

(ii) Kyaw Win, the second highest-ranking diplomat at the Burmese Embassy in Washington DC, has defected because of the Burmese Government's human rights violations and sham elections, adding that the current threats against Daw Suu's life 'must be taken seriously'; and

(b) requests the Government to:

(i) monitor Daw Suu's safety and welfare,

(ii) communicate to the regime that threats of harm or incarceration of her or her entourage are unacceptable,

(iii) pledge its continued support for genuine democracy and human rights in Burma,

(iv) call for national reconciliation and dialogue in Burma, involving all stakeholders, including Daw Suu, and

(v) call for the release of all political prisoners in Burma.

Senator BILYK: To move:

That the Senate notes:

(a) the release by the World Health Organization's cancer research report by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) which states that radio frequency electromagnetic fields generated by mobile phones are 'possibly carcinogenic to humans' and asserts that heavy usage could lead to a possible increased risk of glioma, a malignant type of brain cancer;

(b) the warnings of Dr Charlie Teo, one of Australia's leading brain surgeons and former Australian of the Year finalist, that 'there is an increasing body of evidence that there is an association between brain tumours and mobile phones';

(c) that the Australian Government, through the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA), welcomes the report and considers that the classification by IARC corresponds to the current ARPANSA advice, including its advice on practical ways in which people can reduce their exposure to the electromagnetic fields produced by wireless telephones;

(d) that the methods to reduce exposure include:

(i) limiting call time,

(ii) preferring the use of landline phones,

(iii) using hands-free or speaker options,

(iv) texting instead of making voice calls, and

(v) using phones in good signal areas which reduce power levels for communications; and

(e) that ARPANSA has also recommended parents encourage their children to use these methods of reducing exposure.

Senator STEPHENS: To move:

That the Senate—

(a) expresses its condolence for the death on 2 July 2011 of Dr Itamar Franco, a former President of Brazil from 1992 to 1995;

(b) notes the contribution of Dr Franco in helping set his country on its current economic trajectory, in particular, the reforms he instituted in 1993 that enabled Brazil to overcome rampant hyperinflation; and

(c) acknowledges Dr Franco's achievement in Brazilian public and political life, where he was elected a national

senator for the Socialist People's Party in 2010, and his legacy of integrity, courage and hard work.

COMMITTEES

Economics Legislation Committee

Reference

Senator LUDWIG (Queensland—Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Manager of Government Business in the Senate and Minister Assisting the Attorney-General on Queensland Floods Recovery) (15:43): Before seeking to have business of the Senate notice of motion No. 1 taken as a formal motion, I table the following three documents: drafts settled with state/territory officials of the Business Names Registration Bill 2011, Business Names (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2011 and the Business Names Registration (Fees) Bill 2011. I move:

That the following drafts settled with state/territory officials be referred to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 15 August 2011:

Business Names Registration Bill 2011

Business Names (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2011

Business Names Registration (Fees) Bill 2011.

Question agreed to.

Community Affairs References Committee

Reference

Senator BACK (Western Australia) (15:44): I move:

That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 22 September 2011:

A review of the Professional Services Review (PSR) Scheme provided for under the Health Insurance Act 1973 (the Act) which is responsible for reviewing and investigating the provision of Medicare or Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme services by health professionals, with particular reference to:

(a) the structure and composition of the PSR, including:

(i) criteria for selection of the executive and constituent members encompassing their experience in administrative review proceedings,

(ii) the role of specialist health professionals in assisting in cases where members lack relevant specialist expertise, and

(iii) accountability of all parties under the Act;

(b) current operating procedures and processes used to guide committees in reviewing cases;

(c) for investigating alleged breaches under the Act;

(d) available to practitioners or health professionals under review to respond to any alleged breach;

(e) the appropriateness of the appeals process; and

(f) any other related matter.

Question agreed to.