

**FORMAL BUSINESS—CIRCULATED AMENDMENT TO
GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 353**

*Amendment to be moved by a minister to the motion standing in the name
of Senator Dean Smith*

Omit all words after “That”, substitute “the Senate notes that:

- (a) complying with an order to produce all estimates briefs would irreparably damage the ability of Government departments and agencies to support the estimates committee process in the future;
- (b) it is the collective nature of questioning at estimates that contributes to the Senate’s scrutiny role; and
- (c) the release of documents sought by orders to produce all estimates briefs would likely change the way that all Government departments and agencies prepare for estimates and, indeed, all committee processes in the future”.