Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005

(Government)

(1) Schedule 1, item 64, page 14 (line 19), omit “Government”.

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(2) Schedule 1, page 14 (after line 28), after item 64, insert:

64A Subclause 17(5) of Schedule 1

Repeal the subclause, substitute:

(5) If:

(a) the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee; and
(b) either:
   (i) the meeting is one at which a question is to be decided by voting, or could reasonably be expected to be so decided; or
   (ii) throughout a continuous period of more than one month immediately preceding the day of the meeting, the Chair was absent from duty or from Australia, or was for any reason unable to perform the duties of his or her office as Chair;

the members present are to appoint a Government member to preside.

(5A) If:

(a) the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee; and
(b) the members are not required by subclause (5) to appoint a Government member to preside;

then:

(c) if the Deputy Chair is present at the meeting—the Deputy Chair is to preside; or
(d) if the Deputy Chair is not present at the meeting—the members present are to appoint a member to preside.
(5B) A member who presides at a meeting of the Committee under subclause (5) or (5A) may exercise, in relation to the meeting and any matter arising out of the meeting, any of the powers of the Chair.

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