



Appendix C – Recommendations of previous interim reports

Interim Report: Monitoring and review of procedural changes implemented in the 43rd Parliament

April 2011

NO	RECOMMENDATIONS
1	The Committee recommends that the Selection Committee be encouraged to implement the 'General principles relating to the selection of private Members' business' and exercise the flexibility that is available to it pursuant to standing order 222 and the principles, particularly in relation to the length of debates and speaking times allocated. <i>Government response: Noted</i>
2	The Committee recommends that the House take up the Selection Committee's recommendation that it consider adopting the 'General principles relating to the selection of private Members' business' (contained in Report No. 3 of the Selection Committee of 21 October 2010). <i>Government response: Noted</i>
3	The Committee recommends that the House considers measures to manage the workload of Members during sitting weeks, having regard to the health and wellbeing of Members, their staff and parliamentary staff, including but not limited to: a) commencing at 12.00 noon on Mondays in the House and 12.30pm in the Main Committee; b) commencing at 12.00 noon on Tuesdays in the House; c) offsetting the reduction in sitting hours resulting from a) and b) by reducing the time allocated to private Members' business each week by

	three hours; d) providing that divisions called for after 8.30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays be deferred until the following day; and e) reducing the time allocated for adjournment debate by half an hour on one evening. <i>Government response: Noted</i>
4	The Committee recommends that draft amendments to standing orders which enhance the operations of the House and correct oversights and inconsistencies be prepared and proposed for consideration by the House. <i>Government response: Supported</i>

Interim Report No. 2: Monitoring and review of procedural changes implemented in the 43rd Parliament: Referral of bills to committees by the House Selection Committee

June 2011

NO	RECOMMENDATION
1	The Committee recommends that standing order 222(a)(iii) be amended to remove the provision that one member of the Selection Committee is sufficient to select a bill for referral to a House or joint committee for advisory report – thereby requiring a majority decision – and to require that the Committee provide reasons for the referral of bills to committees. <i>Government response: Supported</i>

Interim Report No. 3: Monitoring and review of procedural changes implemented in the 43rd Parliament: The effectiveness of reforms to the House committee system

February 2012

The Committee's third interim report looked specifically at reforms relating to the House committee system and sought to capture some of the features, opportunities and challenges associated with the first year of their implementation. While the report did not make any recommendations, the review

suggested that reforms to the operation of House and joint committees had generally been embraced enthusiastically by Members, though there were some aspects that the Committee highlighted as warranting further consideration. The Committee indicated that it would continue to seek feedback from Members and collect information about the impact of the reforms on Members' ability to perform their committee roles as effectively as they would wish.