

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
THE SENATE

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MEN'S HEALTH—SELECT COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT

Senator Bernardi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 276—

- (1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Men's Health, be established to inquire into and report by 30 May 2009 on:
 - General issues related to the availability and effectiveness of education, supports and services for men's health, including but not limited to:
 - (i) level of Commonwealth, state and other funding addressing men's health, particularly prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and depression,
 - (ii) adequacy of existing education and awareness campaigns regarding men's health for both men and the wider community,
 - (iii) prevailing attitudes of men towards their own health and sense of wellbeing and how these are affecting men's health in general, and
 - (iv) the extent, funding and adequacy for treatment services and general support programs for men's health in metropolitan, rural, regional and remote areas.
- (2) That the committee consist of 7 senators, 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 4 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and 1 nominated by any minority party or independent senators.
- (3)
 - (a) Participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nominations of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator;
 - (b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee; and
 - (c) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of the committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if a majority of members of the committee is not present.
- (4) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
- (5) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
- (6) That the chair of the committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the committee to be the deputy chair of the committee, and that the member so appointed act as chair of the committee at any time when there is no chair or the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee.
- (7) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.

- (8) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (9) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.
- (10) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.
- (11) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such documents and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

Question put and passed.