



Australian Government

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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Procedure
report:

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The Government thanks the Committee for its work in inquiring into and reporting on the consideration in detail debate of the main appropriation bill.

The Government's response to the recommendations is as follows:

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that sessional orders 182A and 182B at Appendix B be adopted for the remainder of the 44th Parliament.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the House adopt a sessional order for the remainder of this Parliament to provide in respect of the consideration in detail stage of the main appropriation bill that each Member be permitted to speak for an unlimited number of 2 minute periods.

Response

The Government does not support the recommendations.

The time taken for the consideration in detail stage of the main appropriation bill for the 2017-2018 Budget was approximately 17 ½ hours of the 18 hour and 45 minutes made available by the Government. The proportionate allocation of time to the Government and the non-Government parties was 56.5 per cent and 43.5 per cent respectively. From this, the Government considers that there was general satisfaction with the nature and conduct of the debate.