

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 2

**Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business
and private Members' business on Monday, 25 October 2010**

Pursuant to standing order 222, the Selection Committee has determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members' business on Monday, 25 October 2010. The order of precedence and the allotments of time determined by the Committee are as follows:

Items for House of Representatives Chamber (10 am to 12 noon)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Presentation and statements

1 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO IRELAND AND ITALY

Australian Parliamentary delegation to Ireland and Italy, June-July 2010

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — statement may continue for 5 minutes.

*Speech time limits —
Ms Grierson 5 minutes.*

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR TURNBULL: To present a Bill for an Act to require the preparation and publication of a business case and a cost benefit analysis of the proposed National Broadband Network, and for related purposes. (*National Broadband Network Financial Transparency Bill 2010*). (*Notice given 19 October 2010*.)

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

2 **MR TURNBULL:** To move—That:

- (1) a Joint Select Committee on Broadband be appointed to inquire into and report on all aspects of the business of the NBN Co. including its construction, operations, financing and any other matters related thereto;
- (2) the committee consist of 10 members, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips and 1 by any non-aligned Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators;
- (3) every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (4) the members of the committee hold office as a joint select committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time;
- (5) the committee will elect a chair;
- (6) the committee elect a member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
- (7) the Chair and Deputy chair shall not both be from either the Government, Opposition or Crossbench members;
- (8) in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote;
- (9) 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House;
- (10) the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine;
- (11) the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;
- (12) 2 members of a subcommittee constitute the quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House;
- (13) members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
- (14) the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced;
- (15) the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit;

- (16) the committee or any subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives;
- (17) the committee may report from time to time;
- (18) the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders; and
- (19) a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly. (*Notice given 19 October 2010.*)

Time allotted — 60 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Turnbull — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 10 minutes each.

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

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

3 MS HALL: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) Pink Ribbon day is 25 October;
 - (b) breast cancer is the most common cancer in Australian women, accounting for 28 per cent of cancer diagnoses in 2006;
 - (c) this year alone, 12 000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, which is expected to increase by 22 per cent by 2015;
 - (d) one in nine women will be diagnosed with breast cancer by age 85;
 - (e) breast cancer is the most common cancer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women;
 - (f) the risk of developing breast cancer increases with age, with the average age of diagnosis recorded as 60 in 2006;
 - (g) mammograms are vital to early detection, with 75 per cent of deaths occurring in women who have never been screened; and
 - (h) there has been a 27 per cent decrease in mortality rates due to breast cancer since 1994; and
- (2) acknowledges the:
 - (a) work of the National Breast Cancer Foundation;
 - (b) effectiveness of Pink Ribbon Day in raising awareness;
 - (c) work of the Jane McGrath Foundation;
 - (d) contribution of volunteers, staff and researchers; and
 - (e) importance of early detection. (*Notice given 18 October 2010.*)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Hall — 10 minutes.

Next three Members speaking — 10 minutes each.

Other Member — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 4 x 10 mins+ 1 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

Notices

4 MR ADAMS: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that pensions must keep pace with the cost of living;
- (2) recognises the significance and importance of the Labor Government's \$1.4 billion reform of the pension system after over 11 years of Coalition inaction;
- (3) understands that when there is a Commonwealth pension rise, some of it is likely to be absorbed into pensioners' rising living costs, often as a result of States and Territories lifting housing rents and power costs;
- (4) notes the danger that pensioners are at risk of becoming impoverished if State and Territory governments do not allow the benefits of pension increases to flow through to pensioners; and
- (5) demands that all State and Territory Governments commit to permanently quarantining last September's pension rise, in the calculation of pensioners' public housing rent levels and other State and Territory government controlled costs.
(Notice given 18 October 2010.)

Time allotted — 60 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Adams — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 10 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 6 x 10 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 that 24 October is United Nations Day which celebrates the entry into force of the United Nations Charter on 24 October 1945;
- (2) celebrates Australia's key role in the formation of the United Nations and the drafting of the United Nations Charter;
- (3) recognises that Australia has been a consistent and long term contributor to United Nations efforts to safeguard international peace and security and to promote human rights, for example, by:
 - (a) being the thirteenth largest contributor to the United Nations budget;
 - (b) contributing to many United Nations peacekeeping operations;
 - (c) firmly committing to increasing Australia's development assistance; and
 - (d) by continuing to push for real progress towards the Millennium Development Goals;
- (4) notes further the Australian Government's commitment to the multilateral system as one of the three fundamental pillars of Australia's foreign policy, namely that Australia is determined to work through the United Nations to enhance security and economic well being worldwide, and to uphold the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter;
- (5) notes that as the only genuinely global Organisation, the United Nations plays a critical role in addressing the global challenges that no single country can resolve on its own, and that Australia is determined to play its part within the United Nations to help address serious global challenges, including conflict prevention and resolution, international development, climate change, terrorism and the threat posed by weapons of mass destruction;
- (6) expresses its condolences for the loss of 100 United Nations staff lives in January 2010 as a result of the earthquake in Haiti, and expresses its appreciation for the ongoing work in difficult conditions of United Nations staff around the world; and
- (7) reaffirms the faith of the Australian people in the purposes, principles, and actions of the United Nations acting under guidance of the United Nations Charter.
(Notice given 18 October 2010.)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Parke — 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.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Orders of the day

1 COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION PROGRAM BILL 2010 (*Mr Pyne*): Second reading (from 18 October 2010).

Time allotted — 60 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Pyne — 30 minutes.

Other Members — 10 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 1 x 30 mins + 3 x 10 mins]

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

2 EVIDENCE AMENDMENT (JOURNALISTS' PRIVILEGE) BILL 2010 (*Mr Wilkie*): Second reading (from 18 October 2010).

Time allotted — 60 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Wilkie — 30 minutes.

Other Members — 10 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 1 x 30 mins + 3 x 10 mins]

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

Notices

1 MR LYONS: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges and congratulates the over 153 000 volunteer members and staff of Surf Life Saving Australia;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) Surf Life Saving Australia faces many challenges in looking after the nation's largest and most popular playground, our beaches, with over 100 million beach visitations each year; and
 - (b) in its 103 years of service, Surf Life Saving Australia is defying trends by increasing volunteer numbers, which is a great reflection of an organisation strongly connected to unique Aussie lifestyle, culture and adaptability;
- (3) supports Surf Life Saving Australia's efforts in advocating for nationally consistent standards for coastal safety services, systems and signage;

- (4) acknowledges Surf Life Saving Australia's international aid and development programs in 25 countries, mainly in the Asia Pacific region, playing its part in showcasing the nation's global goodwill; and
- (5) supports the establishment of bi-partisan 'Friends of Surf Life Saving' amongst Members of Parliament and Senators, providing the opportunity for Surf Life Saving Australia to keep the country's leaders informed about the humanitarian, social and economic value of Surf Life Saving Australia to the Australian community. (*Notice given 18 October 2010.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Lyons — 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.*

Items for Main Committee (approx 6.30 to 9 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 **MS OWENS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises:
 - (a) that the week of 17 to 23 October was National Carers Week;
 - (b) that there are more than 2.6 million carers in Australia;
 - (c) the caring role is one of immense social and economic value, with carers being the foundation of our health, aged, palliative and community care systems;
 - (d) as health care increasingly moves away from 'institutional' settings into the home and community, family carers shoulder greater responsibility for managing complex conditions and providing the emotional and physical support for the person for whom they are caring;
 - (e) without carers, no future health or community care system will be able to respond to changing demographics and health needs, clinical practices and societal influences, in the long term;
 - (f) the Government's practical measures to improve the lives of carers through significant reforms across the disability, health, mental health and aged care service systems, including:
 - (i) delivering a \$60 a fortnight increase to the base pension plus an increase of \$5 a fortnight in the new Pension Supplement for carers receiving the maximum single rate of Carer Payment (a total increase of around \$100 per fortnight, after indexation increases from 20 March);

- (ii) guaranteeing the certainty of an annual ongoing Carers Supplement of \$600 for each person cared for, benefiting around 500 000 carers;
 - (iii) overhauling the complex and restrictive eligibility requirements for Carer Payment (Child);
 - (iv) significantly boosting funding to the State and Territory governments for specialist disability services including supported accommodation, in-home care and respite; and
 - (v) commissioning the Productivity Commission to examine the feasibility, costs and benefits of a National Long Term Disability Care and Support Scheme; and
- (2) calls on the Government to renew its commitment to carers in this Parliament and to exercise all instruments of policy to support carers in their vital work. (*Notice given 18 October 2010.*)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Owens — 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.*

2 MR DUTTON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) mental illness afflicts more Australians than almost all other health disorders, only ranking behind cancer and heart disease in prevalence;
 - (b) forty-five per cent of the nation's population will experience a mental health disorder at some point in life;
 - (c) younger Australians—those between 16 and 24—bear the brunt of mental illness, with prevalence of problems declining with age;
 - (d) with early and targeted treatment, many people can overcome mental illness or lower the incidence of progression or relapse;
 - (e) expansion of the *headspace* and Early Psychosis Prevention Intervention Centres (EPPIC) models could help an estimated 200 000 young Australians, and in doing so, free-up existing services for others with mental illnesses whilst alleviating pressures on public hospitals and emergency departments; and
 - (f) the Government has moved to cut services in mental healthcare;
- (2) requires the Government to:
 - (a) expand the number of *headspace* centres to a minimum of 90 nationally;
 - (b) establish a national network of 20 EPPIC centres;

- (c) provide an additional 800 beds for mental health, associated with the EPPIC centres;
 - (d) appropriate funds necessary to provide these critical steps to expanding mental health treatment facilities; and
 - (e) immediately provide additional funds for existing *headspace* centres; and
- (3) sends a message to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur. (*Notice given 19 October 2010.*)

Time allotted — 60 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Dutton — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 10 minutes each.

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

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

3 MRS D'ATH: To move—That this House recognises:

- (1) that many lives have been saved through the research and the use of organ and blood donations throughout Australia;
- (2) that one form of donation is cord blood from the umbilical cord and placenta, and that:
 - (a) research has shown that his blood is a rich source of blood forming stem cells known as haemopoietic stem cells;
 - (b) the use of these cells for transplantation to a sufferer of leukaemia, lymphoma, and some tumours, provides the best chance for a cure; and
 - (c) recent research has established that umbilical cord blood stem cells can demonstrate plasticity, suggesting a role for them in the treatment of diseases such as diabetes, cerebral vascular disease, and Parkinson's disease;
- (3) that the collection of umbilical cord blood cells for research and for processing is a safe and non-invasive procedure, and that this procedure does not involve the destruction of an embryo given that the umbilical cord and placenta are usually discarded as waste;
- (4) that the collection of umbilical cord blood is not available in all States and Territories or hospitals throughout Australia, and that:
 - (a) the collection, processing and storage of umbilical cord blood requires specialised techniques by appropriately trained and accredited professionals; and
 - (b) based on limitations on the collection centres that currently exist, not all permissions for donations given by women at existing collection centres results in the actual collection of the cord blood;
- (5) that the Federal Government already funds the Australian National Cord Blood Collection Network; and

- (6) the great work being done by the Australian National Cord Blood Collection Network, AusCord, the Australian national network of umbilical cord blood banks and cord blood collection centres. (*Notice given 18 October 2010.*)

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

Speech time limits —

Mrs D'Ath — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 10 minutes each.

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

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

Harry Jenkins
Chair

20 October 2010