

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 29

Committee and delegation business;

private Members' business

and

Consideration of bills

22 August 2018

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Chair Hon A. D. H. Smith MP, Speaker

Members Ms N Marino MP (Chief Government Whip)

 Mr C Hayes MP (Chief Opposition Whip)

 Ms M Landry MP (Nationals Chief Whip)

 Mr S Georganas MP

 Mr L. S. O'Brien MP

 Mr G Perrett MP

 Mr R Ramsey MP

 Mr S Robert MP

 Ms J Ryan MP

 Mr B van Manen MP

 Mr K Hogan MP, Deputy Speaker

Secretary Mr P Banson

Committee support Mr R Selth

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 Mrs A Fabbo

Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business; private Members' business and the consideration of bills introduced 20 August 2018

1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 21 August 2018.
2. The Committee deliberated on items of committee and delegation business that had been notified, private Members' business items listed on the Notice Paper and notices lodged on Tuesday, 21 August 2018, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 10 September 2018, as follows:

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Presentation and statements

1 Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue

Taxpayer Engagement with the Tax System

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Falinski — 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 improve accountability in relation to the Inland Rail project, and for related purposes. (*Inland Rail Project (Improving Accountability) Bill 2018*)
(Notice given 25 June 2018.)

Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.

Orders of the day

1 TRADE: Resumption of debate (*from 26 February 2018*) on the motion of Mr van Manen—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the importance of open trade and investment policies in growing the Australian economy and creating local jobs;
- (2) commends the Government for leading efforts to conclude the Trans-Pacific Partnership 11 nation (TPP-11) agreement;
- (3) welcomes the recent conclusion of this landmark deal which will eliminate more than 98 per cent of tariffs in a trade zone with a combined GDP of AUD \$13.7 trillion;
- (4) notes the significant opportunities offered by new trade agreements with Canada and Mexico and greater market access to Japan, Chile, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam and Brunei;
- (5) recognises the importance of the agreement for Australia's farmers, manufacturers and service providers in increasing their competitiveness in overseas markets;
- (6) notes indicative modelling by the Peterson Institute for International Economics, which found that the TPP-11 agreement would boost Australia's national income by 0.5 per cent and exports by 4 per cent; and
- (7) encourages the Parliament to work co-operatively to ratify the TPP-11 agreement so that Australian exporters can take advantage of the many benefits it delivers.

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

Notices – continued

2 MS PLIBERSEK: To move—That this House:

- (1) expresses concern that despite recent improvements in the gender pay gap, Australian women continue to experience sustained economic disadvantage, in particular women working in undervalued, traditionally female dominated industries;
- (2) notes that on 5 September, early childhood educators around the country staged industrial action to highlight the need for equal pay and proper recognition for the value of their work;
- (3) acknowledges the important contribution these workers, along with workers in other undervalued care professions such as aged care, health and disability care make, not just to our nation's economy but to Australian society; and
- (4) calls on the Government to take action to support equal pay and recognition for women working in undervalued care professions.

(Notice given 21 August 2018.)

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Plibersek — 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.

Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Orders of the day

1 FAIR WORK AMENDMENT (RESTORING PENALTY RATES) BILL 2018

(Mr Shorten): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 20 August 2018).

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All 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.

2 SMALL BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENT DEFENCE CONTRACTS:

Resumption of debate (from 26 March 2018) on the motion of Mr Wallace—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) the Government's record \$200 billion investment in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) capabilities represents a unique opportunity for Australian businesses;
- (b) many Australian businesses who first supplied defence materials to the Australian Government go on to export these products overseas; and
- (c) Australia ranks thirteenth in the world for defence expenditure, but is only the twentieth largest exporter;

(2) congratulates the Government on its activities to date to encourage local small businesses to bid for Government defence contracts, including the 2016 Defence White Paper, the Integrated Investment Program, the Defence Industry Policy Statement and the Centre for Defence Industry Capability (CDIC);

- (3) welcomes the Government's efforts to develop a Defence Export Strategy to plan, guide and measure defence export outcomes that will support our foreign and trade policies, defence industry, defence capability and national security objectives; and
- (4) encourages small and medium enterprises all over Australia to explore the opportunity to supply products and services for the ADF, and to contact the CDIC to learn more.

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All 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.*

3 LIVE SHEEP LONG HAUL EXPORT PROHIBITION BILL 2018 (Ms Ley):

Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2018*).

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All 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.*

4 MENTAL HEALTH: Resumption of debate (*from 21 May 2018*) on the motion of Mr Wallace—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) according to Australian Bureau of Statistics figures one in five Australians report having a mental or behavioural condition, while the prevalence is highest among people aged 18 to 24; and
 - (b) data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare suggests that 54 per cent of people with a mental illness do not access treatment;
- (2) congratulates the Government for its engagement with the mental health community and for its measures to support mental health in Australia including:
 - (a) additional investment of \$170 million in mental health programs in the 2017 budget including \$80 million to maintain community psycho-social services for people with mental illness who are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, \$11.1 million to prevent suicide in specific locations where it is a frequent occurrence, \$15 million to support mental health research initiatives such as the Thompson Institute on the Sunshine Coast and \$50 million for mental illness prevention and support for serving Australian Defence Force members, veterans and their families; and

- (b) investment of:
 - (i) \$9.5 million to expand mental health first aid training in 14 high risk communities; and
 - (ii) \$9.1 million to support rural telehealth services for mental health and the appointment of the first National Rural Health Commissioner;
- (3) encourages the Government to continue this focused work and to seek additional ways to support the mental health of Australians; and
- (4) further encourages anyone who believes that they might be suffering from a mental illness to seek immediate help from their General Practitioner or a qualified mental health practitioner.

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All 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.*

Notices

1 DR FREELANDER: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) increased immunisation of children, which is essential for protecting them against diseases including pneumonia, polio, rotavirus diarrhoea, meningococcal and measles now saves the lives of 2 to 3 million children per year but, nevertheless, 1.5 million children still die each year from vaccine-preventable diseases;
 - (b) in 2017, 85 per cent of children globally received the full course of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, a key measure of vaccine coverage, however, this left nearly 20 million children not covered by this vaccine;
 - (c) globally, 85 per cent of children receive the polio vaccine, however, gaps in polio vaccine coverage allow some children to contract the disease, with 13 cases in 2018 so far;
 - (d) Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to which Australia has been a consistent contributor, has supported the vaccination of more than 640 million children, and saved an estimated 9 million lives; and
 - (e) in December 2018, Gavi will hold a mid-term review to assess what changes to its strategy are needed to achieve increased and equitable access to vaccines;
- (2) recognises that:
 - (a) Australia co-sponsored a resolution at the Seventieth World Health Assembly in 2017 to accelerate access to vaccines, calling for the extension of immunisation services beyond infancy, increasing domestic financing, and strengthening international cooperation to achieve global vaccination goals; and

- (b) current funding by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), to which Australia contributes, is due to decline significantly as polio nears eradication—this funding covers one fifth of the World Health Organisation’s costs, and accounts for a high proportion of the health and vaccination workforce in several countries; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) participate in planning to accelerate progress in making vaccines available to all children, including through the Gavi mid-term review; and
 - (b) work with countries now receiving polio support and with multilateral agencies to ensure that transition from GPEI funding results in increased resources for other health and vaccinations programs.

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

Speech time limits —

Dr Freeland — 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 (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notices – continued

2 MR GEORGANAS: To move—That this House notes that:

- (1) this Parliament condemns the exploitation of workers and communities by unscrupulous shipping and port operators;
- (2) exploitive deals with unscrupulous dictatorships are not acceptable;
- (3) contracts with unscrupulous dictatorships and dictators will not stand in the international shipping community; and
- (4) companies that are linked to harsh dictatorships, responsible for the suppression of democracy, are not welcome in the Australian shipping industry, and that:
 - (a) such companies negotiating contracts with dictatorships are on notice; and
 - (b) exploitative industrial behaviour will not be tolerated on our shores.

(Notice given 21 August 2018.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Georganas — 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.

Orders of the day – continued

5 INFRASTRUCTURE: Resumption of debate (*from 21 May 2018*) on the motion of Mrs Marino—That this House:

- (1) recognises the importance of infrastructure to the future prosperity of our nation;
- (2) acknowledges the actions the Government is taking in delivering a record \$75 billion investment in infrastructure and transport projects focused on building local communities, connecting the regions and our cities, busting congestion and boosting productivity, while creating local jobs;
- (3) notes that for the first time, the Government has committed to a 10 year infrastructure investment pipeline with the recently announced significant infrastructure projects; and
- (4) congratulates the Government in working to deliver the infrastructure that will help secure Australia’s prosperity into the future.

—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Albanese, viz.*—That all words after paragraph (1) be omitted and the following be inserted:

- (2) condemns the Government for cutting infrastructure investment from \$8 billion in 2017-18 to \$4.5 billion in 2021-22;
- (3) notes research from the Parliamentary Budget Office which has found Commonwealth investment will fall from 0.4 to 0.2 per cent of GDP over the next decade;
- (4) condemns the Government for its incompetence in underspending by \$4.7 billion on its own infrastructure investment commitments in its first four budgets;
- (5) notes that off budget financing of public transport projects is misleading; and
- (6) condemns the Government for failing to deliver investment to construct the Melbourne airport rail line, Western Sydney rail or Brisbane cross-river rail project.

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All 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.*

Notices – continued

3 MR HILL: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes Australia’s proud legacy of working for peace and democracy in Cambodia, led by the work of the former Labor Foreign Minister the Hon. Gareth Evans QC in fostering the Paris Peace Accords in 1991;
- (2) reiterates that as a longstanding friend of Cambodia and the Cambodian people, Australia must continue to urge the Cambodian Government to take steps to allow free and open political debate without violence and intimidation;

- (3) condemns the sham election in Cambodia last month and expresses grave concern that:
 - (a) the illegitimate election may sound the death knell of democracy, reversing more than 25 years of work to establish and strengthen democracy in Cambodia; and
 - (b) Prime Minister Hun Sen's 'victory' is a sham and cannot truly be said to represent the will of the Cambodian people because freedom of expression and association underpin democratic societies, yet in Cambodia the:
 - (i) main opposition party, the Cambodian National Rescue Party, has been banned;
 - (ii) opposition leader Kem Sokha remains in jail on politically motivated charges;
 - (iii) media and civil society have been silenced and harassed, with Hun Sen publicly threatening a civil war if he lost the election;
 - (iv) National Election Committee is not credible nor independent; and
 - (v) official 82 per cent turnout figures are not credible, noting the opposition boycotted the election and international media reported that election day was quiet in many places;
- (4) calls on the Cambodian Government to immediately release Kem Sokha from jail and guarantee his safety;
- (5) considers that Australia must now consider stronger measures and calls on the Australian Government to:
 - (a) review Australia's international development assistance to Cambodia to ensure the program is focused on humanitarian and civil society support rather than broader cooperation with Hun Sen's regime;
 - (b) examine the introduction of targeted sanctions such as visa restrictions and asset freezes for members of Hun Sen's regime and their families, given the reported strong links between the regime's key officials and Australia;
 - (c) lead and support multilateral efforts with other nations, starting with signatories of the 1991 Paris Peace Accords, to develop coordinated measures to increase pressure on Hun Sen's regime to allow free and open political debate without violence and intimidation;
 - (d) fully investigate allegations of illicit activities, including money laundering, by members of the Cambodian People's Party in Australia; and
 - (e) guarantee the rights of Australians of Cambodian heritage to live safely and free from intimidation, and determine whether the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme may apply to expose community groups which may be operating covertly in Australia in support of Hun Sen's regime;
- (6) calls on the Australian Government to:
 - (a) withdraw from the refugee resettlement deal; and
 - (b) promise not to enter into any further such deals with Cambodia; and
- (7) acknowledge the tireless advocacy of the Australian Cambodian community in support of democracy and human rights in Cambodia.

(Notice given 13 August 2018.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Hill — 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.*

Orders of the day – continued

6 ENERGY: Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2018*) on the motion of Mr C. Kelly—That this House:

- (1) recognises the need for households and small businesses to access affordable, reliable energy;
- (2) notes that the Government’s National Energy Guarantee is recommended by the independent Energy Security Board and that it:
 - (a) involves no taxes, subsidies or trading schemes;
 - (b) creates a level playing field that ensures all types of energy are part of Australia’s mix;
 - (c) provides certainty for investors in new and existing power plants; and
 - (d) reduces price volatility; and
- (3) condemns the Opposition’s plan to replicate South Australia’s 50 per cent renewable energy target, which will mean more subsidies and therefore higher prices.

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All 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.*

7 RESTORING TERRITORY RIGHTS BILL 2018 (*Dr Leigh*): Second reading—
Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2018*).

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

8 FARM HOUSEHOLD ALLOWANCE: Resumption of debate (*from 25 June 2018*)
on the motion of Mr Gee—That this House:

- (1) notes that a significant part of rural Australia is currently drought declared;
- (2) further notes that farming families and the agriculture sector more widely are a vital part of the Australian economy as well as the Australian psyche;
- (3) recognises the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources for their efforts in touring drought declared areas in NSW and Queensland;
- (4) congratulates the Government for deciding to extend the Farm Household Allowance from three years to four years; and
- (5) acknowledges that this assistance will help the nation's farmers.

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 7.30 pm

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

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

Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport:

- *Aged Care Amendment (Staffing Ratio Disclosure) Bill 2018.*

THE HON A. D. H. SMITH MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

22 August 2018