

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 80

Private Members' business
and
referral of bills to committees

16 May 2013

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Report relating to the consideration of bills introduced 14 to 16 May 2013

1. The committee met in private session on 15 and 16 May 2013.
2. The committee determined that the following bill be referred to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit:

- Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Bill 2013.

REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

To ensure that combining the two Acts into a single Act does not impose additional and unnecessary reporting requirements on bodies subject to the Act and does not reduce transparency or remove important oversight where it is appropriate.

3. The committee decided to amend its determination in respect of private Members' business for the Federation Chamber on Monday 27 May 2013, from 11 am to 1.30 pm as reported to the House on Wednesday 15 May 2013, by substituting:

MS HALL: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the outstanding contribution made by both full time retained fire fighters and volunteer fire fighters within our community;
- (2) notes with deep concern that:
 - (a) over the course of the past month, the Belmont and Tingira Heights fire stations have been closed or 'taken off line' for a combined total of over 70 hours as result of a cost cutting exercise by the NSW Government; and
 - (b) the practice of taking fire stations off line is wide spread throughout NSW as a result of cost cutting measures and staffing reallocations conducted by the NSW Government;
- (3) condemns in the strongest possible terms the:
 - (a) ongoing closures of the Belmont and Tingira Heights fire stations;
 - (b) NSW Government's apparent cavalier attitude towards the safety of the people within the NSW electoral division of Shortland; and
 - (c) NSW Government's alleged attempts to threaten fire fighters who advertise the closure of the Belmont and Tingira Heights fire stations within the local community; and
- (4) demands that adequate staff be allocated to Belmont and Tingira Heights fire stations to ensure adequate fire protection is provided to all residents in the NSW electoral division of Shortland.

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

All members speaking — 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.*

in place of:

3 MR L. D. T. FERGUSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the accomplishments of 50 years of fruitful diplomatic relations between Peru and Australia, the continuing friendship between our nations and the contribution of Peruvian migrants in our nation building; and
- (2) notes:
 - (a) the reopening of our Embassy in Lima in September 2010;
 - (b) our:
 - (i) shared democratic values in the context of a strong commitment to transparency, well-established policy credibility and good governance structure and quality of institutions; and
 - (ii) mutual emphasis on multilateral involvement exemplified by Peru's membership to the United Nations, World Trade Organisation (WTO), Organization of American States, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, Pacific Alliance and Forum for East Asia and Latin America Cooperation;
 - (c) the roles of Herbert Vere Evatt and former United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar point to our mutual activity;
 - (d) our similar activity on the free trade front and common membership of the Cairns Group, WTO and APEC; and
 - (e) the:
 - (i) visits to Peru by former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam in 1975 and former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in 2008, and the visit of former President Alan Garcia Perez to Australia in 2007;
 - (ii) November 2011 framework to promote Bilateral Consultations and Cooperation;
 - (iii) presence at the 2011 census of 8,441 Peruvian born citizens in Australia and attraction of Peru to Australian visitors totalling 30,000 in 2011; and
 - (iv) longstanding Australian mining endeavours in Peru, the growth of Peruvian student numbers in Australia and 56 Australian companies having an office in Peru or investment in a Peruvian project. (*Notice given 13 March 2013.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Mr L. D. T. Ferguson — 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.*

Anna Burke MP

Chair

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