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**Turnbull Government, Banking**

**SPEECH**

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**Speaker** Shorten, Bill, MP

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**Mr SHORTEN** (Maribyrnong—Leader of the Opposition) (12:02): I seek leave to move the following motion:

That the House:

(1) notes that:

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(b) this is just more evidence that the Government has lost all interest in trying to govern, the only thing they are interested in is trying to stay in Government; and

(2) in the absence of any legislative agenda, suspend standing orders to accord priority over all other business at this sitting to the following motion to be moved immediately by the Leader of the Opposition: That the House calls on the Prime Minister to request His Excellency the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia issue Letters Patent to establish a Royal Commission to inquire into misconduct in the banking and financial services industry.

Leave not granted.

**Mr SHORTEN:** I move:

That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition from moving the following motion forthwith:

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Why is the Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, so determined to cover up for the banks—