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Senator the Hon John Hogg
President of the Senate
The Senate
Parliament House
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Dear Mr President

Pursuant to standing order 17(3), I ask that you refer the following matters to the Procedure Committee for its consideration:

- the current operation of procedures for dealing with formal motions;
- the use of general business time on Thursday afternoons;
- whether the consideration of committee reports under standing order 62(4) should be moved to Thursday afternoons, with consequent adjustments in the routine of business, and arrangements generally for the presentation and consideration of committee reports;
- in relation to consideration of government documents at 6.50 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, whether the standing orders should be amended to provide for a return to business till 7.20 pm if the full time for consideration of government documents is not used.

I believe it is time for the committee to review the operation of various aspects of the routine of business, with a view to encouraging more effective use of limited sitting time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Evans'.

CHRIS EVANS

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