

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 85**

Committee and delegation business;

private Members' business

and

Consideration of bills

**19 June 2013**

## 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 24 June 2013.
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 June 2013, as follows:

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

#### **COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS**

##### **Presentation and statements**

#### **1 Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security**

*Review of the Potential Reforms of Australia's National Security.*

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Byrne — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.*

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

#### **2 Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs**

*Sport: More Than Just a Game.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.30 am.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Saffin — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.*

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

### **3 Standing Committee on Procedure**

*Maintenance of the standing and sessional orders.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.35 am.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Lyons — 5 minutes.*

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

### **4 Australian parliamentary delegation to Papua New Guinea**

*Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Papua New Guinea.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.45 am.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Grierson — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.*

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

### **5 Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs**

*Troubled Waters: inquiry into the arrangements surrounding crimes committed at sea.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.55 am.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Perrett — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.*

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

## **6 Standing Committee on Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry**

*Inquiry into the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Annual Report 2011-12.*

*Inquiry into the Wine Australia Annual Report 2011-12.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the reports may be made — all statements to conclude by 11.05 am.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Adams — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.*

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

## **7 Standing Committee on Health and Ageing**

*Thinking ahead: Report on the inquiry into dementia: early diagnosis and intervention.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 11.15 am.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Ms Hall — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.*

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

## **8 Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**

*Trading Lives: Modern Day Human Trafficking – Report of the Inquiry into Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 11.25 am.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr L. D. T. Ferguson — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.*

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

## **9 Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**

*Delegation Report: Visit to Timor-Leste and Indonesia (7 to 11 November 2011).*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 11.35 am.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Danby — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 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 the regulation of renewable fuel content in motor vehicle spirits, and for related purposes. (*Renewable Fuel Bill 2013*) (*Notice given 18 June 2013.*)

*Time allotted — 10 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Katter — 10 minutes.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 1 x 10 mins]

*Presenter may speak for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41.*

## **COMMITTEE STATEMENTS**

### **10 Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

*Statement by Chair on current Committee inquiries.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 11.50 am.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Symon — 5 minutes.*

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

## 11 Standing Committee on Regional Australia

*Statements by Chair and Deputy Chair on Committee inquiries.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the inquiries may be made — remaining private Members' business time prior to 12 noon.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Windsor — 5 minutes.*

*Mr Gibbons — 5 minutes.*

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

## Items for House of Representatives Chamber (8 to 9.30 pm)

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Presentation and statements – continued

## 12 Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

*Care of ADF Personnel Wounded and Injured on Operations.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 8.05 pm.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Dr Jensen — 5 minutes.*

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

### Orders of the day

**1 MR HAYES:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2013*) on the motion of Mr Hayes—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) on 16 May 2013 two young activists, Nguyen Phuong Uyen, age 21, and Dinh Nguyen Kha, age 25, were sentenced to six and eight years, respectively, in jail by the People's Court of Long An province in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;
- (b) the two activists were arrested for distributing literature protesting against China's claims to the Paracel and Spratly Islands in the South China Sea; and
- (c) there are credible reports from various international agencies of continuing human rights violations in Vietnam which is evidenced by the high number of house detentions and imprisonment for people engaged in activities as basic as expressing views contrary to the Vietnamese Government's position; and

- (2) calls on the Australian Government to:
  - (a) refer the matters of Nguyen Phuong Uyen and Dinh Nguyen Kha, and other issues concerning human rights in Vietnam that have been raised in the Australian Parliament, to the next round of the Australia-Vietnam Human Rights Dialogue; and
  - (b) continue to take appropriate steps to convey to the Vietnamese Government that Australia expects Vietnam to honour its obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

*Time allotted — 5 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*First Member speaking — 5 minutes.*

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

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

## **Notices – continued**

### **2 MR ZAPPIA:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes with concern the lifting of restrictions, by State governments, on activities that present biodiversity and environmental risks to designated conservation parks within their care and control;
- (2) recognises the importance of conservation parks in protecting natural environmental assets, creating biodiversity corridors and refuges for threatened flora and fauna; and
- (3) calls on the Government to consider measures that can be implemented to protect national parks from activities such as land clearing, mining, grazing and hunting.  
(*Notice given 17 June 2013.*)

*Time allotted — 50 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Zappia — 10 minutes.*

*Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

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

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



## Orders of the day – continued

### 2 INFRASTRUCTURE (PRIORITY FUNDING) AMENDMENT BILL 2013 (Mr Bandt): Second reading (from 27 May 2013.)

*Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 9.30 pm.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Bandt — 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.*

## Items for Federation Chamber (approx 11 am to approx 1.30 pm)

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices

#### 1 DR WASHER: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the significant hazard to healthcare workers through needlestick, scalpel and other sharps injuries, with estimates of up to 18,000 healthcare employees suffering injuries each year;
- (2) notes that these injuries present a serious health and safety risk, exposing healthcare workers to dangerous blood-borne pathogens including the Hepatitis B Virus, Hepatitis C Virus and Human Immunodeficiency Virus;
- (3) is:
  - (a) concerned that approximately 50 per cent of needlestick, scalpel and other sharps injuries are not reported, with rates of under-reporting ranging from 40 per cent to 80 per cent; and
  - (b) aware that 1 in 9 nurses suffered at least one needlestick, scalpel or other sharps injury in the past 12 months;
- (4) acknowledges that preventative measures can be taken to reduce injury, including the use of safety engineered medical devices which, when combined with relevant education and training, reduces the incidence of sharps injuries;
- (5) notes that Australia lags behind other western countries that have mandated measures to reduce sharps injuries, such as:
  - (a) the United States, that signed into law more than a decade ago the *Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act of 2000*, 106 USC 430 (2000);
  - (b) Canada, where 6 out of 10 provinces have Occupational Health and Safety Regulations mandating the use of safety engineered medical devices;
  - (c) the United Kingdom, where the Health and Safety Executive has introduced the *Health and Safety (Sharp Instruments) Regulations 2013*; and

- (d) the European Union, that introduced Council Directive 2010/32/EU three years ago to ‘prevent blood borne infections to hospital and healthcare workers from sharp instruments’; and
- (6) calls on the Government to immediately improve healthcare worker safety by bringing Australia into line with the abovementioned countries. (Notice given 29 May 2013.)

*Time allotted — 90 minutes.*

*Dr Washer — 10 minutes.*

*Next 3 Members speaking — 10 minutes each.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

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

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

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

- (1) Australia has an abundance of natural gas reserves, with gas production projected to quadruple from 2095 petajoules in 2010 to over 8,000 petajoules in 2034-35;
- (2) the export of natural gas is booming, projected to triple from 20 million tonnes in 2010-11 to over 63 million tonnes by 2017;
- (3) at the same time Australia’s primary energy consumption of gas is expected to increase from 22 per cent in 2008-09 to 35 per cent in 2034-35, which is consistent with Government policy to shift households and businesses to more efficient and less carbon intensive energy sources;
- (4) in Australia, manufacturing, mining and electricity generation are the largest consumers of gas, consuming 84 per cent;
- (5) driven by near-term infrastructure and supply constraints, Australia is facing a price squeeze on gas at the same time as many large contracts for gas supply expire from 2014;
- (6) Australian manufacturing and domestic suppliers are therefore heavily exposed to rising prices and access to contracts for supply of gas at competitive pricing;
- (7) in North America, governments have adopted the strategy of giving priority to domestic supply at affordable prices over other uses as a means of reinvigorating their manufacturing sector, which has led to the establishment of new businesses in the United States and the creation of over 500,000 new manufacturing jobs; and
- (8) steps must be taken to ensure that affordable and reliable gas is available for manufacturing and households and that the Government must bring forward policy to achieve this. (*Notice given 18 June 2013.*)

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*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 mins + 2 x 5 mins]

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

**3 MR SLIPPER:** To move—That this House:

- (1) calls on the Government to reverse its disappointing and retrograde decision announced in the Budget to close the Australian Embassy in Hungary, based in Budapest; and
- (2) acknowledges the:
  - (a) close relationship that exists between our two countries, including our shared democratic values which see us cooperate in numerous international fora as demonstrated by our mutual support for each other's candidature for non-permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council, our joint support for peace building efforts of the international community, particularly in Afghanistan, and our mutual cooperation in difficult times, for example, Hungary's consular assistance for Australian citizens in Syria;
  - (b) important interdependence of Hungary and Australia in providing a bridge for Australia into central Europe and Australia's reciprocal role in providing access for Hungary in the Asia Pacific region, and that this growing bilateral relationship will further boost economic ties and trade particularly Australian investments in the Hungarian energy sector;
  - (c) close people-to-people links which see up to 250,000 Australians of Hungarian origin making an important contribution both economically and culturally to the relationship between the two countries and assisting to promote the close friendship among Australia, Hungary and other countries of central Europe; and
  - (d) fact that in addition to the Hungarian Embassy in Canberra, Hungary has recently opened a consulate in Melbourne to contribute further to the growing strength of the bilateral relationship. (*Notice given 4 June 2013.*)

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Mr Slipper — 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.*

## **Orders of the day**

### **1 MARRIAGE EQUALITY AMENDMENT BILL 2012: (Mr Bandt):** Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2013.*)

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

*First Member speaking — 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.*

## **Items for Federation Chamber (approx 6.30 pm to 9 pm)**

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**

#### **Orders of the day – continued**

### **2 MS MARINO:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 2013*) —That this House:

(1) acknowledges that:

- (a) cyber-bullying and inadequate cyber-safety poses a significant threat to the welfare and security of all Australians, especially young people; and
- (b) this threat will increase with new technology and greater connectivity; and

(2) calls on the Government to enhance cyber-safety education in all Australian schools.

*Time allotted — 90 minutes.*

*First 6 Members speaking — 10 minutes each.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

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

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

## Notices - continued

### 4 MS HALL: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
  - (a) rare diseases are complex, often with inadequate or no treatment;
  - (b) approximately 10 per cent of the Australian population is directly affected by one or more of the 8000 rare diseases and 400,000 of these people are children; and
  - (c) collectively there are around 1.2 million Australians with a rare disease, the same number as Australians affected by diabetes;
- (2) recognises that:
  - (a) Australians living with rare diseases need the opportunity to be involved in national and international clinical trials; and
  - (b) in order to progress medical research in the field of rare diseases, the benefits of a national rare disease registry should be investigated;
- (3) acknowledges:
  - (a) Rare Voices Australia, the first national organisation devoted to rare diseases in Australia that focuses on improving quality of life for all families, friends and carers that are impacted by a rare disease in their everyday lives; and
  - (b) the participation of advocates from Rare Voices Australia in a world first international Rare Diseases Research Consortium this year; and
- (4) investigates establishing a national patient registry for research purposes for people living with a rare disease, which is free of commercial interests. (*Notice given 4 June 2013.*)

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Ms Hall — 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 GEORGANAS: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that 15 June is International Cleaners Day, recognising cleaners all over the world for their work and efforts;
- (2) recognises the:
  - (a) importance and significance of the work of cleaners; and
  - (b) important contributions of cleaners across the Australian community;
- (3) supports the call for a fair go for cleaners and recognises that cleaners are some of the lowest paid workers in Australia; and

- (4) congratulates all cleaners for their achievements and the work that they have done in advocating for the rights of fellow cleaners through the Clean Start campaign. (Notice given 6 June 2013.)

*Time allotted — 20 minutes.*

*Mr Georganas — 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.*

### **Orders of the day – continued**

### **3 COMPETITION AND CONSUMER AMENDMENT (STRENGTHENING RULES ABOUT MISUSE OF MARKET POWER) BILL 2013 (Mr Oakeshott):** Second reading (from 17 June 2013).

*Time allotted — remaining private Members’  
business time prior to 9 pm.*

*Mr Oakeshott — 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.*

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3. The committee recommends that the following items of private Members’ business listed on the notice paper be voted on:

*Orders of the Day—*

National Business Names Register (Mr Billson);

Dyslexia (Mr Christensen); and

Canned Food Industry (Dr Stone).

4. The committee determined that the following referral of a bill to a committee be made—

House Standing Committee on Education and Employment:

- Migration Amendment (Temporary Sponsored Visas) Bill 2013.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

This bill has been strongly criticised by employers, industry groups, the Migration Council of Australia and labour market experts, including the government's own advisers who have universally indicated that there is no evidence including from the Department of Immigration to support the suggestions of widespread rorting alleged by the Minister and government.

The bill reintroduces labour market testing which operated from 1996 to 2001 and was found then to be ineffective, costly and a significant delay to employer recruitment action. It also introduces a number of additional compliance and enforcement measures. These changes represent a major additional regulatory burden on business yet the Bill has been developed without consultation with industry groups or labour market experts. In addition the Prime Minister has exempted the bill from a Regulation Impact Statement for unspecified exceptional circumstances.

The bill requires further investigation into the regulatory impact the proposed changes will impose on Australian business and industry, together with impacts on labour market efficiency and business productivity from the reintroduction of labour market testing in particular. An inquiry is required to ensure no adverse impacts arise that would prohibit businesses from accessing the skilled labour they need to support Australian jobs and Australian investment.

**ANNA BURKE MP**  
Chair

19 June 2013