

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 5

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

18 September 2019

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Chair	Hon A. D. H. Smith MP, Speaker
Members	Mr B van Manen MP (Chief Government Whip)
	Mr C Hayes MP (Chief Opposition Whip)
	Hon D Drum (Nationals Chief 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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Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business and of private Members' business

1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 17 September 2019.
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, 17 September 2019, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 14 October 2019, as follows:

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to restrict activities in relation to thermal coal, and for related purposes. (*Coal Prohibition (Quit Coal) Bill 2019*)

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 MS SHARKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to the criminal law, and for related purposes. (*Crimes Legislation Amendment (Age of Criminal Responsibility) Bill 2019*)
(Notice given 16 September 2019.)

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 GILES:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Government plans to privatise Australia's visa processing system;
 - (b) under the Government's plan, a private tenderer will be given licence to run Australia's visa processing system as a for-profit business; and
 - (c) the Government will decide the winning tenderer in October 2019;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) visa and citizenship processing times have blown out under this Government;
 - (b) more than 230,000 people are on bridging visas;
 - (c) more than 220,000 people are on waiting lists for their citizenship; and
 - (d) the Government has failed to preserve and enhance the integrity of Australia's visa processing system; and

- (3) calls on the Government to stop its privatisation of Australia's visa processing system.

(Notice given 17 September 2019.)

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Giles — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

4 DR MARTIN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that Tuesday, 10 September 2019 was World Suicide Prevention Day;
- (2) confirms the Government's commitment to work with local communities to reduce the number of deaths by suicide in Australia;
- (3) further notes the record level of funding of \$736m provided in the 2019-20 budget for mental health including \$503.1 million for the Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan to support coordination of Government activities and services including:
 - (a) the largest single expansion of the national Headspace network through the establishment of 36 new sites; and
 - (b) provision of support to farmers and communities that been affected by drought to deal with the anxiety, stress and uncertainty of drought conditions; and
- (4) welcomes the establishment of the Office of the National Suicide Prevention Adviser in 2019 to support a whole-of-government approach to suicide prevention, to ensure coordination of delivery of suicide prevention activities that reach Australians in the right way at the right time.

(Notice given 10 September 2019.)

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

Speech time limits —

Dr Martin — 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 MS STANLEY: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) 15 October is International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day;
 - (b) on this day, parents, families, friends and healthcare workers will memorialise babies they have lost through miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death; and
 - (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;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) each year around 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; and
 - (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;
- (3) expresses sympathy to all families who have suffered a miscarriage, a stillbirth or infant death; and
- (4) commends each and every person who has supported parents and families through their journey from the loss of a baby.

(Notice given 9 September 2019.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

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.*

2 MS FLINT: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the:
 - (a) outstanding contribution women make to the Australian Defence Force; and
 - (b) the formation of the new Council for Women and Families United by Defence Service; and
- (2) acknowledges that Defence embraces the concept of diversity, valuing differences, demonstrating fair, respectful and inclusive behaviour and aims to effectively attract and retain women who can support Defence to better reflect the community it serves.

(Notice given 10 September 2019.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Flint — 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.*

3 MS CLAYDON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that Australia has:
 - (a) more than 59,000km of coastline;
 - (b) around 85 per cent of the population living in coastal regions; and
 - (c) nearly 39,000 buildings (as at 2011) and hundreds of coastal communities located within 100 metres of 'soft' shorelines which are at risk from accelerated erosion;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) coastal erosion presents a social, environmental, economic and existential threat to coastal communities;
 - (b) human-induced climate change will accelerate erosion, putting many communities in grave danger; and
 - (c) a number of communities are already starting to sustain serious damage from coastal erosion;
- (3) is deeply concerned that there is no national leadership on the issue of coastal erosion and all climate adaptation activities have been defunded under Governments led by Prime Ministers Abbott, Turnbull and Morrison; and
- (4) calls on the Government to take urgent action to support coastal communities seeking to restore their beaches and improve their resilience.

(Notice given 17 September 2019.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Claydon — 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

1 CONGESTION BUSTING INFRASTRUCTURE: Resumption of debate
(from 9 September 2019) on the motion of Mr van Manen—That this House:

- (1) notes with concern the growing congestion in our major cities, which makes it harder for workers to commute and takes time away from people to enjoy with their families;
- (2) recognises that governments at every level need to invest in congestion busting infrastructure to provide the best outcomes for their citizens; and
- (3) commends the Government on committing additional funding across urban and regional Australia, in particular the additional \$3 billion to the Urban Congestion Fund so that \$4 billion is now available through the fund to target pinch points in major cities to further reduce congestion.

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

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.*

Items for Federation Chamber (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notices – continued

4 MS THWAITES: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) 11 October 2019 is International Day of the Girl Child, which promotes human rights and supports action on gender inequality across the globe; and
 - (b) this year’s theme is ‘GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable’ to celebrate achievements by, with and for girls since the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) movements across the world are stepping up to address discrimination, exploitation and abuse facing girls, including stopping child marriage, promoting girls’ education and standing up to gender-based violence; and

- (b) more needs to be done, with girls across the world still suffering disadvantage in many areas of their lives which can severely limit opportunities and life outcomes;
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) develop policies that will ensure Australian girls have every opportunity to live lives free from discrimination and achieve their potential; and
 - (b) actively work to support international communities to end gender-based discrimination and create opportunities for girls' voices to be heard; and
- (4) urges all Members of Parliament to take the lead in promoting gender equality in their own communities.

(Notice given 17 September 2019.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Thwaites — 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 PEARCE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the:
 - (a) creation of 1.2 million jobs since the Coalition Government was elected, with 140,000 young Australians securing employment over that time period;
 - (b) strong commitment of the Government to reform the vocational education and training sector to better meet the demands of the modern Australian economy; and
 - (c) leadership of the Government in November 2018 to commission the Joyce Review, a comprehensive expert review of the Australian vocational education and training system which was delivered in March 2019; and
- (2) welcomes the implementation of the Skills Package, a \$525 million suite of measures that includes:
 - (a) a National Careers Institute and the appointment of a National Careers Ambassador;
 - (b) the Foundation Skills for Your Future program—an initiative which will support workers by improving literacy, numeracy, and digital literacy;
 - (c) a streamlined Incentives for Australian Apprenticeships program, which will encourage employers to take on apprentices and trainees;
 - (d) additional incentives to both employers and apprentices in areas affected by skills shortages under the Additional Identified Skills Shortage Payment measure;
 - (e) establishing ten industry training hubs in areas of high unemployment;
 - (f) further addressing youth unemployment in regional areas by funding 400 Commonwealth Scholarships for Young Australians;

- (g) a National Skills Commission and pilot skills organisations that will promote a nation-wide approach to skills development and enhance the role of industry in designing training courses;
 - (h) an extension of the National Rugby League’s VET Apprenticeship Awareness Program;
 - (i) Energising Tasmania—a partnership between the Commonwealth and the Tasmanian Government to train a skilled workforce for jobs for the future in pumped hydro and energy infrastructure; and
- (3) welcomes the prospect of creating a further 80,000 apprenticeships in occupations with skills shortages over the coming five years.

(Notice given 10 September 2019.)

Time allotted — 60 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Pearce — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 12 x 5 mins]

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

6 DR HAINES: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises:
 - (a) the Government’s commitment to future-proofing Australian agriculture, including the Future Drought Fund, and its action on climate change, including its commitment under the Paris Agreement to achieve a 26 to 28 per cent reduction in Australia’s emissions from 2005 levels by 2030 and to increase ambition over time under the Paris ambition mechanism; and
 - (b) the Opposition’s commitment to the future of Australian agriculture and to action on climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- (2) notes:
 - (a) that climate change represents a serious and present threat to the Australian agricultural sector’s continued viability and international competitiveness;
 - (b) the calls from the National Farmers’ Federation for a coordinated national framework to drive productivity and profitability while recognising environmental stewardship, and for a carbon neutrality plan for all agricultural commodities by 2025; and
 - (c) the calls from the Australian Farm Institute and Farmers for Climate Action for the development of a national strategy on climate change and agriculture based on a consultative, co-design process involving government, industry, scientific research bodies, Australian farmers, and rural and regional communities;
- (3) affirms that in order to ensure the continued flourishing of Australian agriculture into the future, the design and implementation of a national strategy on agriculture and climate change should include:
 - (a) funding for comprehensive research on the direct and indirect risks climate change poses to Australian agri-food systems, including risks to primary

- production, biosecurity, food processing, food safety, farmer health, key infrastructure, equity, animal welfare, export markets and farm inputs;
- (b) targets for adapting Australian farming to climate change in the short, medium and long term;
 - (c) financial and technical support for a just transition by supporting farmers and regional communities to adapt to future climate conditions including adoption of climate-resilient crops and regenerative farming and land use practices, investment in technology and infrastructure, and development of new rural industries;
 - (d) a long term plan to promote clean energy in rural and regional communities, including community and privately owned renewables projects that can provide sustainable, alternative income to land owners during drought;
 - (e) a mechanism to compensate farmers and land owners for ecosystem services they provide, including land-based carbon sequestration as a route to achieve net carbon neutrality of other sectors; and
 - (f) a plan to accelerate global emissions reductions by exporting Australian technology, research and expertise; and
- (4) calls on the Government to develop a national strategy on climate change and agriculture that reflects these components.

(Notice given 17 September 2019.)

Time allotted — 45 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Dr Haines — 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.*

7 MR GORMAN: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises:
 - (a) the importance of Western Australia to the national economy; and
 - (b) that when Western Australia does well, Australia does well;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) it is clear that the Government is ignorant to Western Australia's drive on the national economy;
 - (b) without Western Australia there would have been negative national economic growth in the 2019 April-June quarter; and
 - (c) without Western Australia, the Government would have a budget deficit in 2019-20; and
- (3) condemns the Government for:
 - (a) failing to invest in Western Australia;
 - (b) failing to offer any funding for Royal Perth Hospital or the construction of the new women's and babies hospital;

- (c) refusing to waive historical housing debts for Western Australia, despite doing so for Tasmania; and
- (d) giving Western Australia less than ten per cent of the \$100 billion infrastructure package.

(Notice given 10 September 2019.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Gorman — 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 A. D. H. SMITH MP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

18 September 2019