

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Extension of Reporting Time — Motion

Resumed from an earlier stage of the sitting.

HON TJORN SIBMA (North Metropolitan) [5.08 pm]: I will be blessedly brief for all concerned. Madam President, and, indeed, the house, I thank you for the indulgence and for the assistance of the Leader of the House. Earlier this morning, on behalf of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations, I was directed to table a statement that, in essence, sought an extension in the deadline of reporting to the government's Local Projects, Local Jobs program and the establishment of a parliamentary budget office from the previously agreed date of 21 May until 25 June. This is to facilitate the latter stages of the finalisation of this report. I reassure the house of the diligence and professionalism of all members of this committee, particularly meeting during these difficult times, and to state for the record the first-class assistance we have been rendered by committee staff. It has been absolutely exemplary and is absolutely well appreciated by not only myself, but also my colleagues.

Question put and passed.