

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 23**

Private Members' business

**13 May 2015**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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## Report relating to the consideration of private Members' business

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1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 12 May 2015.
2. The committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of private Members' business on Monday, 25 May 2015, as follows:

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

##### Notices

- 1 MR PALMER:** To present a Bill for an Act to prevent the disclosure of information by public officials in circumstances that may lead to the imposition of the death penalty in foreign countries, and for related purposes

*(Notice given 12 May 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 10 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Palmer — 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 MS T.M. BUTLER:** To move—That this House:

(1) acknowledges that:

- (a) 11 to 17 May is National Volunteer Week (NVW);
- (b) the theme for NVW this year is 'Give Happy Live Happy'; and
- (c) the six million plus Australian volunteers give happiness to others each year; and

(2) thanks volunteers for their tireless effort and dedication to our community and the enormous contribution they make to our economy and others in the community.

*(Notice given 12 May 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms T.M. Butler — 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.*

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

- (1) recognises the demonstrable benefit that the East West Link will provide to commuters and the Victorian economy, by saving up to three hours of travelling time per week, creating around 7,000 new jobs during the construction phase of the project and enhancing the productivity of Victoria for decades to come;
- (2) notes that the:
  - (a) Victorian Government’s position not to proceed with the East West Link:
    - (i) will deny Victorians the benefit of this critical infrastructure in a growing city with worsening traffic congestion;
    - (ii) will deny Victorians immediate economic benefits, including almost 7,000 construction jobs;
    - (iii) will risk Victorian taxpayers paying up to \$1.2 billion in compensation; and
    - (iv) has the potential to threaten Victoria’s credit rating;
  - (b) Victorian Government’s threat of legislating to avoid paying compensation owed to investors who entered into a contract in good faith with the State of Victoria will:
    - (i) according to Infrastructure Investor, risk Australia losing its status as the ‘world’s most attractive infrastructure destination’; and
    - (ii) make it more difficult for Governments across Australia to attract investment in crucial nation building infrastructure in the future;
  - (c) East West Link is currently the only major shovel-ready project in Victoria which has funding in place from the Commonwealth, the State of Victoria and the private sector; and
  - (d) Leader of the Opposition supported a new east west road corridor for Melbourne when it was first proposed in the 2008 Sir Rod Eddington East West Link Needs Assessment report; and
- (3) calls on:
  - (a) the Victorian Premier to stop his campaign of economic destabilisation and build the East West Link; and
  - (b) all Members to oppose the Victorian Government’s threat of legislation to void any liabilities as a result of not proceeding with this vital infrastructure project.

*(Notice given 16 March 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Sukkar — 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 PARKE:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes:

- (a) the execution in Indonesia by firing squad on 29 April 2015 of Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran, along with their fellow prisoners, Rodrigo Gularte, Silvester Nwolise, Okwuduli Oyatanze, Raheem Salami, Martin Anderson and Zainal Abidin, and expresses condolences to their families;
- (b) the bipartisan commitment in Australia to see an end to the death penalty worldwide;
- (c) that the evidence overwhelmingly shows that the death penalty is not a more effective deterrent than long term imprisonment;
- (d) that the international trend is clearly away from the practice of the death penalty—in 1977 only 16 countries had abolished the death penalty, now 140 nations have banned the practice; and
- (e) that Australia has the opportunity to influence further progress towards the worldwide abolition of the death penalty in its relationship with key regional and global partners; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

- (a) strengthen its efforts to advocate for an end to the death penalty wherever it still occurs; and
- (b) ensure that Australia's international cooperation is structured to avoid to the extent possible, the potential that such cooperation could lead to a person receiving the death penalty.

*(Notice given 12 May 2015.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Parke — 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 (11 am to 1.30 pm)

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices

**1 MR CHAMPION:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that National Palliative Care Week (NPCW) runs from 24 to 30 May 2015; and
- (2) encourages all Australians to use NPCW as a conversation starter, to get together with those close to them, celebrate life and talk about death, in particular the end of life decisions such as:
  - (a) how they want to be cared for;
  - (b) what values are important to them;
  - (c) what types of medical assistance they want to receive;
  - (d) whether they wish to be buried or cremated;
  - (e) where they want to pass away;
  - (f) whether they have appointed a power of attorney; and
  - (g) writing an advanced care plan.

*(Notice given 12 May 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Mr Champion — 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 WILLIAMS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) condemns the South Australian Government for being the only state in Australia to cut pensioner concessions on local government rates;
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) the Australian Government has increased funding to South Australia by 23 per cent or \$1.8 billion over the forward estimates; and
  - (b) the South Australian Government is pocketing \$98 million by cutting pensioner concessions;
- (3) calls on the South Australian Government to reinstate the full pensioner concession; and
- (4) recognises the difficulty pensioners face in having to find an extra \$190 each year to pay for their local government rates, on top of the huge cost increases that pensioners in South Australia have incurred for electricity, water and other state Government fees and charges.

*(Notice given 17 March 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Mr Williams — 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.*

## **Orders of the day**

**MS T.M. BUTLER:** Debate to be resumed on the motion of Ms T.M. Butler—That this House:

(1) acknowledges that:

- (a) 11 to 17 May is National Volunteer Week (NVW);
- (b) the theme for NVW this year is ‘Give Happy Live Happy’; and
- (c) the six million plus Australian volunteers give happiness to others each year;  
and

(2) thanks volunteers for their tireless effort and dedication to our community and the enormous contribution they make to our economy and others in the community.

*(Notice given 12 May 2015.)*

(See private Members’ business item No. 2, in the House of Representatives Chamber)

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*All 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.*

## **Notices – continued**

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

(1) affirms the right of working Australians to a safe working environment;

(2) recognises the scourge of illegal drugs in our society is impacting on the right to a safe working environment; and

(3) supports:

- (a) an employer’s right to test workers for the effects of illegal drugs in the workplace particularly in construction, mining, transport, forestry and other industries where the use of dangerous machinery is required;
- (b) the right of employers to dismiss workers who fail testing or refuse to change their behaviour to the detriment of their workmates; and
- (c) the continued education campaigns by state workplace health and safety organisations, state and federal government programs and concerned private organisations to reduce the impact of dangerous drugs in the workplace.

*(Notice given 17 March 2015.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Mrs Prentice — 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 ZAPPIA:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that both Commonwealth and state governments have historically shared responsibility for the delivery of services to remote Indigenous communities;
- (2) condemns the Government for cutting \$500 million from Indigenous programs in the 2014-15 budget;
- (3) notes that contrary to previous assurances by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, there has been an impact on frontline services;
- (4) acknowledges the disastrous effect these cuts will have on people living in remote Indigenous communities; and
- (5) calls on the Government to restore the funding, and prevent the loss of frontline services.

*(Notice given 12 May 2015.)*

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

*Mr Zappia — 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.*

**THE HON BRONWYN BISHOP MP**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

13 May 2015