

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 38**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**1 September 2021**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Chair            Hon A. D. H. Smith MP, Speaker

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                  Mr C Hayes MP (Chief Opposition Whip)

                  Hon D Drum MP (Chief Nationals Whip)

                  Mr R Broadbent MP

                  Ms N Flint MP

                  Ms P Murphy MP

                  Mr K O'Dowd

                  Mr R Ramsey MP

                  Ms J Ryan MP

                  Ms R Sharkie MP

                  Ms A Stanley MP

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                  Mrs H Waterhouse

## 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, 31 August 2021.
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, 31 August 2021, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 18 October 2021, as follows:

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

##### Notices

- 1 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.*

- 2 MR C. KELLY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*, and for related purposes. (*Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment Bill 2021*)  
(Notice given 24 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 MS STEGGALL:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*, and for related purposes. (*PEP11 Bill 2021*)  
(Notice given 31 August 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 MS STEGGALL:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish a national climate change adaptation and mitigation framework, and to establish the Climate Change Commission, and for related purposes. (*Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) Bill 2021*)

(Notice given 31 August 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 MS STEGGALL:** To present a Bill for an Act to create duties to consider climate change impacts and to deal with consequential and transitional matters arising from the enactment of the *Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) Act 2021*, and for related purposes. (*Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2021*)

(Notice given 31 August 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 VASTA:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that the month of August is Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month;
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) is the number one genetic killer of infants under the age of two in Australia and one in thirty-five people are carriers of SMA; and
  - (b) the Health Chief Executives Forum has encouraged all states and territories to include SMA in their Newborn Screening Program's following the success of the pilot program in NSW/ACT;
- (3) recognises that the Commonwealth Government has invested significantly in the space of genetic testing and SMA treatment due to our strong economic management; and
- (4) calls on the remaining state and territory governments to implement SMA testing into their Newborn Bloodspot Program, following the advice from the Health Chief Executives Forum.

(Notice given 11 August 2021.)

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Vasta — 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 MS STANLEY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) 15 October 2021 is International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day;
  - (b) on that day, parents, families, friends and healthcare workers will memorialise babies they have lost through miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death;
  - (c) infant loss is a tragic and terrible event to go through for families, healthcare workers and friends, and International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day provides an opportunity to mark their shared loss; and
  - (d) direct support for persons affected by pregnancy and infant loss is difficult at the current time considering the local health environment;
- (2) acknowledges that:
  - (a) each year approximately 150,000 women in Australia experience some form of pregnancy or infant loss;
  - (b) further issues are commonly faced by those close to these tragic events such as depression, anxiety, changes in relationships, development of unhealthy coping mechanisms and post-traumatic stress disorder;
  - (c) these effects, amongst others, are often underestimated and overlooked by healthcare professionals, friends, and even family members, especially concerning pregnancy loss related bereavement and subsequent grief;
  - (d) greater research and understanding is required to aide in the creation and establishment of programs, resources and services that support and provide assistance to survivors of baby loss and their families, and enable them to overcome their trauma and integrate their bereavement into their life in a healthy, helpful, healing manner;
  - (e) services for people affected by pregnancy or infant loss have been continuing, as best as possible, their necessary and significant work during this recent and difficult period; and
  - (f) further support is required including providing parents who aren't covered by leave entitlements with the same amount of paid leave they would be entitled to if their baby was born alive;
- (3) expresses sympathy to all families who have suffered a miscarriage, a stillbirth or infant death; and
- (4) commends every person who has supported parents and families through their journey from the loss of a baby.

*(Notice given 12 August 2021.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Stanley — 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.*

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

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

#### **Orders of the day**

**1 LABOUR HIRE COMPANIES:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 2021*) on the motion of Ms Swanson—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) many Australian workers are being employed by labour hire companies on low wages and without access to entitlements such as annual leave, sick leave and parental leave;
  - (b) these workers are often working alongside other workers doing the same job, with the same roster who are employed on higher wages and with access to leave entitlements;
  - (c) the use of labour hire to avoid paying fair wages and conditions by Australian companies is growing, particularly in Australia's mining industry;
  - (d) the Federal Court of Australia in the *Workpac v Rossato* case determined that a worker who was defined as a casual employee by labour hire company Workpac was in fact a full time employee working a full time roster and therefore entitled to leave entitlements; and
  - (e) Workpac have appealed this decision in the High Court of Australia and the Government has intervened in the case to support the submission of Workpac that Mr Rossato is a casual employee and should not receive leave entitlements;
- (2) recognises that the increasing use of labour hire companies by employers to avoid paying fair wages and conditions is reducing the incomes of workers and families, and is having a detrimental impact on their livelihoods, particularly in regional Australia; and
- (3) calls on the Government to support Labor's policy and legislation in the Parliament that will ensure workers who do the same job receive the same pay.

*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

### 1 MR VAN MANEN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the vital nature of Black Spot Program (BSP) funding in reducing death and serious injury on Australian roads;
- (2) recognises that BSP projects target those road locations where crashes are occurring, which are a major cost to Australians every year;
- (3) commends the Government for its extensive commitment to road safety through infrastructure investment, by providing \$1.1 billion to the BSP from 2013-14 to 2023-24, with an ongoing commitment of \$110 million each year following; and
- (4) acknowledges research from the Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics that the Government's BSP reduces death and serious injury from crashes by 30 per cent, on average at treated sites.

*(Notice given 23 June 2021.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr van Manen — 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.*

## Orders of the day – continued

### 2 YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: Resumption of debate *(from 2 June 2021)* on the motion of Ms Templeman—That this House:

- (1) notes with dismay that suicide is the leading cause of death among Australians aged 15 to 24 years;
- (2) recognises that for young people the decision to access mental health care is fragile, and if they do not have a positive experience they may not make another attempt to seek help;
- (3) further notes that youth-friendly mental health services are not available uniformly to young people; and
- (4) calls on the Government to:
  - (a) increase access to effective mental health services and supports for young people across all stages of mental ill-health; and
  - (b) build a youth mental health workforce to meet the current and future needs.

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*All 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.*

## Notices – continued

### 2 MR T. R. WILSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) a number of Australian businesses have been impacted by cyber attacks including by ransomware in 2021; and
  - (b) ransomware is a common and dangerous type of malware employed by cyber criminals that can affect both individuals and organisations, and cause severe damage to reputation, and business bottom lines; and
- (2) records its concern at the impact and frequency of cyber attacks on Australian individuals and businesses;
- (3) notes the significant investment by the Government of \$15 billion in cyber and defence capabilities, including \$1.35 billion through the Australian Signals Directorate and the Australian Cyber Security Centre, to keep Australians safe online;
- (4) recognises the important work done by ACSC in providing advice and technical support to individuals and businesses affected by cyber incidents;
- (5) urges all Australians to implement good cyber hygiene measures across their home and business networks; and
- (6) encourages all Australians to visit [cyber.gov.au](http://cyber.gov.au) and take the steps to protect themselves, their businesses, their families and Australia’s digital sovereignty.

*(Notice given 23 June 2021.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr T. R. Wilson — 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

### 3 MR WILKIE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the:
  - (a) Government has failed to establish a strong independent federal integrity commission, and on 8 September 2021 it will be 1,000 days since the Prime Minister promised to pass legislation to create one; and



- (b) Government's proposed Commonwealth Integrity Commission is half-baked, creating the weakest watchdog in the country with hearings for all politicians and public servants held behind closed doors, no transparency on findings and penalties for whistle-blowers; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
- (a) abandon its deeply unpopular Commonwealth Integrity Commission proposal which in its current form is beyond effective amendment and should be scrapped;
  - (b) establish a strong, well-funded, wide-ranging and independent integrity commission through the Australian Federal Integrity Commission Bill put forward by the Member for Indi that can launch its own inquiries into criminal, corrupt and unethical behaviour by politicians and their staff, hold public hearings and make public findings; and
  - (c) commit to passing such legislation as a matter of urgency.

*(Notice given 24 August 2021.)*

*Time allotted — 45 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Wilkie — 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.*

**4 MR T. R. WILSON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the critical work of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) in safeguarding Australia's security and national interests;
- (2) notes that ASIO Director-General Mr Mike Burgess recently observed that 'Australia's threat environment is complex, challenging and changing';
- (3) commends the Government for providing \$1.3 billion over ten years in the 2021-22 budget to help further improve ASIO's capabilities; and
- (4) thanks the men and women who work in ASIO and our other national security agencies for their dedication to keeping Australians safe from a range of threats and to protecting our national sovereignty.

*(Notice given 23 June 2021.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr T. R. Wilson — 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.*

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

- (1) recognises that:
  - (a) books can be an escape from the worries of everyday life;
  - (b) reading reduces stress by 68 per cent;
  - (c) reading makes your world bigger and makes more things possible;
  - (d) literacy and reading are tools that can help you achieve your goals and help others;
  - (e) reading helps your mind grow;
  - (f) by reading other people's stories you can walk in their shoes; and
  - (g) books build empathy, connection and help you feel less lonely;
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many literary activities;
  - (b) major writers' festivals have been interrupted;
  - (c) schools have moved to online learning for weeks at a time; and
  - (d) libraries and adult education forums around the country closed their doors to in-person attendees; and
- (3) acknowledges:
  - (a) Tuesday, 14 September 2021 is Australian Reading Hour and this year's theme is, Stories that Matter;
  - (b) Australian Reading Hour is in its tenth year and is a showcase for Australia Reads; and
  - (c) Australian Reading Hour highlights the importance of reading in transforming lives.

*(Notice given 23 August 2021.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Perrett — 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 MR SIMMONDS:** To move—That this House notes that:

- (1) membership of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Cadets:
  - (a) gives young people the opportunity to be members of a team, develop their skills as leaders and develop an individual's capacity to contribute to society; and
  - (b) fosters an interest in Defence Force careers, and is important in developing ongoing support for Defence; and
- (2) ADF Cadets contribute greatly to the community and Australian society.

*(Notice given 23 June 2021.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Simmonds — 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.*

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

1 September 2021