

Speaker's response to recommendation 3 of the House Standing Committee on Procedure's report, *Maintenance of the standing and sessional orders*

The Speaker welcomes the Procedure Committee's November 2024 report, *Maintenance of the standing and sessional orders*.

Most of the recommendations in the report concern proposed changes to the standing orders and practices and procedures of the House (recommendations 1, 2, 4, 5), which are a matter for the House and are expected to be addressed in the Government response. This response does not address those recommendations.

The Speaker's response to recommendation 3 is as follows:

Recommendation 3:

- 4.13 The Committee recommends that, subject to feasibility and reasonable cost, minor cosmetic changes be made to the Federation Chamber to benefit its status as a second Chamber of the House and less like a committee room.

Response

The Speaker supports this recommendation to enhance the status of the Federation Chamber, subject to cost and time constraints, and the outcome of consultation with stakeholders.

The Speaker will ask the Department of the House of Representatives to consult with the Department of Parliamentary Services and other stakeholders to develop advice on potential options (including with respect to feasibility and cost), for minor changes, such as to wall panelling and chair leather in the Federation Chamber, to match the shades of green in the House of Representatives Chamber (noting the considerations of the Committee in the report).