

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 33

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

16 June 2021

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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, 15 June 2021.
2. The Committee deliberated on items of private Members' business items listed on the Notice Paper and notices lodged on Tuesday, 15 June 2021, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 21 June 2021 and Wednesday, 23 June 2021, as follows:

Monday, 21 June 2021

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR C. KELLY:** To present a Bill for an Act to protect the right of Australians to make their own health decisions in relation to COVID vaccination, and for related purposes. (*No Domestic COVID Vaccine Passports Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 26 May 2021.)

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 WATTS:** To present a Bill for an Act to require the reporting of ransomware payments to the Australian Cyber Security Centre, and for related purposes. (*Ransomware Payments Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 15 June 2021.)

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 CHRISTENSEN:** To present a Bill for an Act to protect children born alive (including as a result of terminations), and for related purposes. (*Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 15 June 2021.)

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 KATTER:** To present a Bill for an Act to require the repatriation of Defence data to sovereign Australian storage facilities, and for related purposes. (*Repatriation of Defence Data Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 15 June 2021.)

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 MR WILKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, and for related purposes. (*Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Cleaning up Political Donations) Bill 2021*)
(Notice given 15 June 2021.)

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 MR THOMPSON:** To move—That this House commends the Government on the delivery of the 2021-22 budget, and in particular the measures to incentivise business investment, including:
- (1) extending temporary full expensing;
 - (2) extending loss carry-back measures; and
 - (3) establishing a ‘patent box’ for the biotechnology and medical technology sectors.
- (Notice given 15 June 2021.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Thompson — 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.

- 7 MR BOWEN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises that the Assyrian people, who are Christian by religion, are an original and Indigenous people of Iraq and encourages the Iraqi Government to reflect this in the Constitution of Iraq;
 - (2) notes the aspirations of the Assyrian and Chaldean people for the establishment of an autonomous region in the Nineveh Plains and welcomes the in-principle agreement of the Iraqi Government to this request in 2016;

- (3) being aware of the Assyrian aspirations for the establishment of an autonomous province, calls on the Iraqi Government to take all appropriate steps to protect the human rights of minorities, including the Assyrian Christian people, and to support the continuation of their linguistic, cultural and religious traditions;
- (4) reaffirms the rights of Christian and other minorities of Iraq to live in peace and freedom and calls for all steps to be taken to ensure that members of the affected communities can live in freedom in Iraq; and
- (5) calls on the Turkish Government to immediately cease its military campaign in civilian areas of northern Iraq which has resulted in the evacuation of dozens of Assyrian villages and the displacement of thousands of Assyrians.

(Notice given 15 June 2021.)

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

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.

Wednesday, 23 June 2021

Items for Federation Chamber (10.30 am to 1 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR BURNS: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) refugees transferred to Australia from Nauru and Papua New Guinea for medical treatment are still being held in immigration detention centres and alternative places of detention, such as hotels, in Australia;
 - (b) many of these individuals have now been detained for over eight years and have suffered significant psychological harm as result of their prolonged and indefinite detention;
 - (c) the offshore detention program will cost taxpayers \$811 million alone in the 2021-22 financial year despite:
 - (i) the impact on the physical and mental health of detainees, and;
 - (ii) repeated offers to resettle asylum seekers from New Zealand; and
 - (d) there is overwhelming community support for the fair and humane treatment of Medevac refugees, including their release from detention, as evidenced by the #TimeForAHome campaign of over 160 civil society groups and organisations; and

- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) immediately accept New Zealand's offer to resettle 150 refugees per year;
 - (b) work towards resettling people languishing in indefinite detention; and
 - (c) move refugees transferred to Australia from Nauru and Papua New Guinea for medical treatment still being held in immigration detention centres and alternative places of detention into the community recognising that 'it's cheaper for people to be in the community than it is to be at a hotel or for us to be paying for them to be in detention and if they're demonstrated not to be a threat'.

(Notice given 3 June 2021.)

Time allotted — 35 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Burns — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

2 MR LEESER: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the death of His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh;
- (2) remembers his extraordinary life of service and sacrifice on behalf of the Commonwealth;
- (3) acknowledges his important contribution to Australia, through his visits, patronage of numerous organisations and establishment of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards; and
- (4) offers condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and members of the Royal Family.

(Notice given 12 May 2021.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Leeser — 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) acknowledges that July 2021 marks the 30th anniversary of South Africa's dismantling of its nuclear arsenal in early July 1991;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) this represents the only instance in history when a nuclear power has voluntarily renounced nuclear weapons; and

- (b) the decision to create nuclear weapons was made in the early 1980s, and the decision to terminate the program (which then included six weapons) was made by President FW de Klerk in 1989, and implemented over the following years;
- (3) commends South Africa on this momentous decision, which stands as a proud example to other nuclear weapon states; and
- (4) calls on:
 - (a) all states that possess nuclear weapons to take measures that will lower the chance of nuclear war, including reducing the size of their stockpiles, taking weapons off hair-trigger alert, installing kill switches in all missiles, and committing to a no-first-use policy; and
 - (b) the Government to work in international forums to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.

(Notice given 17 March 2021.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

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 MR SIMMONDS: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that 1 in 6 Australian families face difficulty when trying to start a family and for many this is not straightforward;
- (2) notes that this is a very distressing time for couples who face both emotional and financial strain throughout this journey;
- (3) further acknowledges the significant investment made by the Government in helping Australian couples start a family using In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) by:
 - (a) the establishment of the Your IVF Website which helps couples navigate the complicated process of IVF, have an informed understanding of their chance of success and enable them to make the right decisions for them; and
 - (b) investing \$95.9 million for new tests on the Medicare Benefits Schedule for pre-IVF genetic testing for embryos for specific genetic or chromosomal abnormalities prior to implantation and pregnancy; and
- (4) affirms the commitment of the House to help Australian couples achieve their goal of experiencing the joys of parenthood.

(Notice given 24 May 2021.)

Time allotted — 45 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Simmonds — 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.*

Orders of the day

1 FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (A STEP TOWARDS A SAFER FAMILY LAW SYSTEM) BILL 2020 (*Mr Perrett*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2021*).

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 1 pm.

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

[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 (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices – continued

5 MS OWENS: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the bicentenary of Catholic education in Australia;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) the first official Catholic school was founded by Fr John Therry in Parramatta in 1820;
 - (b) Catholic schools have educated millions of Australians over the past 200 years; and
 - (c) today, Catholic schools are the largest provider of schooling in Australia (outside of government) educating one in five Australian school-age children; and
- (3) congratulates Catholic schools and their teachers, staff and students on this incredible achievement.

(Notice given 25 May 2021.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Owens — 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.

6 MR THOMPSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the service and sacrifice of those who have served in the Australian Defence Force, along with that of their families;

- (2) notes:
- (a) the Government's 2019 election commitment to establish a network of Veteran Wellbeing Centres in Townsville, Perth, Wodonga, Darwin, Adelaide and Nowra;
 - (b) that these centres, which are being developed in partnership with the ex-service community and state governments, will bring together a range of critical services relied upon by veterans and their families, including the health treatment, mental health support, employment and transition assistance and advocacy support; and
 - (c) that the Government committed an additional \$10.7 million in the 2021-22 Budget towards expansion of the wellbeing centre network into south-east Queensland and Tasmania; and
- (3) acknowledges the critical importance of such partnerships between governments and the ex-service community in supporting the health and wellbeing of Australia's veterans and their families.

(Notice given 25 May 2021.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Thompson — 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.*

7 MR KATTER: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
- (a) in 2015, the Northern Territory Government foolishly awarded a 99-year lease of the Port of Darwin to Shandong Landbridge Group, a privately held company with ties to the Chinese Government and Communist Party of China; and
 - (b) the foreign ownership of the Port of Darwin represents a significant threat to Australia's strategic interests; and
- (2) calls on the Commonwealth Government to:
- (a) immediately prioritise Australia's sovereignty and strategic interests;
 - (b) take steps to force the immediate sale of the Port of Darwin to an Australian-owned company; and
 - (c) ensure that the Port of Darwin stays in the hands of the Australians serving our national interest.

(Notice given 1 June 2021.)

Time allotted — 25 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Katter — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

8 MRS MCINTOSH: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the Government has recognised the value of Australia’s growing space sector by including space as one of the six national priority manufacturing sectors in the \$1.5 billion Modern Manufacturing Strategy;
- (2) welcomes the Government’s goal of tripling the space industry by 2030 to \$12 billion;
- (3) congratulates the new head of the Australian Space Agency, Mr Enrico Palermo on his appointment and notes his significant industry and corporate experience in the sector;
- (4) commends the Government for enabling Australian businesses to become part of international space supply chain and have a role in NASA’s Moon to Mars mission; and
- (5) further welcomes the release of the Space Sector Industry Road Map and the opening of grants for this sector under the Modern Manufacturing Initiative’s Translation and Integration streams.

(Notice given 22 February 2021.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mrs McIntosh — 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.

9 MS T. M. BUTLER: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) it has now been more than two months since the Member for Bowman said he would step down from all of his parliamentary positions;
 - (b) the Member for Bowman remains the Chair of the Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Training, a role for which he is paid an additional amount in the order of \$23,000 per annum;
 - (c) the Prime Minister and his government have repeatedly voted to protect the Member for Bowman’s position despite the Prime Minister’s acknowledgement that the Member for Bowman’s conduct had been inappropriate; and
 - (d) that by protecting the Member for Bowman, the Prime Minister is tacitly endorsing his inappropriate conduct, and the Prime Minister is also putting his own political interests ahead of his responsibility to show leadership; and
- (2) calls on the Prime Minister to unequivocally reject the Member for Bowman’s conduct by ensuring his removal from his lucrative committee chair role.

(Notice given 1 June 2021.)

Time allotted — 25 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms T. M. Butler — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

10 MR R. J. WILSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Government's ongoing commitment to improving connectivity for regional businesses, and better connecting regional communities through the Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) initiative;
- (2) recognises that the ROSI initiative upgrades key freight roads to efficiently connect agricultural and mining regions to ports, airports and other transport hubs;
- (3) commends the Government for its funding of \$4.9 billion for projects nation-wide to deliver works such as road sealing, flood immunity, strengthening and widening, pavement rehabilitation, bridge and culvert upgrades and road realignments; and
- (4) acknowledges that the ROSI initiative is providing substantial social and economic benefits, including opportunities for greater regional employment and business growth.

(Notice given 15 June 2021.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr R. J. Wilson — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

MR L. O'BRIEN MP

Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives

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