consumer Health Forum of Australia, Hillsong Church, Churches of Christ Victoria and Tasmania and Wesley Mission Australia, called on the Government to keep the ACNC; and
  - (e) the Australian Capital Territory and South Australian governments are already working to reduce the paperwork burden on charities and not-for-profits by cooperating with the ACNC to reduce duplication in reporting;
- (3) notes that some of those who the Minister for Social Services claims to have consulted with have written to the Government to make clear that they have never been consulted on the ACNC repeal; and
  - (4) calls on the Government to drop its ill-considered and unpopular plan to axe the ACNC.

*(Notice given 2 June 2014.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Dr Leigh — 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 MRS PRENTICE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that on 3 September 2014 ('Australian National Flag Day') we celebrate the 113th birthday of the Australian flag; and
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) Australia's flag was the first in the world to be chosen in an open public competition, and this flag design competition brought forth the pride of a newly formed nation by attracting entries from 1 per cent of our population at that time;
  - (b) on 3 September 1901, Lady Hopetoun, wife of the first Governor-General of the new Commonwealth of Australia, formally opened the Commonwealth Flag and Seal Exhibition and announced the names of the successful competitors;

- (c) the winning design was a Blue Ensign including the Union Jack, along with a Southern Cross and a six pointed star;
- (d) this latter star (the ‘Commonwealth Star’) was changed to the seven pointed star we are familiar with today in 1908, to signify the Territory of Papua and future Territories; and
- (e) the new flag represents a design by the people, for the people, and since it was first flown in 1901, has become an icon of our shared identity.

*(Notice given 26 June 2014.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Mrs Prentice — 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.*

**5 MR CHRISTENSEN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the 20th anniversary of the Australian Government’s recognition of Australian-born South Sea Islanders as a distinct ethnic group in Australia;
- (2) expresses deep regret
  - (a) over the cruel treatment of the approximately 60,000 South Sea Islanders, mainly young men, who were blackbirded (or essentially kidnapped) or lured onto ships and then transported to Australia for the purpose of indentured labour; and
  - (b) that a number of discriminatory acts followed, chief among these being the forced repatriation of Pacific Island labourers back to their place of origin in 1906, in many cases against the will of those being repatriated;
- (3) acknowledges the considerable economic contribution of Australians of South Sea Islander descent to the establishment of the sugar industry in the state of Queensland, and other agricultural and industrial development in the north;
- (4) celebrates the contributions of so many Australians of South Sea Islander descent to Australian life in every field of endeavour, from the football field to the political sphere; and
- (5) calls for consideration of measures to ensure that Australians of South Sea Islander descent can achieve equity and assistance in this present day through:
  - (a) inclusion on the national census as a separate people group, by the simple addition of an extra question;
  - (b) access to diabetes treatment in the same way this is available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders; and
  - (c) access to assistance in all areas of disadvantage such as health, housing, education and training.

*(Notice given 26 August 2014.)*

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Mr Christensen — 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 AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION AMENDMENT (SCHOOL FUNDING GUARANTEE) BILL 2014** (*Mr Shorten*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2014*).

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

*All Members — 5 minutes.*

[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 BRONWYN BISHOP MP**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

27 August 2014