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Senator PARRY (Tasmania) (9.36 am)—At the request of Senator Heffernan, I move:

That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 19 March 2009:

Issues relating to the import risk analysis (IRA) for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines, including:

- (a) Biosecurity Australia's administration of the IRA process;
- (b) the scientific and technical information relied upon by the IRA team;
- (c) the feasibility of the risk management measures and operational arrangements proposed in the final IRA report; and
- (d) the capability of the Australian Government and, in particular, the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service to monitor and enforce compliance with the risk management measures and operational arrangements proposed in the final IRA report.