

# APPENDIX 1



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

**PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**  
**SENATOR THE HONOURABLE SUE LINES**

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Senator Andrew McLachlan CSC  
Deputy President of the Senate  
Chair of Procedure Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator McLachlan

I have received a letter from Senator Hanson, asking that I refer a matter to the Procedure Committee, pursuant to standing order 17(3). The matter relates to removing the requirement for senators to support matters of public importance and urgency motions.

I am happy to refer the matter as requested. A copy of Senator Hanson's letter is enclosed.

Yours sincerely

Senator Sue Lines  
President of the Senate

16 June 2023





**Senator Pauline Hanson**  
One Nation Senator for Queensland

Dear President

I am writing to request that the following matter be referred to the Senate Procedure Committee for consideration.

“Whether item 5 of the Standing Order 75 of the Australian Senate, which requires that a proposal for debate be supported by at least four senators, be removed.”

The reason being, independent Senators, or those belonging to minor parties, must appeal to other parties to assist with the required 4 other members to stand in order to have their MPI or Urgency Motion heard.

Considering procedure changed recently from allocating debate time by lottery to allocating debate time by proportion of representation, I do not believe it should also require it to be supported by 4 other senators.

If divisions can be called by 2 people or denying a motion by one, surely this request is feasible and would give all Senators an unhindered voice in parliament.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Senator Pauline Hanson

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