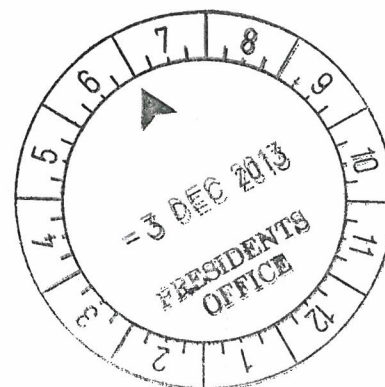




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Senator the Hon John Hogg  
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*Agreed  
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Dear Mr President

**REFERRAL TO THE PROCEDURE COMMITTEE – QUESTION TIME**

Following our recent discussions and negotiations about the allocation of call for question time and foreshadowing the issues which may arise with the new Senate in July 2014, the Australian Greens ask that you refer the following matter to the Procedure Committee for inquiry and report by 11 February 2014:

The order of question and call during Question Time in the Senate, including:

1. The function of Question Time, particularly as a form of Government scrutiny;
2. The role played by the Opposition in scrutiny of the Government at Question Time;
3. The role played by Senators in minor parties and the crossbench in scrutiny of the Government at Question Time;
4. Alternatives to the 'principle of proportionality' (as endorsed by the 1995 Procedure Committee report);
5. The role of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in Question Time;
6. Any other related matters.

Yours sincerely

Senator Rachel Siewert  
 Australian Greens Whip  
**on behalf of Senator Christine Milne**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens**