

**11 SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENT (REGISTERED NURSES IN NURSING HOMES) BILL 2020**

Mr Banasiak moved, according to sessional order: That private members' business item no. 791 be considered in a short form format.

Question put and passed.

Mr Banasiak moved, according to notice:

- (1) That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on the provisions of the Public Health Amendment (Registered Nurses in Nursing Homes) Bill 2020, and in particular:
  - (a) the need to have a registered nurse on duty at all times in nursing homes and other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care,
  - (b) the impact registered nurses have on the safety and dignity of people in care,
  - (c) the impact on residential care of a lack of registered nursing staff on duty in a nursing home or other aged care facility at all times,
  - (d) the need for further regulation and minimum standards of care and appropriate staffing levels in nursing homes and other aged care facilities,
  - (e) the administration, procurement, storage and recording of medication by non-registered nurses in nursing homes and other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care, as compared with hospital clinical settings,

- (f) the potential for cost-shifting onto other parts of the public health system as a result of any legislative change to the current provisions for care in nursing homes or other aged care facilities,
  - (g) the role of registered nurses in responding to critical incidents and preventing unnecessary hospital admissions and unnecessary ambulance call outs and the consequent effect of this upon the provision of ambulance services to the wider community,
  - (h) the lessons that can be learnt in New South Wales from the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on private aged care facilities where staffing ratios are not mandated, and
    - (i) any other related matter.
- (2) That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of nine members comprising:
- (a) three government members,
  - (b) three opposition members, and
  - (c) three crossbench members, with one being Mr Banasiak.
- (3) That the Chair of the committee be an opposition member.
- (4) 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 is to alternate between government, opposition and crossbench members, in order determined by the committee, 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 seven 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.

Debate ensued.

Mr Tudehope moved: That the question be amended as follows:

- (1) Omit in paragraph (1) "That a select committee be established to inquire into" and insert instead "That Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health inquire into".
- (2) Omit paragraphs (2), (3) and (4).

Debate continued.

Mr Secord spoke a second time to the amendment.

Debate continued.

Question: That the amendment of Mr Tudehope be agreed to.

The House divided.

Ayes .....16  
 Noes .....23  
 Majority.....7

AYES

Amato	Harwin	Mason-Cox
Cusack	Khan	Mitchell
Fang	Maclaren-Jones (teller)	Taylor
Farlow	Mallard	Tudehope
Farraway (teller)	Martin	Ward
Franklin		

NOES

Banasiak	Graham	Primrose
Borsak	Houssos	Roberts
Boyd	Hurst	Searle
Buttigieg (teller)	Jackson	Secord
D'Adam (teller)	Latham	Sharpe
Donnelly	Mookhey	Shoebridge
Fachrmann	Moriarty	Veitch
Field	Pearson	

Question resolved in the negative.

Original question—put and passed.