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Foreword

Procedural reforms implemented at the beginning of the 43rd Parliament have now been in place for over a year. This short report by the Procedure Committee looks specifically at reforms relating to the House committee system and captures some of the features, opportunities and challenges associated with the first year of their implementation.

The review suggests that reforms to the operation of House and joint committees have generally been embraced enthusiastically by Members, though there are some aspects the Committee has highlighted as warranting further consideration.

The Committee will continue to seek feedback from Members and collect information about the impact of the reforms on Members' ability to perform their committee duties as effectively as they would wish.

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