

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 50

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

9 May 2012

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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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, 8 May 2012.
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, 21 May 2012, as follows:

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Presentation and statements

1 Joint Select Committee on Australia's Immigration Detention Network

Final Report

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10:20 a.m.

Speech time limits —

Mr Melham — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

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

2 Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Report 429: Review of the 2010-11 Defence Materiel Organisation Major Projects Report

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10:30 a.m.

Speech time limits —

Mr Oakeshott — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

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

3 Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Report 430: Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 47 (2010-11) to 9 (2011-12) and Reports Nos. 10 to 23 (2011-12)

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10:40 a.m.

Speech time limits —

Mr Oakeshott — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR ROBERT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*, and for related purposes (*Australian Citizenship Amendment (Defence Service Requirement) Bill 2012*). (Notice given 20 March 2012.)

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

- 2 MR GEORGANAS:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish a Do Not Knock Register, and for other purposes (*Do Not Knock Register Bill 2012*). (Notice given 20 March 2012.)

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

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

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) Australia's economy is strong, resilient and out-performing any comparable nation;
 - (b) Australia's unemployment rate of 5.2 per cent is historically low when compared to Europe and the United States;
 - (c) the International Monetary Fund ranks Australia's 2011 per capita GDP as sixth, ahead of 176 other nations; and
 - (d) Australia's government net debt as a percentage of GDP that peaked at 8.9 per cent is extremely low when compared to nations such as Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany and France;
- (2) acknowledges that:

- (a) living conditions for Australians are the best in the world;
 - (b) Australia was ranked second in the 2011 United Nations Human Development Index; and
 - (c) Australia was ranked first in the 2011 OECD Better Life Index; and
- (3) the Australian economy is becoming a knowledge economy with the finance sector accounting for more of the total economy than mining or manufacturing.
(Notice given 13 March 2012)

Time allotted — 60 minutes

Speech time limits —

Mrs D'Ath — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes

Next 8 Members speaking — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 mins + 8 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 SOLAR HOT WATER REBATE BILL 2012 [NO. 2]** (*Mr Hunt*): Second reading
(from 19 March 2012).

Time allotted — 80 minutes

Speech time limits —

Mr Hunt — 15 minutes

Next Member speaking — 15 minutes

Next 2 Members speaking — 10 minutes

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 15 mins + 2 x 10 mins + 6 x 5 mins]

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

Notices — continued

4 MS A. E. BURKE: To move— That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) under current State and Territory legislation, a coroner does not have the statutory and judicial authority to investigate stillbirths, nor does the legislation (except in Queensland) indicate that coronial jurisdiction extends to stillbirths; and
 - (b) there are discrepancies amongst State and Territory legislation over the definition of ‘person’ and ‘death’;
- (2) recognises that:
 - (a) approximately one per cent of babies born every year in Australia are stillborn (cited from a SA stillbirth report); and
 - (b) for many parents, the need to understand the cause of death and further prevent other incidences occurring in the future is important; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) adopt policies and protocols that are consistent amongst the States and Territories and which specifically outline the circumstances in which a stillbirth should be investigated by a coroner; and
 - (b) adopt policies which:
 - (i) provide clear and consistent definitions of ‘person’, ‘death’ and ‘stillbirth’, and extend this to other relevant legislation such as the Births, Deaths and Marriages Acts;
 - (ii) promote the need and development of perinatal specialists in investigations as has been recommended by independent groups such as the Australian and New Zealand Stillbirth Alliance, Perinatal Mortality Group, and Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand;
 - (iii) offer parents the opportunity to have a full and timely assessment of the factors relating to their baby’s death, whilst still respecting their rights;
 - (iv) allow for public coronial inquiry to assist in identifying clinically important lessons from the death and contribute to research on the topic of stillbirths and early infant death; and
 - (v) enhance provisions that provide support and appropriate care for parents.
(*Notice given 21 March 2012.*)

*Time allotted — remaining private Members’
business time prior to 9.30 pm*

Speech time limits —

Ms A. E. Burke — 5 minutes.

Other 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.*

Items for Federation Chamber (approx 11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 HEALTH INSURANCE (DENTAL SERVICES) BILL 2012 (*Mr Dutton*): Second reading (*from 19 March 2012*).

Time allotted — 70 minutes

Speech time limits —

Mr Dutton — 15 minutes.

Next Member speaking 15 minutes

Next 2 Members speaking — 10 minutes

Other Members — 5 minutes each

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 15 mins + 2 x 10 mins + 4 x 5 mins]

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

Notices

1 DR LEIGH: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the important role played by the Australian Public Service in upholding and promoting our democracy and its key role in ensuring stable government;
- (2) commends the Australian Public Service on continuing to be one of the most efficient and effective public services in the world; and
- (3) condemns plans by the Opposition to make 12,000 public servants redundant.
(*Notice given 13 February 2012.*)

Time allotted — 40 minutes

Speech time limits —

Dr Leigh — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 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.*

Orders of the day — continued

2 FAMILY LAW AND CHILD SUPPORT SYSTEM: Resumption of debate (*from 19 March 2012*) on the motion of Mr Wilkie—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the large number of mothers and fathers with serious grievances with family law and the child support system;
- (2) notes that there has not been a comprehensive review of the child support system since the 2005 review *In the Best Interests of Children - Reforming the Child Support Scheme*;
- (3) calls on the Government to undertake a comprehensive review of family law and the child support system; and
- (4) recommends that the Terms of Reference of this review be formulated to ensure that the safety and well being of children are paramount.

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

Speech time limits —

First 2 Members speaking — 10 minutes

Other Members — 5 minutes.

[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 Federation Chamber (6.30 to 9 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices — continued

2 MR FRYDENBERG: To move—That this House rejects calls to reduce funding to non-government schools to 2003-04 levels that would put at risk the financial viability of many non-government schools and leave many students disadvantaged. (*Notice given 13 March 2012.*)

Time allotted — 60 minutes

Speech time limits —

Mr Frydenberg — 10 minutes

Next 3 Members speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members speaking — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 4 x 10 mins + 4 x 5 mins]

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

3 MS HALL: To move—That this House:

- (1) congratulates the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, and Minister for Social Inclusion, on the Aged Care Reform Package he announced *Living Longer, Living Better Age Care Reform*;
- (2) acknowledges that the reforms will make it easier for older Australians to stay in their own home and that the package will improve safety, security and quality of aged care, and simplify aged care for older Australians and their families; and
- (3) calls on all Members to support the reforms. (*Notice given 8 May 2012.*)

Time allotted — 60 minutes

Speech time limits —

Ms Hall — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 12 x 5 mins]

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

4 MS BURKE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) food allergy affects approximately 1 in 10 children and 2 in 100 adults, and anaphylaxis is the most severe form of an allergic reaction, most commonly food associated anaphylaxis; and
 - (b) the number of hospital admissions for anaphylaxis has doubled in the last 15 years and there have been increased incidences of anaphylaxis predominantly in infants less than 5 years of age, with studies indicating that increases have been up to five-fold;
- (2) recognises that current State and Territory policies related to food allergy management in schools are not properly legislated, except in Victoria;
- (3) acknowledges that an anaphylactic reaction should be treated as a medical emergency and a simple medical procedure is all that is needed to treat it, prevent loss of life and provide the necessary time to transport the victim to hospital for further medical attention;
- (4) calls on the Government to introduce legislation, devised through COAG, to ensure all preschools, primary and secondary schools:
 - (a) utilise programs that aim to help educate school children on the cause, effects and treatments of anaphylaxis;
 - (b) have necessary policies and procedures to provide effective response to a student who experiences an anaphylactic reaction, such as the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy action plan;

- (c) ensure staff members are appropriately trained to support life in the event of an anaphylactic reaction; and
- (d) have an anaphylaxis management program for each student developed in consultation with the student's parent/carer and physician;
- (5) recognises the great work of Murdoch Children's Research Institute and Asthma Victoria in the 'Schoolnuts' study which aims to determine the prevalence of true food allergies in children and provide educational seminars to schools following research; and
- (6) recognises there is further need for coordinated studies of food allergy in Australia to ascertain risk factors and help guide public policy. (*Notice given 8 May 2012.*)

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Hunt — 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.

Peter Slipper MP
Chairman

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