

## **Parliamentary Bureau**

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The Bureau is supportive of a new procedure for the refusal of consent.

In particular, the Bureau agrees that there should be provision made within Chapter 9B of Standing Orders for non-consent motions and that such motions should be informed by memorandums setting out the reasons for not consenting.

The Bureau is also of the view that the lodging of a memorandum should be compulsory for any Member intending to lodge a non-consent motion.

In reaching this view, the Bureau recognises that it would be preferable for there to be certainty and transparency for Members, committees and external stakeholders in relation to the procedures the Parliament follows in granting and refusing consent.