

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 10**

Committee and delegation business

private Members' business

and

Consideration of bills

**5 February 2020**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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**Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business  
and of private Members' business and relating to the consideration of bills  
introduced 2 December 2019 to 5 December 2019**

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1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 4 February 2020.
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, 4 February 2020, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 10 February 2020, as follows:

**Items for Federation Chamber (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**Notices**

**1 MR GEORGANAS:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes with great concern:
  - (a) Turkey's military operation targeting Kurds in northern Syria;
  - (b) Turkey's actions which are causing further destabilisation in the region, worsening the humanitarian disaster in Syria, and risk undermining progress against ISIS;
  - (c) evidence that innocent civilians are being killed and injured by Turkey's military operations and forces associated with Turkey in Syria;
  - (d) reports of possible war crimes being committed by forces associated with Turkey; and
  - (e) reports of Turkish intentions to resettle refugees from Turkey into Northern Syria outside of UN-sponsored mechanisms;
- (2) recognises that the Kurdish forces in Syria have:
  - (a) been instrumental in fighting Daesh as an ally of the Global Coalition to Defeat Daesh/ISIS; and
  - (b) lost over 10,000 fighters in the fight against Daesh in Syria; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
  - (a) urge Turkey to cease its unilateral military operations in Syria; and
  - (b) support international efforts to hold Turkey to account for its actions.

*(Notice given 28 November 2019.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Georganas — 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.*

**2 MR CONNELLY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises:
  - (a) that society is more connected online than ever before in history; and
  - (b) the importance of keeping Australians safe online; and
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) the Government established the world's first Children's eSafety Commissioner in 2015, and expanded this role to cover all Australians in 2017;
  - (b) in 2018 the Office of the eSafety Commissioner undertook research to examine some of the challenges faced by young people aged 8 to 17 in Australia online; and
  - (c) this research indicated that:
    - (i) 25 per cent of young people have been contacted by strangers/someone they did not know;
    - (ii) 13 per cent of young people reported receiving repeated unwanted online messages from someone; and
    - (iii) 13 per cent of young people reported having lies or rumours spread about them;
- (3) further notes the bipartisan support for the work of the Office of the eSafety Commissioner; and
- (4) congratulates the Government for this world first initiative.  
(*Notice given 15 October 2019.*)

*Time allotted — 45 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Connelly — 10 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 1 x 10 mins + 7 x 5 mins]

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

**3 MR GORMAN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) the captioned telephone handset, CapTel, is a popular service amongst the Australian deaf and hard of hearing community;
  - (b) according to the Department of Communications there are approximately 4,000 CapTel handset users in Australia;
  - (c) the average age of people using the service is 80; and
  - (d) with an increasing aging population, it can be expected more and more Australians will need to rely on this service to communicate;
- (2) acknowledges the distress and loss that CapTel users and their families are experiencing due to the planned discontinuation of the CapTel service in February 2020;
- (3) condemns the Government for its decision to:
  - (a) remove the CapTel service without any consultation with its users; and
  - (b) purchase an inferior, outdated, and less user-friendly product, forcing often elderly users to learn a new piece of technology or lose the ability to communicate; and
- (4) encourages CapTel users and their families to contact their federal member of parliament to explain to them the importance of the CapTel service for the deaf and hard of hearing community of Australia.

*(Notice given 3 December 2019.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Gorman — 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 SHARMA:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that Malka Leifer, the former Principal of the Adass Israel Girls School in Melbourne, fled Australia in 2008 as child sexual abuse allegations against her surfaced;
- (2) reaffirms the formal extradition request that was filed by Australia in 2014 requesting she be returned to Victoria to face 74 charges of child sexual abuse;
- (3) acknowledges the bravery of Ms Leifer's alleged victims - especially Dassi Erlich, Nicole Meyer and Elly Sapper for their tireless pursuit of justice;
- (4) further notes that over 5 years have elapsed, and over 60 court hearings have been held in Israel, since this extradition request was first lodged, without any significant progress having been made;
- (5) expresses regret and concern at the numerous attempts to prevent and delay Malka Leifer facing justice in Australia; and
- (6) calls for the immediate extradition of Malka Leifer to Australia to face 74 charges of child sexual abuse.

*(Notice given 25 November 2019.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Sharma — 10 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 2 x 10 mins + 4 x 5 mins]

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

3. The committee determined that the following referrals of a bill to a committee be made—

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters:

- Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering the Donation Disclosure Threshold) Bill 2019.

**THE HON A. D. H. SMITH MP**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

5 February 2020