Clause 57, page 283, after line 15 insert—

"54A Sub-committee of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee for matters concerning the COVID-19 pandemic

(1) If the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee is referred a matter relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee must appoint a sub-committee for the purposes of inquiring into, considering and reporting to the Parliament on that matter.

(2) The majority of members appointed to a sub-committee referred to in subsection (1) must not be members of the political party forming the Government.

(3) The chairperson of a sub-committee referred to in subsection (1) must not be a member of the political party forming the Government.

(4) A report of a sub-committee referred to in subsection (1) is taken to be a report adopted by the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee for the purposes of sections 35 to 37A.

Note
A report taken to be adopted by the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee under subsection (4) must be laid before each House of the Parliament in accordance with section 35(1).

(5) In this section—

political party has the same meaning as in the Electoral Act 2002.

Note
Division 3 of Part 3 applies to a sub-committee appointed under this section.".