

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 25

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

29 May 2024

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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, 28 May 2024.
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, 28 May 2024, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 3 June 2024, as follows:

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR LEESER:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish a commission of inquiry into antisemitism at Australian universities, and for related purposes. (*Commission of Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian Universities Bill 2024*)

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 MR GEE:** To present a Bill for an Act to require businesses to accept cash payments for certain transactions, and for related purposes. (*Keeping Cash Transactions in Australia Bill 2024*)

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 WALLACE:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) anonymous perpetrators of family, domestic and sexual violence use social media to bully, harass, and target their victims;
- (b) anonymous predators use social media to groom, traffic and exploit children;
- (c) anonymous parties and organised crime gangs use armies of operatives and automated bots to radicalise, terrorise and steal from vulnerable Australians; and
- (d) the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs in 2021 recommended the introduction of identity verification for social media platforms to strip malicious actors of their anonymity in an effort to prevent technology-facilitated abuse;

- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) this recommendation was made with bipartisan support; and
 - (b) the ongoing, and in some cases default, application of end-to-end encryption on social media and messaging platforms risks undermining existing mechanisms to deploy, detect, disrupt, and prosecute harmful and unlawful conduct;
- (3) further notes that the Government did not support recommendation 30 of the final report on the Inquiry into Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence;
- (4) condemns the Government for its:
 - (a) refusal so far to support the recommendation to implement a mandated social media identification verification regime;
 - (b) failure to address the child safety, organised crime, and national security risks posed by online anonymity; and
 - (c) patent fealty to big tech, big porn and the big end of town; and
- (5) calls on the Minister for Communications to:
 - (a) charge the eSafety Commissioner with expeditiously developing a roadmap toward social media identification verification within 12 months; and
 - (b) commence the implementation of the social media identification verification regime within three months of its release.

(Notice given 14 May 2024.)

Time allotted — 35 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Wallace — 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.*

4 MS SWANSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the:
 - (a) Government is delivering a responsible budget that provides cost of living help now, builds a stronger and more resilient economy and invests in a future made in Australia; and
 - (b) budget delivers for all Australians by:
 - (i) easing cost of living pressures;
 - (ii) building more homes for Australians;
 - (iii) investing in a Future Made in Australia, and in the skills and universities needed to make it a reality;
 - (iv) strengthening Medicare and the care economy; and
 - (v) broadening opportunity and advancing equality; and

- (2) acknowledges:
- (a) the Government's number one priority is delivering cost of living relief to Australians; and
 - (b) that the responsible economic management by the Government has:
 - (i) delivered back-to-back budget surpluses;
 - (ii) seen 82 per cent of revenue upgrades returned since coming to government over the forward estimates;
 - (iii) saved and reprioritised \$77.4 billion of spending since coming to government;
 - (iv) limited real spending growth to an average of 1.4 per cent;
 - (v) improved the budget position by a forecast \$214.7 billion over the six years to 2027-28 compared to the former Government;
 - (vi) reduced debt as a share of the economy;
 - (vii) improved Australia's debt position with gross debt \$152 billion lower in this financial year than was forecast at the time of the election; and
 - (viii) avoided \$80 billion in interest costs over the decade due to the improved budget position compared to what was inherited at the election.

(Notice given 28 May 2024.)

Time allotted — 35 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Swanson — 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.*

5 MS LE: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges:
- (a) Australians are currently battling the cost of living pressures and struggling to pay for mortgages, bills and everyday household needs;
 - (b) across various petrol stations within Australia, the petrol prices have consistently remained above \$2 per litre and Australians are expected to pay approximately \$100 to fill their tank or up to \$200 for large vehicles; and
 - (c) in the electoral division of Fowler, being one of the most disadvantaged electorates, approximately 60 per cent of constituents rely on their vehicles to commute to work and from work, including to other electorates;
- (2) notes that in 2022, the previous Government temporarily reduced fuel excise duty from 30 March 2022 to 28 September 2022, which provided significant relief to the cost of living crisis following the aftermath of COVID-19; and
- (3) calls on the Government to indefinitely reduce fuel excise duty as a form of cost of living relief for Australians currently experiencing financial hardship.

(Notice given 28 May 2024.)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Le — 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.

Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Orders of the day

1 DECARBONISED INDUSTRIES: Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 2024*) on the motion of Ms Chaney—That this House:

- (1) notes that under its Inflation Reduction Act, the United States of America (USA) has committed more than one trillion (AUD) in incentives to accelerate the USA's transition to net zero by 2050;
- (2) acknowledges that, with our abundant natural resources, Australia is well-placed to become a renewable energy superpower;
- (3) further notes that business representatives have raised concerns that Australia is lagging in the race to decarbonise, in part due to:
 - (a) unwieldy state and federal approvals processes;
 - (b) low investor confidence due to decades of climate inaction;
 - (c) the comparatively high cost of doing business; and
 - (d) competition from other countries with stronger support structures for new industries; and
- (4) calls on the Government to commit to an urgent, comprehensive and well-funded plan to increase our international competitiveness in decarbonised industries.

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

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

1 DR FREELANDER: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Government is continuing to improve our health system by:
 - (a) strengthening Medicare by:
 - (i) growing the number of Medicare Urgent Care Clinics to 87;
 - (ii) expanding the range of free mental health services;
 - (iii) increasing the number of Medicare eligible magnetic resonance imaging machines;
 - (iv) delivering funding for Medicare rebates for nuclear medicine imaging and common medical tests; and
 - (v) boosting the supply of healthcare in areas of shortage; and
 - (b) easing cost of living pressures with cheaper medicines, and through:
 - (i) reducing patient costs and improving access to medicines;
 - (ii) listing new medicines on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme;
 - (iii) making Australia a destination for clinical trials; and
 - (iv) investing in ground-breaking new health and medical research; and
- (2) acknowledges:
 - (a) that only a Labor-led Government can be trusted to invest in and strengthen Medicare; and
 - (b) the damage done to Australia's health system by the Leader of the Opposition who, as the Minister for Health:
 - (i) tried to tax visits to general practitioners;
 - (ii) tried to tax visits to emergency departments; and
 - (iii) cut \$50 billion from Australian hospitals.

(Notice given 28 May 2024.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Dr Freeland — 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 FLETCHER: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that following a ten-month blockade of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) in defiance of the orders of the International Court of Justice, on 19 September 2023, Azerbaijan conducted an unprovoked 24-hour military assault against Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh);
- (2) unequivocally condemns the lightning military assault which resulted in the forcible displacement of an estimated 100,000 indigenous Armenians from their ancestral homeland;

- (3) acknowledges the:
 - (a) Government's condemnation of the 24-hour military assault and the allocation of \$500,000 in humanitarian aid to the UNHCR, complementing contributions from the City of Ryde and Willoughby City Council; and
 - (b) bipartisan parliamentary support for emergency funding and expertise to the International Committee of the Red Cross to assist the indigenous Armenian population of Nagorno-Karabakh;
- (4) calls on Azerbaijan to abide by the International Court of Justice's provisional measures handed down on 17 November 2023, calling for the right of return for Armenians displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh under enforceable international guarantees of their security and rights;
- (5) further notes the ongoing tension in the region and calls on Azerbaijan to withdraw from the internationally recognised borders of the Republic of Armenia; and
- (6) further calls on Azerbaijan to release all illegally detained Armenian political prisoners, including civilians and calls on Azerbaijan to take steps to ensure the protection of ancient cultural and historical sites in Nagorno-Karabakh.

(Notice given 14 May 2023.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Fletcher — 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 MS FERNANDO: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that the Government is putting in place significant reforms in response to the Australian Universities Accord to provide cost of living relief and to make higher education better and fairer for students, including those from low socio-economic status or disadvantaged backgrounds and those from the outer suburbs and from regional Australia;
- (2) welcomes the Government's target of 80 per cent of the workforce having a tertiary qualification by 2050;
- (3) further recognises that if the broader accord targets are achieved, \$240 billion will be added to the economy over the period to 2050; and
- (4) commends the Government for progress on all five priority actions from the Australian Universities Accord interim report and its response to 29 of the Australian Universities Accord recommendations in full or in part, including to:
 - (a) change the way indexation is calculated, wiping around \$3 billion in student debt from more than 3 million Australians;
 - (b) introduce a Commonwealth Prac Payment for teaching, nursing and midwifery and social work students undertaking mandatory placements;
 - (c) fully fund Fee-Free Uni Ready courses to provide more students with an enabling pathway into higher education;

- (d) guarantee funding for student led organisations; and
 - (e) establish an independent National Student Ombudsman.
- (Notice given 28 May 2024.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Fernando — 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 MR HAMILTON: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the importance of home ownership to Australian families and that home ownership remains the Australian dream;
- (2) notes:
 - (a) the increasing financial pressure on households with many Australians suffering mortgage stress; and
 - (b) research by Roy Morgan that an increased level of mortgage stress is being experienced across the country;
- (3) acknowledges that the:
 - (a) high spending, high taxing policies of the Government has entrenched inflation and failed to support Australians struggling with high interest rates; and
 - (b) Government has failed to take the cost of living crisis seriously, with real disposable incomes collapsing by 7.5 per cent, per capita since the Government came to power, as a result of higher prices, higher taxes and higher interest rates; and
- (4) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) admit that the Government’s policies are causing financial hardship for many Australians and fuelling the cost of living crisis; and
 - (b) immediately implement policies to address the high level of inflation and protect Australians from mortgage stress.

(Notice given 14 May 2024.)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Hamilton — 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.*

Items for Federation Chamber (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices – continued

5 MR LAXALE: To move—That this House:

- (1) commends the Government's Future Made in Australia plan that is securing Australia's position in the changing global economy;
- (2) notes the Government is maximising the opportunities of the net zero transformation by:
 - (a) providing \$168.1 million to better prioritise approval decisions for renewable energy projects of national significance, and support faster decisions on environment, cultural heritage and planning approvals;
 - (b) investing \$3.2 billion over the next decade through the Australian Renewable Energy Agency to support the commercialisation of technologies that are critical to net zero, including through a new \$1.7 billion Future Made in Australia Innovation Fund;
 - (c) investing an estimated \$8 billion over the decade in production incentives for renewable hydrogen, supporting new export and manufacturing opportunities;
 - (d) investing an estimated \$7 billion over 11 years in production tax incentives to support downstream refining and processing of Australia's 31 critical minerals;
 - (e) committing \$1.5 billion to manufacturing clean energy technologies, including the \$1 billion Solar Sunshot and \$523.2 million Battery Breakthrough, and launching the National Battery Strategy; and
 - (f) undertaking a strategic examination of Australia's research and development system, and investing \$38.2 million in a range of science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM) programs to increase diversity in STEM; and
- (3) calls on the Opposition to support Australia's manufacturing future and the creation of more secure, well-paid jobs.

(Notice given 28 May 2024.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Laxale — 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 THOMPSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) Australia is facing the most complex set of strategic challenges since the end of the Second World War;
 - (b) the importance of a strong and capable sovereign defence industrial base to ensure we can respond to these strategic challenges without overreliance on international partners; and
 - (c) the failure of this Government to take meaningful action over the past two years to grow Australia's sovereign defence industrial base;
- (2) acknowledges industry research which shows;
 - (a) only one in four (25 per cent) of defence businesses are 'extremely' or 'very' confident that their existing or upcoming contracts will continue as planned over the next 12 months; and
 - (b) 47 per cent of defence businesses believe it is 'difficult' or 'extremely difficult' to operate in Australia's defence sector, including 64 per cent of small businesses and 48 per cent of medium enterprises; and
- (3) calls on the Government to urgently implement a policy framework and industry support to build our industrial self-reliance with Australian defence industry primes and successful small and medium enterprises.

(Notice given 14 May 2024.)

Time allotted — 45 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Thompson — 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 MS STANLEY: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) Western Sydney is the third largest economy in Australia behind the Sydney central business district and Melbourne; and
 - (b) the Western Sydney Airport opening in 2026 will create thousands of jobs, inject billions into the economy and support the continued growth of Western Sydney; and
- (2) commends the Government:
 - (a) for investing nearly \$2 billion extra in Western Sydney transport infrastructure, including 14 new projects and additional funding for two existing projects;
 - (b) for investing a total of \$17.3 billion for infrastructure projects to support the growth of Western Sydney and the development of the new Western Sydney Airport; and

- (c) on opening the new Moorebank Interstate Terminal, which will deliver thousands of local jobs in Western Sydney and ease congestion by removing more than 3,000 trucks off Sydney roads per day.

(Notice given 15 May 2024.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Stanley — 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.*

8 MR VIOLI: To move—That this House:

(1) notes:

- (a) that the former Government made record investments which saw more than 227,000 people access home care packages, including our past two budgets which released an additional 80,000 home care packages to support older Australians;
- (b) the Government has released just 9,500 additional packages;
- (c) stakeholder concerns about the availability of in-home aged care services and the significant wait times being experienced by elderly Australians seeking to access care; and
- (d) many providers now have so many clients on their waiting lists that they have closed the lists altogether, leaving vulnerable Australians without vital supports; and

(2) calls on the Government to immediately address shortfalls for aged care packages to allow Australians to access the support they need, when they need it.

(Notice given 14 May 2024.)

Time allotted — 45 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Violi — 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.*

9 MS FERNANDO: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that intimate partner violence is a national crisis in Australia, with a quarter of all Australian women having experienced it in their lifetime;
- (2) welcomes the Government's:
 - (a) announcement of \$925.2 million over five years to permanently establish the Leaving Violence Program, so those escaping violence can receive financial support of up to \$5,000, as well as financial support, safety assessments and referrals to support pathways, to help them establish a home free from violence;
 - (b) commitment to introduce legislation to ban the creation and non-consensual distribution of deepfake pornography;
 - (c) ongoing commitment to the Stop it at the Start campaign; and
- (3) commends the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-32.

(Notice given 14 May 2024.)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Fernando — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

THE HON D. M. DICK MP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

29 May 2024