

2. That this House calls on the New South Wales Government to support the development of the important and beneficial VFR tourism sector and make endeavours to ensure the most complete and reliable measurement of the sector, to adequately plan for and deliver infrastructure to manage any impacts of tourism activity on local communities, and enhance the visitor and resident experience.

Question put and passed.

## **7 SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE SYSTEM (Formal Business)**

Mr Veitch moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that on marking the 25th anniversary of the modern committee system in the Legislative Council in 2013, the House acknowledged that the work of committees enables the Legislative Council to effectively:
  - (a) hold the Government to account,
  - (b) allow for community engagement in the parliamentary process, and
  - (c) develop sound policy for New South Wales' citizens.
2. That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on how to ensure that the committee system continues to enable the Legislative Council to effectively fulfil its role as a House of Review.
3. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of eight members comprising:
  - (a) four government members,
  - (b) two opposition members, and
  - (c) two crossbench members.
4. That the Chair be a member of the Government and Deputy Chair be a member of the Opposition.
5. That members may be appointed to the committee as substitute members for any matter before the committee by providing notice in writing to the Committee Clerk, with nominations made as follows:
  - (a) nominations for substitute government or opposition members are to be made by the Leader of the Government, Leader of the Opposition, Government or Opposition Whip or Deputy Whip, as applicable, and
  - (b) nominations for substitute crossbench members are to be made by the substantive member or another crossbench member.
6. That a committee member who is unable to attend a deliberative meeting in person may participate by electronic communication and may move any motion and be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division, provided that:
  - (a) the Chair is present in the meeting room,
  - (b) all members are able to speak and hear each other at all times, and

- (c) members may not participate by electronic communication in a meeting to consider a draft report.
7. That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
- (a) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
  - (b) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
  - (c) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each,
  - (d) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
  - (e) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness, and
  - (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration.

Question put and passed.

## **8 STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT**

The President made a statement concerning the establishment of the Select Committee on the Legislative Council committee system.

## **9 GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4—REFERRAL OF DOCUMENT (Formal Business)**

Mr Borsak moved, according to notice: That the document entitled “confidential paragraph 34” attached to correspondence dated 28 January 2015 from Mr Bruce Barbour, NSW Ombudsman to the Chair of the Select Committee on the conduct and progress of the Ombudsman's inquiry “Operation Prospect”, received by the Select Committee on the conduct and progress of the Ombudsman's inquiry “Operation Prospect” and made confidential in the previous Parliament, be referred to General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4 for the purposes of its inquiry into the progress of the Ombudsman's investigation “Operation Prospect”.

Question put and passed.

## **10 NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND (Formal Business)**

Mr Clarke moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that: