

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 3

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

12 February 2014

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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 11 February 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, 24 February 2014, as follows:

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Presentation and statements

1 Committee statement

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters – Statement relating to inquiry into the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013.

The Committee determined that a statement may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.15 am.

Speech time limits —

Mr Smith — 5 minutes.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Service Act 1999*, and for related purposes. (*Public Service Amendment (Employment for all of us) Bill 2013*). (Notice given 10 December 2013.)

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Bandt — 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 restrict the export of live animals for slaughter pending its prohibition, and for related purposes. (*Live Animal Export Prohibition (Ending Cruelty) Bill 2013*). (Notice given 12 December 2013.)

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 MR S. P. JONES:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes:

- (a) that funds were allocated for Regional Development Australia Funding (RDAF) Round 5 in the 2013-14 budget;
- (b) that RDAF Round 5 provided assistance to local government projects to fund the construction of important pieces of small scale infrastructure to support local communities and regional development;
- (c) that the Government has:
 - (i) committed to delivering some, but not all, of the RDAF Round 5 projects; and
 - (ii) not yet made clear which RDAF Round 5 projects will and will not proceed;

(2) calls on the Government to:

- (a) report to the Parliament on:
 - (i) what, if any, consultation it had with local governments and Regional Development Australia in choosing the RDAF Round 5 projects it has decided to fund; and
 - (ii) which, if any, of these projects will be funded under the National Stronger Regions Fund; and
- (b) provide certainty to regional communities by committing to fund each RDAF Round 5 project.

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr S. P. Jones — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

4 MS HENDERSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Government is delivering on its \$25 million election commitment to upgrade the Great Ocean Road;
 - (b) this commitment has been matched by another \$25 million from the Victorian Government; and
 - (c) \$15 million of federal funding for the Great Ocean Road upgrade was brought forward to this financial year; and
- (2) recognises that:
 - (a) this iconic road is the centrepiece of the south-west Victorian tourism industry which supports thousands of local jobs;
 - (b) the Great Ocean Road is a key Victorian tourist route which is used by high volumes of local and tourist traffic all year round;
 - (c) approximately 1.7 million tourists drive on this road every year, and this number is expected to climb as the road continues to attract tourists from all over the world; and
 - (d) the Great Ocean Road is also an important route for local industry. (*Notice given 11 December 2013.*)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Henderson —10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 + 5 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 WYATT: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that diabetes is a serious health concern with an estimated 382 million people worldwide living with diabetes;
- (2) recognises that:
 - (a) 8 per cent of Australians are living with diabetes;
 - (b) by 2035, 14 per cent of Australians will be living with diabetes; and

- (c) incidences of diabetes are three to four times higher in Indigenous communities;
- (3) acknowledges that the World Diabetes Congress was:
 - (a) held in Melbourne, from 2 to 6 December 2013;
 - (b) attended by 50 international parliamentarians; and
 - (c) successful in passing the Melbourne Declaration and appointing International Parliamentary Champions for Diabetes;
- (4) recognises that the International Parliamentary Champions for Diabetes will:
 - (a) exchange policy views and practical ideas for prevention and management of diabetes;
 - (b) encourage all governments to acknowledge that diabetes is a national health priority that requires a comprehensive action plan leading to action; and
 - (c) aim to improve health outcomes for people with diabetes, stop discrimination towards people with diabetes and prevent development of Type 2 diabetes;
- (5) calls on the Government, individuals, families, communities, health care services and industry, to take urgent action to:
 - (a) ensure prevention of diabetes;
 - (b) improve early diagnosis of diabetes;
 - (c) support ongoing research into treatment and medications for diabetes; and
 - (d) effectively manage and treat diabetes; and
- (6) acknowledges the Government's contribution:
 - (a) with an expert Advisory Group to consider available evidence and consult with a wide range of stakeholders to inform the development of the National Diabetes Strategy;
 - (b) to ongoing research into a cure for Type 1 diabetes with a \$35 million contribution into the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Clinical Research Network; and
 - (c) in providing an additional \$1.4 million for the Diabetes Insulin Pump Programme. (*Notice given 5 December 2013.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Mr Wyatt — 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.*

2 MS PLIBERSEK: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the:
 - (a) ongoing humanitarian crisis in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon;
 - (b) former Labor Government's contribution of \$100.8 million to humanitarian assistance; and
 - (c) Government's contribution of \$12 million; and
- (2) calls on the Government to immediately increase its humanitarian aid commitment to people affected by the Syrian conflict.

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Ms Plibersek — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

3 MR COLEMAN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that Defence is a critical responsibility of the Australian Government, which:
 - (a) requires substantial investment in order to ensure Australia's military preparedness; and
 - (b) suffered from material budget cuts under the former Government in recent years;
- (2) recognises the plans of the Government to make no further cuts to Defence expenditure, and to increase Defence expenditure to 2 per cent of GDP within a decade; and
- (3) commends the Government on this approach to Defence expenditure planning.
(*Notice given 11 December 2013.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Mr Coleman — 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.*

4 MS RYAN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the importance of investing in education and ensuring that Australia remains competitive by providing quality education to all Australian children regardless of their postcode; and
 - (b) with concern that the gap between the most well off and disadvantaged students in Australia is on average 2.5 years, which is a much wider gap than the OECD average;
- (2) acknowledges that the:
 - (a) well respected and qualified ‘Gonski panel’ identified six loadings and the importance of school reform as the key to improvement; and
 - (b) New South Wales, Victorian, South Australian, Tasmanian and Australian Capital Territory governments along with the national Catholic and independent school authorities signed up to this funding model;
- (3) recognises that under the new four year funding arrangements for education, that it is impossible for the Government to guarantee that no school across Australia will be worse off; and
- (4) calls on the Government not to return to the inequitable Socioeconomic Status scheme funding model of the past, but to commit to its promise of honouring the education funding agreements already entered into and provide equity by making it a truly national system. (*Notice given 11 December 2013.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Ms Ryan — 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 FERGUSON: To move—That this House notes that:

- (1) March 2013 marked the 25th anniversary of the genocidal chemical attack by the regime of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein on Halabja in the Kurdish region of Iraq that took at least 4,000 lives within a few minutes and displaced many thousands more, and was part of Saddam’s brutal Anfal Campaign of the 1980s, targeting Kurdish and other minorities in Iraq;
- (2) some 4,000 villages, 2,000 schools and 300 hospitals were destroyed, including through the use of chemical weapons across dozens of Kurdish villages;
- (3) the Saddam regime was also responsible for the:
 - (a) deportation or forced relocation of tens of thousands of Faili Kurds on the basis that they were not considered Iraqi;
 - (b) abduction and execution of an estimated 8,000 Barzani Kurds who were subsequently buried in mass graves in southern Iraq; and

- (c) arrest, execution and subsequent burial of up to 100,000 Iraqi Kurds in 1988, including women and children; and
- (4) the former dictator Saddam Hussein and Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as Chemical Ali, were subsequently prosecuted and convicted for these and other crimes. (*Notice given 13 November 2013.*)

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

Mr Ferguson — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 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.

THE HON BRONWYN BISHOP MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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