



PROCEDURAL DIGEST

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This document provides a summary of significant procedural events and precedents in the Legislative Assembly. It is produced at the end of each sitting period. Where applicable the relevant Standing Orders are noted.

BILLS

Appropriation Bill and cognate bills 2018

On 19 June 2018 at 12.00 noon the Treasurer introduced the *Appropriation Bill 2018* and cognate bills (the Budget bills), moved that the bills be read a second time and then gave a second reading speech (the Budget speech). At the conclusion of the Treasurer's speech, debate on the bills was adjourned until Thursday 21 June, after which the Treasurer tabled the Budget Papers for 2018-19.

On 21 June the Leader of the Opposition gave a speech in reply and then the Budget bills passed through all remaining stages. The Treasurer moved that the House take note of the Budget Estimates and related papers for 2018-19 and debate on that motion was adjourned until a later time.

Later that day the Legislative Council returned the Budget bills without amendment and they were assented to by the Governor on 27 June.

To facilitate both the Treasurer's Budget speech and the Leader of the Opposition's speech in reply the normal Routine of Business was altered by a suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders, which was agreed to by the House on 5 June. The bills' passage through all remaining stages and the "take note" motion were provided for by a further suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders on 19 June.

Items of routine business displaced by the prioritisation of the Budget bills were considered by the House at a later time. For example, on Tuesdays business normally begins with the giving of General Business Notices of Motions. Instead, these were given at the conclusion of the Motion Accorded Priority, at approximately 4.15 pm. On the Thursday General Business was extended by 30 minutes until 2.00 pm as a consequence of it being interrupted by the Leader of the Opposition's speech.

The full details of the [bills](#), along with details of their passage through both Houses, can be found on the Parliament of NSW website.

Votes and Proceedings: 5/6/2018, p. 1763; 19/6/2018, pp. 1809-10, p. 1812; 21/6/2018, pp. 1831-2, pp. 1837-8.

Standing Orders 97, 188, 193, 203, 264, 365.

(Procedural note: Bills appropriating revenue (money bills) must originate in the Legislative Assembly and must be returned to the Assembly by the Legislative Council within one month of transmission from the Assembly. If the Council rejects, fails to pass, or makes an amendment to a money bill with which the Assembly does not agree, the Assembly may direct that the bill, with or without the amendment, be presented to the Governor for assent (see Sections [5](#) and [5A](#) of the *Constitution Act 1902*.)

COMMITTEES

Review of the Code of Conduct for Members

On 21 June 2018 the Chair of the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics, Mr Mark Taylor MP, tabled a report of the Committee, entitled *Review of the Code of Conduct for Members*.

In its report the Committee recommended that two changes be made to the Members' Code of Conduct which, it concluded, would improve the Code's overall structure, as well as the construction of the clause dealing with conflicts of interest.

The report is part of the Committee's remit to review a code of conduct adopted by the Legislative Assembly at least once every 4 years, in accordance with section [72E\(5\)](#) of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988*.

The report is available on the Committee's [webpage](#).

Votes and Proceedings: 21/6/2018, p. 1836.

Standing Order 303.