Temporary order

The following amendment to standing order 24 operate as a temporary order from the first sitting day of 2017 to the last sitting day of March 2018:

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At the end of paragraph (1), add:

- (d) If the committee has not finally reported on a bill due to the failure of a minister to respond to its concerns then, immediately prior to the consideration of government business on any day or immediately prior to the consideration of the bill:
 - (i) any senator may ask the minister for an explanation as to why the minister has not provided a response to the committee, and
 - (ii) the senator may, at the conclusion of the explanation, move without notice either a motion relating to the consideration of the bill or—That the Senate take note of the explanation; or
 - (iii) in the event that the minister does not provide an explanation, the senator may, without notice, move a motion with regard to the minister's failure to provide an explanation.

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