

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 14**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**4 March 2020**

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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## 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, 3 March 2020.
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, 3 March 2020, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 23 March 2020, as follows:

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

##### Notices

- 1 MR PERRETT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Family Law Act 1975*, and for related purposes. (*Family Law Amendment (A Step Towards a Safer Family Law System) Bill 2020*)

(Notice given 2 March 2020.)

*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 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 2020*)

(Notice given 3 March 2020.)

*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 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 2020*, and for related purposes. (*Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2020*)

(Notice given 3 March 2020.)

*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 MR BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish Renew Australia and restrict activities in relation to thermal coal, and for related purposes. (*Green New Deal (Quit Coal and Renew Australia) Bill 2020*)  
(Notice given 3 March 2020.)

*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 CLAYDON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that:
  - (a) an effective public service relies on skilled public servants who have fair and equitable conditions of employment and job security;
  - (b) the Government’s arbitrary average staffing level (ASL) policy is:
    - (i) driving privatisation as it forces agencies to outsource their core functions;
    - (ii) causing a blowout in spending on contractors, consultants and labour hire; and
    - (iii) leading to a hollowing out of the public service; and
  - (c) evidence to the Australian Public Service (APS) Review indicates that contractors cost 40 per cent more than permanent APS employees;
- (2) notes that:
  - (a) the Australian National Audit Office Information Report No 19 of 2017-18, *Australian Government Procurement Contract Reporting*, indicates that in 2016-17:
    - (i) Government spending on consultants was close to \$700 million, up from around \$380 million in 2013;
    - (ii) ‘the big four’ had 1,617 consultancy contracts worth \$502.1 million since 2012-13;
  - (b) more than \$400 million has been spent on privatising Department of Human Services call centres, including a \$135 million contract for Stellar Asia Pacific, \$132 million to Concentrix Services, \$120 million to Datacom Connect and \$36 million to Serco Citizen Services;
  - (c) the National Disability Insurance Agency:
    - (i) recorded a 600 per cent increase in consultants and contractors over two years—from \$70 million in 2016 to \$430 million in 2018; and
    - (ii) has previously stated its staffing levels would be 10,595 staff in 2018-2019—this is now capped at 3,230 in the 2019-20 budget with core functions such as local area coordinators outsourced; and
  - (d) the Government’s billion dollar plan to privatise Australia’s visa system will lead to increased visa costs, data and national security risks and job losses; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
  - (a) abolish the arbitrary and damaging ASL policy;

- (b) ensure that workers doing the same job get the same pay to stop the use of labour hire from undermining the pay and conditions of existing workers; and
- (c) end the secrecy on government spending on contractors, consultants and labour hire firms.

*(Notice given 15 October 2019.)*

*Time allotted — 35 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Claydon — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 7 x 5 mins]

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

**6 MR RAMSEY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that there are:
  - (a) 1.3 million Australians with diabetes registered on the National Diabetes Services Scheme, with over 280 new people diagnosed and registered each day and an estimated 500,000 Australians with type 2 diabetes which remain undiagnosed; and
  - (b) an estimated 2 million Australians with pre-diabetes and at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes in the next 5-10 years;
- (2) acknowledges:
  - (a) diabetes is a complex metabolic disorder, which if not diagnosed early and treated well may lead to serious health complications such as blindness, limb amputation, heart disease and stroke, and kidney disease; and
  - (b) the Government's long standing commitment to improving the treatment and care of people with diabetes through establishing the Australian National Diabetes Strategy, the roll out of continuous glucose monitors and flash monitors to children, young adults, health care card holders and women with type 1 diabetes who are pregnant, while noting the need for all type 1 diabetics to have affordable access to this important technology, as well as the recently launched Diabetes in Schools program, the KeepSight program, and programs to prevent diabetes related amputations;
- (3) congratulates Australian of the Year 2020, Dr James Muecke AM for his work as an ophthalmologist working in many poor and developing nations, and for raising public awareness of the need to prevent type 2 diabetes through encouraging healthier lifestyles and healthier environments; and
- (4) calls on all state and federal governments to re-commit to a refreshed Australian National Diabetes Strategy and to fund and develop a national diabetes prevention program.

*(Notice given 2 March 2020.)*

*Time allotted — remaining private Members'*

*business time prior to 12 noon*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Ramsey — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 7 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 DR LEIGH:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) charities are the most trusted sector in Australian public life; and
  - (b) the Government's failure to act on fundraising reform is costing Australian charities over \$1 million every month;
- (2) acknowledges that:
  - (a) Australia's current framework of fundraising regulation creates unnecessary problems for charities and organisations who rely on donations from Australian supporters;
  - (b) current fundraising laws no longer meet the objectives that guided the decision to regulate donations;
  - (c) current fundraising compliance regimes do not allow charities to cultivate donor activity and make optimal use of the resources donors provide;
  - (d) meeting the requirements of Australia's seven different fundraising regimes is causing needless productivity loss for thousands of Australian charities and not-for-profits;
  - (e) Australia's current frameworks for investigation and enforcement have failed to adapt to the contemporary fundraising environment;
  - (f) current fundraising laws do not meet the donor-focused expectations and requirements that should govern fundraising regulation in the 21st century; and
  - (g) the mechanisms that regulate third party fundraisers should ensure the culture of third party fundraisers matches community perceptions of their clients;
- (3) recognises that:
  - (a) for several years, the charity and not-for-profit sector has been calling for reform of Australia's fundraising laws;
  - (b) Treasury's five year review of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, delivered on 31 May 2018, identified fundraising law as the major reporting burden on charities and recommended that fundraising law be harmonised across the country;

- (c) in February 2019, the Senate Select Committee into Charitable Fundraising in the 21st Century called on Parliament to harmonise fundraising law within two years;
  - (d) that inquiry, chaired by Labor Senator Catryna Bilyk, delivered a unanimous report, with its recommendations being supported by Greens Senator Rachel Siewert, Liberal Senators Eric Abetz and Amanda Stoker, former Labor Senator David Smith, and former United Australia Party Senator Brian Burston; and
  - (e) postponing fundraising reform has had significant costs to the charity and not-for profit sector, with the committee estimating that the annual cost to charities and their donors is around \$15 million; and
- (4) calls on the Government to:
- (a) support Australian charities by ending unnecessary waste of their precious resources;
  - (b) support the generous Australian donors who donate money to our charities, by ensuring their donations are not needlessly eroded by redundant administrative and regulatory costs;
  - (c) work with state and territory governments and the not-for-profit sector to deliver a consistent national model for regulating not-for-profit and charitable fundraising activities before February 2021; and
  - (d) immediately provide a public response to the recommendations made in the review panel's report, *Strengthening for Purpose: Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Legislation Review*, which was provided to the Government on 31 May 2018.

*(Notice given 22 October 2019.)*

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Dr Leigh — 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 CONNELLY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Census and Statistics Amendment (Statistical Information) Regulations 2020 tabled in Parliament on 11 February 2020 seek to ask a question in the 2021 census about whether someone has served in the Australian Defence Force (ADF); and
- (2) recognises that having a census question around the ADF service will:
  - (a) for the first time, give a complete picture of the number of veterans in Australia; and
  - (b) allow governments of all levels to deliver the right services in the right areas to support veterans and their families.

*(Notice given 3 March 2020.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Connelly — 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 MR GILES:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that the:

- (a) Government has failed refugees and humanitarian entrants in Australia;
- (b) Government for the past six years has failed to provide effective policy in regard to employment and settlement outcomes for refugees and humanitarian entrants;
- (c) Shergold report, *Investing in Refugees, Investing in Australia*, was finished in February 2019, and the Government refused to release the report for 10 months;
- (d) the Shergold report highlights the concerning failures of important programs such as the Adult Migrant English Program and Jobactive in supporting social and economic participation; and
- (e) the Shergold report highlights the absence of an effective place-based community sponsorship policy which harnesses the collective strength of whole communities partnering with their local governments, service providers and community organisations; and

(2) recognises the:

- (a) failure of the Government to provide leadership and policy coordination;
- (b) contribution of state, territory and local governments, front-line service providers and community organisations in supporting refugees and humanitarian entrants; and
- (c) significant social and economic contribution made by refugees and humanitarian entrants in Australia.

*(Notice given 27 November 2019.)*

*Time allotted — 45 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Giles — 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 PEARCE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the importance of working with our Pacific neighbours to deliver a region that is secure and sovereign; and
- (2) notes:
  - (a) the Government’s Pacific Maritime Security Program is providing the region with a modern and coordinated security capability; and
  - (b) the Government is delivering important infrastructure projects that will enhance their security capability—this includes:
    - (i) Fiji’s Blackrock Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Camp;
    - (ii) gifting of Guardian Class Patrol Boats; and
    - (iii) the joint initiative with Papua New Guinea and the Lombrum Naval Base.

*(Notice given 3 March 2020.)*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Pearce — 5 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 7 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**

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

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) the trial and extradition of Mr Julian Assange are inconsistent with international law, and Australian legal standards, and contravene the individual rights and protections for which these laws and standards provide;
  - (b) the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment has found that Mr Assange ‘showed all symptoms typical for prolonged exposure to psychological torture, including extreme stress, chronic anxiety and intense psychological trauma’;
  - (c) several medical reports find that Mr Assange is in ill-health due to prolonged arbitrary confinement, and indeed the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention ruled that the 50-week sentence of Mr Assange for bail violation, which formally ended on 21 September 2019, was punitive and disproportionate given the nature of the offence and usual sentences;

- (d) Mr Assange is facing extradition for an alleged political offence, which is expressly prohibited by Article 4(1) of the Anglo-US Extradition Treaty and an abuse of power; and
  - (e) Mr Assange is an Australian citizen and, if convicted in the US, faces 175 years in prison, which would be in effect a death sentence;
- (2) acknowledges that Mr Assange is a publisher and journalist, as recognised by his 2011 Walkley award and 17 other awards for excellence in journalism and promoting human rights, and that his charges:
- (a) are a direct assault on press freedom; and
  - (b) threaten the protection of others who publish classified information in the public interest; and
- (3) calls for Mr Assange to be allowed to return to Australia.  
(Notice given 3 March 2020.)

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Wilkie — 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.*

**6 MR ALEXANDER:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that between 1 and 2 per cent of the Australian population suffers from heart failure, with this proportion higher in Indigenous communities;
- (2) acknowledges with concern the rising cost of care for the growing number of Australians with heart failure, including the duration and frequency of hospitalisation, medical management and health complications;
- (3) further notes that research from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare states that over 60,000 heart failure hospital admissions, amounting to over 400,000 bed days and a cost to the healthcare system of \$3.9 billion are potentially preventable;
- (4) welcomes the arrival of proven technologies, including trans catheter mitral valve repair, which have demonstrated transformative improvements in addressing underlying causes of heart failure including functional and degenerative mitral regurgitation;
- (5) commends the support given by clinicians, advocates, carers and families of Australians suffering from heart failure;
- (6) welcomes with appreciation the announcement of the Government's commitment of \$220 million over 10 years for the Cardiovascular Mission under the Medical Research Fund;
- (7) acknowledges the Government's commitment to address all forms of heart disease under the National Action Plan for Heart and Stroke;
- (8) notes the current consideration by the Medical Services Advisory Committee of transcatheter mitral valve repair; and

- (9) calls on the Government to ensure all Australians have early access to proven procedures and technologies, such as transcatheter mitral valve repair, where indicated, to address the rising healthcare burden and premature mortality represented by heart failure.

*(Notice given 3 March 2020.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Alexander — 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.*

**7 MR ZAPPIA:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) between 2013 and 2019 apprenticeship numbers fell by almost 140,000 from 412,787 to 276,248;
- (b) in 2018-19, Australia recruited around 110,000 skilled permanent migrants and 41,220 temporary skilled visa migrants to fill skills shortages;
- (c) around 730,000 people are unemployed and 1.2 million people are underemployed;
- (d) government funding cuts to skills and apprenticeship training are preventing Australians from pursuing skills and trade occupations;
- (e) the failure to invest in skills training will impact on future national capability; and
- (f) claims are being made that there is a shortage of skilled workers for the submarine replacement program; and

(2) calls on the Government to invest in Australian skills training and reverse the loss of Australian trade and skills training opportunities.

*(Notice given 3 March 2020.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Zappia — 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.*

**8 MR RAMSEY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the long-term business investment General Motors has made in Australia over 72 years and the impact its decision to withdraw from the Australian market will have on more than 200 Holden dealerships across Australia;
- (2) asks that as General Motors terminates Holden sales in Australia that it demonstrates the respect the Holden brand deserves;
- (3) acknowledges General Motors has been the beneficiary of more than \$2 billion of Australian taxpayers subsidies;
- (4) recognises the potential job impact on Holden dealerships who employ around 9,000 people, including sales people, service technicians, finance and insurance professionals and back office functions and calls on General Motors to ensure that adequate compensation is offered to Holden dealers around the country who have invested significant capital in showroom facilities, service and repair equipment, stock and parts and ensure also that dealerships have assistance for redundancy payments;
- (5) notes that when General Motors ceased vehicle and engine production in Australia in 2017, the company committed to retaining 1000 direct staff plus 6000 people across the 200 strong national dealer network; and
- (6) further recognises there are 1.6 million Holdens currently on Australia's roads and customers deserve to have confidence they will have ongoing support from General Motors in servicing and spare parts for the future.

*(Notice given 2 March 2020.)*

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Ramsey — 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 AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION EMERGENCY BROADCASTS:**  
Resumption of debate (*from 2 March 2020*) on the motion of Ms Sharkie—That this House:

- (1) thanks the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) for its service in delivering vital emergency broadcasts and comprehensive coverage during the catastrophic fires;
- (2) acknowledges the dramatic rise in emergency broadcasts—from 256 in 2017 to 371 in 2018-19 and 673 so far this year, which have been delivered without additional funding to cover the resources which have been poured into the emergency broadcast effort;
- (3) recognises that since Boxing Day, as bushfires raged across Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia, the ABC handled more than 100 emergency

- broadcasts in a single week, receiving widespread praise for the practical, life-saving information and the professionalism on display;
- (4) notes the heavy damage sustained to ABC radio and television network infrastructure during the bushfires, particularly at Bateman's Bay in New South Wales and East Gippsland in Victoria;
  - (5) commends the ABC for mobilising to restore local radio stations as a priority because of their critical role in providing information to communities during disasters;
  - (6) acknowledges that the ABC should not be put into a position of having to economise on its emergency broadcasting due to Government funding cuts; and
  - (7) calls on the Government to reverse the \$83.7 million paused in indexation funding as a matter of urgency.

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

*Speech time limits —*

*All Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 3 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

4 March 2020