

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES

Extension of Reporting Time — Motion

Resumed from 18 September on the following motion moved by Hon Simon O'Brien —

That the reporting date for the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges inquiry into the review of the standing orders relating to motions on notice be extended from 20 September 2018 to 20 November 2018.

HON SIMON O'BRIEN (South Metropolitan) [4.11 pm]: The fifty-first report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges relates to a review of the standing orders relating to motions on notice and there are two recommendations to be adopted. The first of these recommendations relates to the reporting date for the committee, requiring an extension from Thursday, 20 September to Tuesday, 20 November 2018. The second recommendation is to members about further submissions, which, obviously, would have to be predicated on the first recommendation being agreed to.

The first recommendation is explained in our report. The reasons for that extension are on page 1 of the report and are self-explanatory.

I would draw members' attention, because I know this is a matter that has consumed a lot of attention from members, to how we deal with motions on notice and in particular how we could do it better. Having regard for attitudes of fairness, accessibility, equity, diversity and every other "ity" that a fair-minded person would have regard to, the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges has done a lot of work on this. I must acknowledge our professional advisers from the "Clerks' Party" who have also done a great deal of work on this. In the first instance, we have produced this report largely in the form of a discussion paper for members to contemplate some of the issues that have been thrown up, but also to have a body of hard data to, hopefully, enable members to make some further submissions as we get through to a conclusion.

I commend the report to the house. I think members will benefit a great deal from the information contained therein, all of it created by members of the PPC without the agency of all leaders of other parties. I commend both recommendations to the house and I look forward to receiving further submissions in due course.

Question put and passed.

Sitting suspended from 4.15 to 4.30 pm