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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.

CHAMBER

Introduction of Live Captions to the Parliament's Broadcast of Proceedings

On Tuesday 21 June 2022, the New South Wales Parliament became the first State or Territory Parliament in Australia to introduce live captioning of its proceedings.

In order to facilitate this change, the Leader of the House, the Hon. Alister Henskens MP, moved by leave that the Legislative Assembly's Broadcast Resolution be amended to include the publication of audio captions of the proceedings of the House and its Committees. The House agreed to the motion on the voices.

Immediately after the House agreed to changes to the Broadcast Resolution, the Speaker made a [statement](#) concerning the introduction of live captions and its role in providing greater and equal access to Parliament.

Votes and Proceedings: 21/6/22, pp. 1776-1777

MEMBERS

Ministerial Statement – Goward Review

On Thursday 9 June 2022, the Premier, the Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP, made [a statement in relation to the Goward Review into workplace policies and procedures within Ministerial Offices](#). The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Chris Minns MP responded to the Statement, as did Ms Jenny Leong MP, by leave.

Hansard (Proof): 9/06/2022, pp. 42-45.

Standing Orders 103 (Times for Ministerial Statements), 104 (Duration of Ministerial Statements).

Removal of a Member - Disorder

On Tuesday 21 June 2022, during Question Time, the Speaker directed the removal from the Chamber of Mr Stephen Kamper MP, Member for Rockdale, pursuant to SO 249.

The Speaker stated:

The Member for Rockdale, who is on three calls to order, has removed himself from the Chamber...When I put a Member on a call to order and they continue to interject, I will continue to call them to order. Members who are on three calls and continue to interject will leave the Chamber.

Votes and Proceedings: 21/06/2022, p. 1778.

Hansard (Proof): 21/06/2022, p. 13.

Standing Order 249 (Member Repeatedly Called to Order).

BUSINESS

25 Year Commemoration of the Apology to the Stolen Generations

On Tuesday 7 June 2022, the House commemorated the 25th anniversary of the [New South Wales Apology to Survivors of the Stolen Generations moved by Premier Bob Carr on 18 June 1997](#).

The [commemoration](#) commenced with the Speaker, the Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP, acknowledging the presence of survivors of the Stolen Generations and community members in the Chamber, and the presence on the table of the Message Stick which had been presented to the Parliament in 2017 to commemorate the introduction of the Aboriginal Languages Bill 2017.

After this, three survivors of the Stolen Generations, Uncle James Michael 'Widdy' Walsh Number 36, Aunt Lorraine Peeters and Uncle Richard Dawes addressed the House from the floor of the Chamber. It is unusual for non-Members to address the House in this way, and the survivors did so in accordance with a resolution of the House passed on 19 May 2022.

After the address from the survivors, the Premier, the Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP moved a motion to mark the 25th anniversary of the apology to the Aboriginal people of Australia, 'for the systemic separation of generations of Aboriginal children from their parents, families, communities and country'.

Following the Premier's contribution to the debate, the Speaker left the Chair at 1.15pm and resumed the Chair at 3pm. The length of the lunch break was extended to allow Members, survivors and community members to attend a luncheon to mark the occasion, resulting in a delay to the commencement of Question Time.

Debate on the motion resumed later that day and the motion was agreed on the voices the following day, 8 June 2022.

Votes and Proceedings: 7/6/22, pp. 1743-1744; 8/6/22, p.1762-63

Hansard (proof): 7/06/22, pp. 1-9.

Standing Orders SO 131 (Question Time (oral questions)) and 365 (Suspension of Standing Orders).

Suspensions of Standing Orders by private Members

On Wednesday 8 June 2022, two private Members successfully moved motions to suspend Standing and Sessional Orders pursuant to SO 365.

First, Mr Ron Hoenig MP moved that standing and sessional orders be suspended to provide for the introduction and second reading speech on a bill, the Parliamentary Budget Officer Amendment Bill, to be given that day and the second reading debate to take place after the giving of general business notices of motion on Thursday 9 June. The suspension was agreed to by the House on the voices.

As a result, Mr Hoenig introduced and gave the second reading speech for the bill and the second reading debate took place on the following day, after which the bill was considered in detail. The House agreed to two amendments to the bill proposed by Mr Alex Greenwich MP. The House also agreed to two Government amendments following division. The amended bill was sent to the Legislative Council for consideration.

Later that same day, Mr Greenwich moved a suspension motion to provide for the calling on forthwith of General Business notice of motion 3548, concerning a proposed amendment to SO 131 (related to Question Time).

The House agreed to the suspension on the voices and, after debate, agreed to amend SO 131. The amendment inserted a clause into SO 131 so that if the Speaker has stopped the clock during an answer in Question Time, the Member's speaking time clock shall be stopped but the overall timing clock for Question Time shall continue to run.

Votes and Proceedings 8/06/2021, pp. 1759 – 1760.

Standing Orders 365 (Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders) and 131 (Question Time)

COMMITTEES

Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption – Inquiry – Review of aspects of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988

On Thursday 9 June 2022, the Chair of the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), the Hon. Leslie Williams MP, informed the House, in accordance with SO 299(1), that the Committee had resolved to conduct an inquiry in which it would review of aspects of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988*.

Votes and Proceedings: 9/06/2022, p. 1773.

Standing Orders 97 and 299(1).

Procedural note:

The Committee on the ICAC is a statutory committee, established pursuant to Part 7 of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988* (the ICAC Act).

One of the Committee's functions, under section 64(1)(b) of the ICAC Act, is to report to both Houses of Parliament, with such comments as it thinks fit, on any matter appertaining to the ICAC or the Inspector or connected with the exercise of its functions to which, in the opinion of the Committee, the attention of Parliament should be directed.

Under SO 299(1), at the time provided for in the Routine of Business, the Chair of a committee is to advise the House of any inquiries that have been referred to the committee by a Minister or that the committee has resolved to conduct.

SO 97 provides that the House is to conduct its business according to a routine, and that on sitting Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays tabling of committee reports and committee announcements are to take place in the Routine of Business following Question Time.

BILLS

2022-23 Budget Bills

The NSW Budget was considered by the House over 21 and 23 June.

On Tuesday 21 June, the Treasurer, the Hon. Matt Kean MP, introduced the *Appropriation Bill 2022*, and its cognates the *Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2022* and the *State Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2022* (the Budget Bills). Following the introduction and first reading, Mr Kean moved that the bills be read a second time and gave his second reading speech (the Budget Speech). At the conclusion of the Budget Speech, debate on the bills was adjourned until Thursday 23 June.

On Thursday 23 June business was interrupted at 9.45 am to permit the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Chris Minns MP, to speak on the Budget Bills (known as the speech in reply). At the conclusion of his speech in reply, the Budget Bills passed through all remaining stages. The Treasurer then moved that the House take note of the Budget Estimates and related papers for 2022-23 (known as the Budget Estimates take note debate).

The suspension of the usual routine of business to allow for the Budget speech, speech in reply, the passage of the Budget Bills through all stages and the Budget Estimates take note motion was provided for by a suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders, agreed to by the House on Thursday 9 June 2022.

The House agreed to a further suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders on Thursday 23 June to allow for the consideration of possible Legislative Council amendments to the Budget Bills. The suspension included the option for the Speaker to leave the Chair following the conclusion of private members' statements on Thursday 23 June and resume the Chair on the ringing of one long bell when the bills were reported returned from the Council.

The Budget Bills were considered by the Council on Thursday 23 June. As part of its consideration of the Bills, the Council resolved that only the *Appropriation Bill* and the *Appropriation (Parliament) Bill* would be considered together and the *State Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill* would be considered separately 'at a later hour'. However, the Council returned all three Bills to the Assembly together and without amendment later on 23 June.

The Speaker had left the Chair at 6.02 pm, the House having concluded private members' statements. At the ringing of a long bell at 7.58 pm the Speaker resumed the Chair and reported the message from the Council, returning all Budget Bills without amendment.

The Budget Bills were sent for assent on Friday 24 June and were assented to on Monday 27 June by His Honour the Honourable Andrew Bell, Administrator of the State, on behalf of the Governor.

Full details of the [bills](#) can be found on the Parliament's website.

Votes and Proceedings: 9/6/2022, pp. 1772-3; 21/6/2022, pp. 1775-6; 23/6/2022, pp. 1793-4, p. 1798 and p. 1799.

Standing Orders 97 (Routine of Business), 188 (Introduction of bills), 193 (Procedure for cognate bills), 197 (Presentation to the Governor), 203 (Proceedings after the second reading), 239 (Procedure after bills passed) and 365 (Suspension of Standing Orders).