

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

*Seventy-ninth Report — “The Local Projects Local Jobs Program and the Establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office — Extension of Time” — Tabling*

**HON TJORN SIBMA (North Metropolitan)** [2.08 pm]: I am directed to present the seventy-ninth report of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations, titled “The Local Projects Local Jobs Program and the Establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office”.

[See paper 3296.]

**Hon TJORN SIBMA:** On 7 November 2018, the Legislative Council referred the inquiry into the government’s Local Projects, Local Jobs program to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations and ordered that the committee report to the house no later than 19 November 2019.

The scope of the committee’s inquiry is in two parts. The first aspect of the inquiry revolves around the means by which certain election promises were developed and delivered under the Local Projects, Local Jobs program. The second aspect of the inquiry relates to the establishment of a parliamentary budget office to cost election promises. Although the two aspects of inquiry are related, the committee is in effect pursuing two separate lines of inquiry in order to satisfy the terms of the referral.

On Wednesday, 16 October 2019, the committee resolved to seek an extension of time in which the committee is to report on the referral. The committee considers that an extension of its reporting time is required to enable it to properly consider and discharge its reporting obligations to the Legislative Council in relation to each aspect of the referred inquiry. The committee therefore requests an extension of time in which to report, from 19 November 2019 to 21 May 2020.

*Extension of Reporting Time — Motion*

**HON TJORN SIBMA (North Metropolitan)** [2.09 pm] — without notice: I move —

That the reporting date for the committee inquiry into the government’s Local Projects, Local Jobs program be extended from 19 November 2019 to 21 May 2020.

[Leave granted for the member’s speech to be continued at a later stage of the sitting.]

Debate thus adjourned.