

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 25

Committee and delegation business

and

Private Members' business

21 June 2011

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Chair	Mr H A Jenkins MP, Speaker
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	Mr M M Coulton MP, Nationals Whip
	Hon W G Entsch MP, Chief Opposition Whip
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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, 21 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, 4 July 2011, 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 423: Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos 39 2009-10 to 15 2010-11.

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Oakeshott — 5 minutes.

Next Member — 5 minutes.

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

2 Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Report 424: Eighth biannual hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation.

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Oakeshott — 5 minutes.

Next Member — 5 minutes.

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

3 Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs

Inquiry into the regulation of billboard and outdoor advertising.

The Committee determined that statements may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.40 am.

Speech time limits —

Mr Perrett — 5 minutes.

Next Member — 5 minutes.

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

4 Standing Committee on Health and Ageing

Before it's too late: inquiry into early intervention programs aimed at preventing youth suicide.

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.50 am.

Speech time limits —

Mr Georganas — 5 minutes.

Next Member — 5 minutes.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend provisions in the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1998* relating to injuries sustained by firefighters, and for related purposes (*Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Bill 2011*). (Notice given 20 June 2011.)

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

- 2 MR ABBOTT:** To present a Bill for an Act to require a plebiscite before Australia introduces a carbon tax, and for related purposes (*Carbon Tax Plebiscite Bill 2011*). (Notice given 20 June 2011.)

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

- 3 **MRS MOYLAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Services Act 1995*, and for related purposes (*Air Services (Aircraft Noise) Amendment Bill 2011*)

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

- 4 **MR PYNE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the importance of the role that non-government schools play in reflecting the diversity of Australian society and serving a broad range of students, including those from a variety of religions, social backgrounds, regions, and socio-economic circumstances;
- (2) supports the continuation of a funding model into the future that distributes funds according to socio-economic need and which recognises that every non-government school student is entitled to a basic level of government funding;
- (3) calls on the Government to continue to support parents in their right to choose a school which they believe best reflects their values and beliefs, by not penalising parents who wish to make private contributions towards their child's education, nor discouraging schools in their efforts to fundraise or encourage private investment;
- (4) notes the many submissions made to the *Review of Funding for Schooling* by non-government sector authorities requesting that changes to school funding arrangements not leave schools or students worse off in real terms;
- (5) acknowledges that any reduction in government funding for non-government schools would need to be addressed by increasing the level of private income required to be raised by the school community (such as school fees), or through a reduction in the quality of the educational provision in affected schools; and
- (6) calls on the Government to make a clear commitment to the continuation of current funding levels to all non-government schools, plus indexation, and for this to be the basic starting point of any new funding model resulting from the *Review of Funding for Schooling* process. (*Notice given 14 June 2011.*)

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

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.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 LIVE ANIMAL EXPORT RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION BILL 2011

(Mr Wilkie): Second reading (from 20 June 2011)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Wilkie — 10 minutes.

Next Member — 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.*

2 LIVE ANIMAL EXPORT (SLAUGHTER) PROHIBITION BILL 2011

(Mr Bandt): Second reading (from 20 June 2011)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Bandt — 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 AUDITOR-GENERAL AMENDMENT BILL 2011 *(Mr Oakeshott): Second*

reading—Resumption of debate (from 21 March 2011)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Two Members — 10 minutes each.

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.*

Items for Main Committee (approx 11 am to approx 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR ADAMS: To move—That this House notes that 2011 is the International Year of the Forests (Year) and therefore asks Members to:

- (1) recognize that forest and sustainable forest management can contribute significantly to sustainable development, poverty eradication and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;
- (2) support concerted efforts to focus on raising awareness at all levels to strengthen the sustainable management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of current and future generations;
- (3) call upon State Governments, relevant regional and international organisations, and major groups to support activities related to the Year, inter alia, through voluntary contributions, and to link their relevant activities to the Year. (*Notice given 20 June 2011.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Adams — 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.*

2 MR RAMSEY: To move—That this House:

- (1) expresses:
 - (a) its greatest concern at the SA Government's decision to slash support for its Remote Areas Energy Scheme which subsidises off-grid generation for isolated communities; and
 - (b) great concern that the reduction in subsidy will lead to escalating power prices for businesses of up to 100 per cent, recognising users will pay as much as \$0.60 per kilowatt hour; and
- (2) names the affected communities as Coober Pedy, Andamooka, Yunta, Nundroo, Maria, Oodnadatta, Marree, Kingoonya, Glendambo, Parachilna, Blinman, Manna Hill and Cockburn;
- (3) recognises that as Coober Pedy relies on a desalinated water supply and that the reduction in subsidy will lead to the price of water rising to \$5.70 a kilolitre;
- (4) brings to the SA Government's notice that every other State and Territory in Australia which has off-grid generation systems for isolated communities supports a state-wide pricing policy;

- (5) expresses support for the affected communities and recognises the public outrage expressed at a public meeting in Coober Pedy on Sunday 15 May 2011 attended by Senator Nick Xenophon, SA Legislative Council Member the Hon. John Darley and Rowan Ramsey MP; and
- (6) condemns the SA Government for its actions and calls on it to immediately reinstate the subsidies and consider bringing SA into line with the rest of Australia in supporting state-wide pricing. (*Notice given 14 June 2011.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Ramsey — 10 minutes.

Next Member — 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 MS RISHWORTH: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the devastating impact of tobacco products on the lives of Australians, with smoking causing numerous life-threatening diseases including cardiovascular disease, lung cancer, stomach cancer, pancreatic cancer, liver cancer, cervical cancer, leukaemia and oral cancers, and that the majority of smokers regret the decision to ever start;
- (2) acknowledges that there is significant evidence to suggest that creative design, branding and promotion of tobacco through its packaging:
 - (a) reduces the impact of graphic health warnings;
 - (b) increases the attractiveness and appeal of tobacco products for adolescents; and
 - (c) misleads consumers to believe that some tobacco products are less harmful than others;
- (3) recognises that this Government is already implementing a suite of reforms aimed at reducing smoking and its harmful effects; and
- (4) supports the significant measures proposed by this Government including the measure to mandate plain packaging of tobacco products from 1 July 2012. (*Notice given 30 May 2011.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Rishworth — 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.*

4 MR FLETCHER: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) many home owners have reported incidents of suspected fraudulent insulation claims under the Government's Home Insulation Program to the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency;
 - (b) the Department has indicated to complainants that they may never be provided with advice about the outcome of investigations in each case; and
 - (c) the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and his Department, have failed to provide information concerning the number of claims of fraud that have been made or of instances of fraud which have been detected;
- (2) condemns the Government for failing to:
 - (a) provide specific information to home owners about the outcome of investigations into alleged fraud at their homes; and
 - (b) report to Parliament, and to Australian taxpayers who have funded the Home Insulation Program, the details on the number of claims of fraud that have been made or of instances of fraud which have been detected; and
- (3) calls on the Minister to:
 - (a) direct his Department to provide information to home owners on an ongoing basis concerning the progress of investigations into incidents of suspected fraud reported by those home owners;
 - (b) immediately authorise an additional 50 000 random home inspections from within allocated funds; and
 - (c) provide regular reports to the Australian public concerning investigations into fraud under the Home Insulation Program, that include the number of:
 - (i) claims of alleged fraud that have been received, identified in the Government-commissioned forensic audit, and investigated;
 - (ii) cases investigated that have been completed, and those that resulted in prosecutions, along with the outcomes of each;
 - (iii) prosecutions that are in train; and
 - (iv) cases where steps have been taken to seek restitution from fraudulent claimants, and the outcomes of such cases. (*Notice given 14 June 2011.*)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.30 pm (approximately).

Speech time limits —

Mr Fletcher — 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.

Items for Main Committee (approx 6.30 to 9 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

5 MR HAYES: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes with concern that on 30 May 2011 in the People's Court of Ben Tre, Vietnam, the following seven people were tried and convicted under Section 2 of Article 79 of the penal code, 'Attempting to overthrow the people's administration':
 - (a) Ms Tran Thi Thuy (8 years imprisonment and 5 years probation);
 - (b) Mr Pham Van Thong (7 years and 5 years probation);
 - (c) Pastor Duong Kim Khai (6 years and 5 years probation);
 - (d) Mr Cao Van Tinh (5 years and 4 years probation);
 - (e) Mr Nguyen Thanh Tam (2 years and 3 years probation);
 - (f) Mr Nguyen Chi Thanh (2 years and 3 years probation); and
 - (g) Ms Pham Ngoc Hoa (2 years and 3 years probation);
- (2) further notes all seven were advocates for democratic reform, and had:
 - (a) participated in non-violent protest;
 - (b) prepared and distributed material affirming Vietnamese sovereignty over the Paracel and Spratly Islands;
 - (c) petitioned the State for redress on behalf of local landholders; and
 - (d) as members of the 'Cattle Shed Congregation' of the Mennonite Church, engaged in peaceful advocacy for social justice; and
- (3) expresses its concern that the authorities of Vietnam appear to be using legal processes to rationalise human rights abuse and to silence peaceful opposition; and
- (4) calls on the Government to use the full weight of its diplomatic relations with Vietnam to lobby for substantial reform in human rights and basic freedoms in accordance with the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to which both Australia and Vietnam are parties. (*Notice given 2 June 2011.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Hayes — 10 minutes.

Next Member — 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.*

6 MR ALEXANDER: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the:
 - (a) unique contribution made by the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) to national defence since its inception 100 years ago; and
 - (b) naming of the Royal Australian Navy by King George V on 10 July 1911 as a significant step towards Australia's post-Federation independence from colonial rule; and
- (2) notes the significant role played by the electorate of Bennelong in the development of the RAN, particularly the construction of Halverson's ships in Ryde.

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Alexander — 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.*

7 MS O'NEILL: To move—That this House notes:

- (1) the release by the World Health Organisation's cancer research report by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) which says that radio frequency electromagnetic fields generated by mobile phones are 'possibly carcinogenic to humans' and asserts that heavy usage could lead to a possible increased risk of glioma, a malignant type of brain cancer;
- (2) the warnings of Dr Charlie Teo, one of Australia's leading brain surgeons and former Australian of the Year finalist, that 'there is an increasing body of evidence that there is an association between brain tumours and mobile phones';
- (3) that the Australian Government, through the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA), welcomes the report and considers that the classification by IARC corresponds to the current ARPANSA advice, including its advice on practical ways in which people can reduce their exposure to the electromagnetic fields produced by wireless telephones;
- (4) that the methods to reduce exposure include:
 - (a) limiting call time;
 - (b) preferring the use of land-line phones;
 - (c) using hands-free or speaker options;
 - (d) texting instead of making voice calls; and
 - (e) using phones in good signal areas which reduce power levels for communication; and

- (5) that ARPANSA has also recommended parents encourage their children to use these methods of reducing exposure.

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms O'Neill — 10 minutes.

Next Member — 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.*

8 MR CHESTER: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
- (a) the social and economic impact of wild dogs on the sheep, cattle and goat industry across Australia;
 - (b) the environmental impact of wild dogs preying on Australia native wildlife; and
 - (c) that according to the Australian Pest Animals Strategy, pest animal management requires coordination among all levels of government in partnership with industry, land and water managers and the community; and
- (2) highlights the need for a nationally consistent approach to effective wild dog control and ongoing Commonwealth funding to support research and on the ground work to reduce the impact of wild dogs on regional Australians. (*Notice given 2 June 2011.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Chester — 10 minutes.

Next Member — 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.*

9 MS BRODTMANN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
- (a) Australia had a record year in 2010 with 309 multiple organ donors;
 - (b) activity in 2011 shows that Australia is on track to steadily sustain this improvement with 112 donors already this year;

- (c) following the injection of \$151 million by the Government to establish a coordinated approach to organ donation, 242 staff have now been appointed in 77 hospitals and DonateLife agencies across Australia, thus enabling all jurisdictions to work cooperatively to support sustained improvements in organ donation;
 - (d) there were 931 transplants in 2010 and already there have been 327 transplants in 2011; and
 - (e) States and Territories are committed to supporting this reform agenda; and
- (2) acknowledges:
- (a) the selfless act of all donor families who have supported new life for transplant recipients;
 - (b) the introduction of a national protocol for donation after cardiac death that will ensure Australia maximises the number of organ donors;
 - (c) that many hospitals that have not previously donated organs and tissue are now undertaking this important role as a result of the extra funding and staffing that are available;
 - (d) that the States and Territories reaffirmed their commitment to the reform agenda in February 2011, in particular the financing of increases in tissue typing, retrieval of organs and transplant surgery;
 - (e) the success of the two advertising campaigns launched in May 2010 and February 2011; and
 - (f) the importance of continued input of community groups and non government organisations in raising awareness among the Australian community. (*Notice given 30 May 2011.*)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Brodtmann — 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 items of private Members' business listed on the notice paper be voted on:

Orders of the Day —

Live cattle exports (Mr Cobb)

Computers in schools (Mr Pyne)

Harry Jenkins MP
Chair

21 June 2011