

1. That this House notes ongoing concerns regarding the use of provocation as a partial defence to a charge of murder.
2. That a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report on:
 - (a) the retention of the partial defence of provocation including:
 - (i) abolishing the defence,
 - (ii) amending the elements of the defence in light of proposals in other jurisdictions,
 - (b) the adequacy of the defence of self-defence for victims of prolonged domestic and sexual violence, and
 - (c) any other related matters.
3. That notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of seven members as follows:
 - (a) three Government members,
 - (b) two Opposition members who will be Mr Searle and Ms Westwood, and
 - (c) two Cross Bench members who will be Revd Mr Nile and Mr Shoebridge.
4. That notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the Chair of the committee will be Revd Mr Nile and the Deputy Chair will be elected at the first meeting of the committee.
5. That notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders, at any meeting of the committee four members will constitute a quorum.
6. That a committee member who is unable to attend a deliberative meeting in person may participate by electronic communication and may move any motion and be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division, provided that:
 - (a) the Chair is present in the meeting room,
 - (b) all members are able to speak and hear each other at all times, and
 - (c) a member may not participate by electronic communication in a meeting to consider a draft report.
7. That the committee report by 21st November 2012.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.