

PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES TO STANDING ORDERS PROPOSED BY
THE SCRUTINY OF BILLS COMMITTEE1. *A permanent public inquiry power*

Standing order 24(7), omit "in private session", substitute "and transact business in public or private session".

2. *Ability to report on provisions of bills*

Standing order 24(1)(a), after "Senate", insert "or the provisions of bills not yet before the Senate".

3. *Election of deputy chair – adoption of standard committee provisions*

Omit standing order 24(5), substitute:

The committee shall elect as deputy chair a member appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and the member so elected shall act as chair of the committee when there is no chair or the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee.

4. *Authority to print documents and evidence*

After standing order 24(8), insert:

(8A) The committee shall be empowered to print from day to day any of its documents and evidence. A daily Hansard shall be published of public proceedings of the committee.

5. *Power to authorise broadcasting of public proceedings*

Amendment of standing order 24 is not necessary. The power is already contained in the broadcasting resolutions.

6. *Explicit reference to bills that rely "excessively" on delegated legislation*

At the end of standing order 24(1), add:

- (c) The committee, for the purpose of reporting on term of reference (a)(iv), shall take into account the extent to which a proposed law relies on delegated legislation and whether a draft of that legislation is available to the Senate at the time the bill is considered.

7. *Scrutiny of national scheme legislation – explicit reference to exposure drafts*

Omit standing order 24(1)(b), substitute:

- (b) The committee, for the purpose of reporting on its terms of reference, may consider any proposed law or other document or information available to it, including an exposure draft of proposed legislation, notwithstanding that such proposed law, document or information has not been presented to the Senate.

8. *Standing reference of committee comments to legislation committees considering bills*

After standing order 25(2), insert:

- (2A) The legislation committees, when examining bills or draft bills, shall take into account any comments on the bills published by the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills.