

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 20

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

25 February 2015

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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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, 24 February 2015.
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, 2 March 2015, as follows:

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Presentation and statements

1 Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Report 447: EPBC Act, Cyber Security, Mail Screening, ABR and Helicopter Program: Review of Auditor-General Reports Nos 32-54 (2013-14).

The Committee determined that statements may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.20 am.

Speech time limits —

Dr Southcott — 5 minutes.

Next Member— 5 minutes.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR KATTER:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for warning labels in relation to imported food, and for related purposes. (*Imported Food Warning Labels Bill 2015*)
(*Notice given 24 February 2015.*)

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Katter — 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 MRS PRENTICE: To move—That this House:

- (1) congratulates the Government on honouring its election commitment to change indexation arrangements for Defence Forces Retirement Benefits and Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits military pensions;
- (2) condemns the \$17 billion in cuts made to the Australian Defence Force (ADF) under the former Labor Government to its lowest level since before World War II;
- (3) recognises:
 - (a) that those budget cuts caused job losses among the 3000 small and medium businesses which service the ADF; and
 - (b) the extra risk placed on Australian service personnel by Labor's failure to purchase new artillery;
- (4) condemns the cuts by the former Labor Government to entitlements of unmarried soldiers for flights to see their families;
- (5) recognises the depletion in force readiness caused by Labor's reckless decision to cut reserve training days by up to 30 percent; and
- (6) repudiates the decision to cut funding to the Australian War Memorial.

(Notice given 9 February 2015.)

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mrs Prentice — 10 minutes.

Next Member — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 mins + 6 x 5 mins]

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

3 MS O'NEIL: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that:
 - (a) there is a significant, ongoing and growing need for emergency relief, financial counselling and related programs, to support the most vulnerable Australians;
 - (b) local organisations play a critical role in the delivery of these programs around Australia; and
 - (c) volunteers are a crucial and valued part of this network;
- (2) condemns the Government for:
 - (a) cutting core social services to the most vulnerable Australians, while increasing demand for those services through other elements of their unfair budget; and
 - (b) the covert way in which funding decisions have been made and implemented; and

(3) calls on the Government to:

- (a) restore funding to social services; and
- (b) provide clarity and funding certainty to affected housing, homelessness services, neighbourhood centres, advice bureaus and other community service providers around Australia.

(Notice given 24 February 2015.)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms O'Neil — 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 CLAYDON: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that International Women's Day:

- (a) will be celebrated globally on Sunday, 8 March 2015;
- (b) is a day to celebrate the economic, political and social achievements of women, and to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development; and
- (c) in 2015 will reflect on the Beijing Platform for Action, a progressive blueprint for advancing women's rights launched 20 years ago at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing;

(2) notes that:

- (a) at the launch of Beijing +20 in 2014, United Nations Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka identified that a number of critical areas for women raised in Beijing 20 years ago still require significant action to address, including:
 - (i) reducing women's share of poverty;
 - (ii) improving access to health and education;
 - (iii) ending violence against women;
 - (iv) ensuring women's full participation in decision-making;
 - (v) ensuring women's equal opportunities in the economy;
 - (vi) removing gender stereotypes;
 - (vii) increasing women's role in the media; and

- (viii) protecting the human rights of all women and girls; and
- (3) urges all Members of Parliament to be leaders in their community and act on the advancement of gender equality in Parliament.

(Notice given 23 February 2015.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Claydon — 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 E. T. JONES: To move—That this House notes that:

- (1) this Government is committed to delivering a White Paper on Developing Northern Australia that will set out a clear and well defined policy platform for unlocking the potential of the north, including consideration of the recommendations of the final report of the Inquiry into the Development of Northern Australia;
- (2) providing customs and border security at Townsville Airport is in line with one of the recommendations in the Development of Northern Australia final report;
- (3) the extra benefits to trade and tourism are important to opening Townsville to the international market and continuing Townsville's strong economic position in Northern Australia;
- (4) this Government is committed to creating more local jobs and opportunities for the North Queensland community; and
- (5) this continues the Government mantra of being open for business, and under new management.

(Notice given 12 February 2015.)

Time allotted — 60 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr E. T. Jones — 10 minutes.

Next Member — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 mins + 8 x 5 mins]

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

3 MS McGOWAN: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) the Government has committed \$100 million (GST exclusive) over four years to the delivery of the Mobile Black Spot Programme (MBSP);
- (b) the MBSP is expected to provide around 250 to 300 new or upgraded mobile base stations across Australia;

- (c) more than 6,000 locations around Australia have been nominated by the public, local councils, state government, community representatives and businesses as having ineffective or non-existent mobile phone reception; and
 - (d) the future viability and safety of communities in rural Australia and the electoral division of Indi are dependent on effective mobile phone coverage; and
- (2) calls on the Government to allocate significant additional funding to the MBSP in 2015-16 to provide additional new and upgraded mobile base stations across Australia.

(Notice given 24 February 2015.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Ms McGowan — 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 MS PARKE: To move—That this House:

(1) notes:

- (a) revelations that certain brands of imported frozen berries grown and/or packaged in China are suspected of having infected Australians with Hepatitis A through contamination with faecal matter;
 - (b) that Food Standards Australia and New Zealand presently only require 5 per cent of frozen berries imported into Australia to be tested and even then, not for Hepatitis A;
 - (c) that local berry growers are subject to demanding chemical and biological testing and inspection procedures at the growers' expense;
 - (d) that consumers who want to know where their food comes from face confusing country of origin labelling, for instance, the words 'made in Australia' can mean that all of the ingredients are made or grown elsewhere but are packaged in Australia;
 - (e) that this is an important public health issue demanding a strong Government response in the areas of food standards and food labelling; and
 - (f) that consumers are entitled to have:
 - (i) confidence that the food they buy for themselves and their children is safe; and
 - (ii) detailed information as to its ingredients and origins; and
- (2) calls on the Government to ensure comprehensive testing of food imports to Australia and appropriate labelling of food with regard to ingredients and origin.

(Notice given 24 February 2015.)

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

Ms Parke — 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

25 February 2015