

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 24**

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

**14 June 2011**

## 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, 14 June 2011.
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, 20 June 2011, as follows:

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

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

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

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

*Annual Report of Committee Activities 2009–2010.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 8.10 pm.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Byrne — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member — 5 minutes.*

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

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

*Inquiry into the high levels of Indigenous juveniles and young adults in the criminal justice system.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 8.20 pm.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Neumann — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member — 5 minutes.*

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

### 3 Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety

*High-Wire Act, Cyber-Safety and the Young.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 8.30 pm.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Hawke — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member — 5 minutes.*

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

### 4 Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement

*Inquiry into the adequacy of aviation and maritime security measures to combat serious and organised crime.*

*The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 8.40 pm.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Hayes — 5 minutes.*

*Next Member — 5 minutes.*

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

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Notices

- 1 MR WILKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to restrict the export of live animals for slaughter pending its prohibition, and for related purposes (*Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011*). (Notice given 31 May 2011.)

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

- 2 MR BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Control Act 1982* to prohibit the export of live animals for slaughter, and for related purposes (*Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011*). (Notice given 31 May 2011.)

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

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

- (1) notes the:
  - (a) Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) created under the Howard Government's industrial relations legislation unfairly targets workers in the construction industry; and
  - (b) Government believes the current ABCC should be abolished and replaced with a new inspectorate that is part of the Fair Work Australia system; and
- (2) calls on all Members to support the abolition of the ABCC to restore fairness in the construction industry for workers and employers. (*Notice given 24 November 2010.*)

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Champion — 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.*

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**Items for Main Committee (approx 6.30 to 9 pm)**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**Notices**

**1 MR COBB:** To move—That this House:

- (1) deplores the inhumane treatment of cattle at some abattoirs in Indonesia;
- (2) notes that this is unacceptable to all Australians, especially our farmers, who take great pride in breeding and raising healthy and well cared for animals;
- (3) supports the suspension of trade of Australian live cattle to facilities that fail to comply with acceptable practices;
- (4) notes with concern the impact of a total live exports suspension to Indonesia on:
  - (a) the economic, social and environmental fabric of northern Australia;
  - (b) Indigenous employment in northern Australia;
  - (c) Indonesian abattoirs already operating at acceptable standards; and
  - (d) the entire cattle Industry including producers in the south who are already seeing reduced saleyard prices; and
- (5) calls on the Government to:
  - (a) immediately establish a register of Indonesian abattoirs, to be known as the Approved Indonesian Abattoir Register, that have adopted and implemented acceptable animal welfare standards;

- (b) require that Australian sourced cattle be processed only at abattoirs that are listed on the register;
- (c) revoke the legislative instrument Export Control (Export of Live-stock to the Republic of Indonesia) Order 2011 upon one or more Indonesian abattoirs being included on the register;
- (d) provide support to Indonesia to bring more abattoirs up to acceptable standards; and
- (e) provide assistance to the cattle industry to deal with the consequences of this suspension.

*Time allotted — 60 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Cobb — 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.*

## **2 MS PARKE:** To move—That this House:

### (1) notes:

- (a) that 20 June each year is World Refugee Day, celebrating the courageous spirit and resilience of more than 10 million refugees around the world;
- (b) that the global theme for World Refugee Day 2011, occurring in the year of the sixtieth anniversary of the United Nations Refugee Convention, is ‘1 refugee without hope is too many.’;
- (c) Australia’s history of support for the United Nations Refugee Convention and its objectives, being the sixth signatory to the 1951 United Nations Refugee Convention which brought the convention into force in 1954, and having since welcomed 750 000 refugees who have made an enormous contribution to the culture, economy and social fabric of Australian society;
- (d) that much of the political, media and public commentary in Australia regarding asylum-seekers and refugees misses or ignores the following facts:
  - (i) of the more than 10 million refugees identified by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), just over 100 000 or 1 per cent are resettled under orderly programs each year, which means that if someone puts their name on a list today they could wait more than 100 years for processing;
  - (ii) in many countries wracked by conflict, like Iraq or Afghanistan, there is no list or queue to join;
  - (iii) Australia’s 8250 asylum seekers in 2010 is a minimal number compared with the 358 000 people who sought asylum in the 44 major industrialised counties in 2010, and compared with the millions of people from Iraq and

Afghanistan who have sought refuge in neighbouring countries like Jordan, Iran and Pakistan.

- (iv) only two per cent of the world's asylum claims are made in Australia;
  - (v) persons fleeing from persecution are not 'illegals', they have a legal right under international law to seek asylum, and under the Menzies Government, Australia agreed to this by signing up to the United Nations Refugee Convention; and
  - (vi) while Essential Research has reported that 25 per cent of Australians believe that 75 per cent of our migrant intake is made up of asylum-seekers, in fact only 1 per cent of Australia's annual migrant intake comes from them and even less from asylum-seekers who arrive by boat;
- (2) notes the UNHCR report of April 2011 entitled *Back to Basics: The Right to Liberty and Security of Person and 'Alternatives to Detention' of Refugees, Asylum-Seekers, Stateless Persons and Other Migrants* and welcomes the forthcoming parliamentary inquiry into mandatory detention;
- (3) recognises that it is possible to protect Australia's borders while also treating asylum-seekers fairly, humanely and in accordance with international law; and
- (4) calls for:
- (a) a return to bipartisanship in support of a reasoned, principled and facts-based approach to the issue of asylum-seekers and refugees; and
  - (b) Australia to continue to work with other nations and the United Nations to address the complex global and regional challenges associated with increased numbers of asylum-seekers and other people movements that cannot be addressed by countries acting on their own.

*Time allotted — 30 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*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.*

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

- (1) acknowledges the Government's failure to deliver on its promise to provide a computer for every secondary school student between years 9 to 12 within the original budget commitment of \$1 billion;
- (2) condemns the Government for promising to families that they would not have to pay for charges associated with using the laptop computers, and then for breaking that promise by authorising schools to charge fees and levies to parents to use the laptops; and

- (3) calls on the Government to explain to families why it has broken its promise and why parents should be the ones to pay up to hundreds of dollars to make up the funding shortfall associated with the program, at a time when cost of living pressures are increasing.

*Time allotted — 40 minutes.*

*Speech time limits —*

*Mr Pyne — 10 minutes.*

*Next Member — 10 minutes.*

*Other Members — 5 minutes each.*

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking  
= 2 x 10 mins + 4 x 5 mins]

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

**4 MRS D'ATH:** To move—That this House:

- (1) expresses:

- (a) its condolences to:

- (i) the family of Senior Constable Damian Leeding who was shot in the line of duty on Sunday evening, 29 May 2011; and  
(ii) the colleagues of Senior Constable Leeding at Coomera CIB, Queensland Police Service; and

- (b) our gratitude to men and women who serve in our police forces across Australia for the burden placed upon them and the sacrifices they make to protect others; and

- (2) acknowledges:

- (a) the risks associated with the work performed by our men and women in the police forces across Australia and the bravery that they display in the performance of their duty; and  
(b) the husbands, wives and partners of serving police officers for their support of those who serve in our police forces. (*Notice given 2 June 2011.*)

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

*Speech time limits —*

*Mrs D’Ath— 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. The committee recommends that the following item of private Members' business listed on the notice paper be voted on:

*Orders of the Day* —

Political donations from tobacco companies

Harry Jenkins MP  
Chair

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