

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

*Fifty-first Report — “Terms of Reference: Inquiry into the Functions, Processes and Procedures of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs” — Tabling*

**HON MATTHEW SWINBOURN (East Metropolitan)** [2.12 pm]: I am directed to present the fifty-first report of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs, “Terms of Reference: Inquiry into the Functions, Processes and Procedures of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs”.

[See paper 3104.]

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN:** Madam President, the report that I have just tabled advises the house of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs’ resolution to inquire into the committee’s functions, processes and procedures and to advise the house of the inquiry’s terms of reference. The committee resolved at its meeting on 18 September 2019 to commence an inquiry into the environment and petitions functions of the committee to ensure that they are best practice and fit for purpose. Particular attention will be given to examining the role of petitions in a modern Parliament; the committee’s practice and procedure in inquiring into petitions referred by the Legislative Council; the committee’s practice and procedure in carrying out its environment function; and the approach of other parliamentary committees in carrying out environment and petitions functions. The committee will seek evidence from relevant stakeholders during the inquiry. I commend the report to the house.