

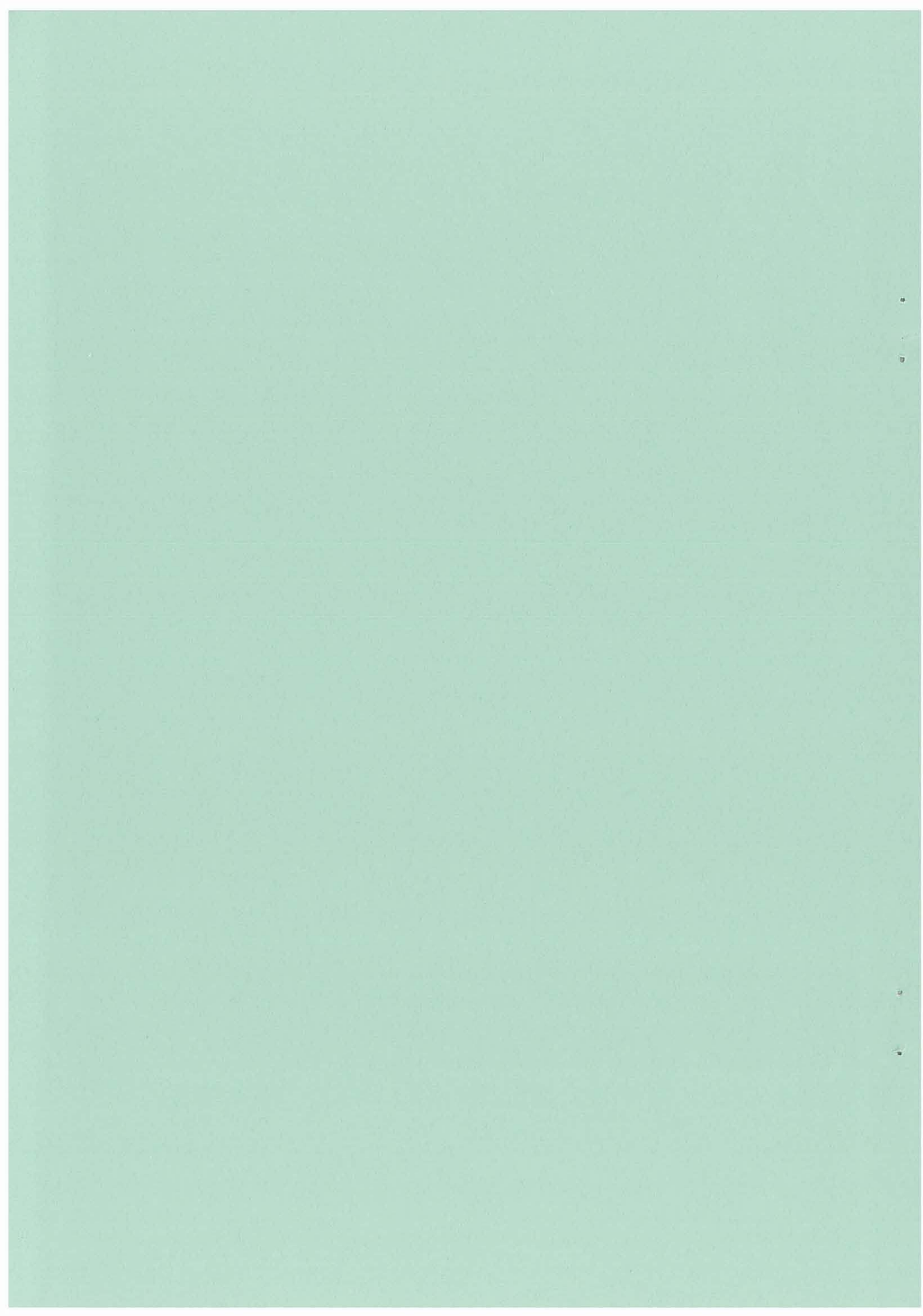
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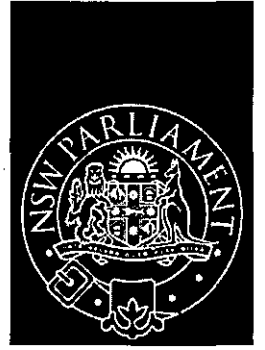
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# Speaker's Foreword

At meetings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee held on 22 and 28 September 2006, the Committee considered a new version of Standing Orders.

It is over ten years since the Legislative Assembly Standing Orders have been reviewed. In the 150th year of the Legislative Assembly it was considered appropriate for Standing Orders to be revisited with a view to modernising the procedures and terminology used.

The Committee agreed at its meeting on 28 September that the proposed new Standing Orders should be recommended to the House for approval by the Governor.

Accordingly the Committee is pleased to recommend to the House:

- (1) That the Standing Orders approved by the Governor on 12 December 1994, with amendments approved on 14 October 1996, be repealed;
- (2) That the Standing Orders adopted by the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee on 28 September 2006, be approved by the House; and
- (3) That the new Standing Orders be forwarded to Her Excellency the Governor by the Speaker for approval.

John Aquilina MP  
Speaker





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**STANDING ORDERS**  
**OF THE**  
**NEW SOUTH WALES**  
**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

AS AT

September 2006

The symbol  means that a time limit is specified in the Standing Order.. See also Standing Order 85.

	<b>CHAPTER 1</b>  <b>GENERAL CONDUCT OF BUSINESS</b>  1. All previous Standing Orders are repealed.	
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<p>Procedure for first day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PROCEEDINGS ON THE MEETING OF PARLIAMENT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meeting of new Parliament after a General Election</b></p> <p><b>2.</b> On the first day of a new Parliament after a General Election the proceedings shall be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Members shall assemble at the time and place specified in the Governor's proclamation calling Parliament together and the Clerk shall read the Proclamation and announce the receipt of Writs of Election and the List of Members elected.</li><li>(2) The House shall await a message from the Commissioner(s) appointed by the Governor for the Opening of Parliament.</li><li>(3) The House shall attend at the place named in the message to hear the commission read. The House shall then return to its own Chamber.</li><li>(4) The Commissioner(s) appointed by the Governor for administering the pledge to Members shall be announced, and the commission read by the Clerk.</li><li>(5) Members shall make a pledge of loyalty as prescribed by law and sign the roll.</li><li>(6) The writ of election of each Member, with the return endorsed, shall be produced by the Clerk on the pledge being administered to such Member.</li><li>(7) The House shall then elect a Speaker (see SO 10 and Constitution Act 1902, section 31B)</li><li>(8) Until a Speaker is elected, the Clerk shall preside and in any debate shall decide any point of order and determine which Member is entitled to address the House.</li><li>(9) A Minister may then inform the House when the Governor will summon the House for the hearing of the Governor's reasons for calling the Parliament together. The House may then adjourn to that hour.</li></ol>	
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<b>Governor's speech or commission read</b>	<b>Meeting for new session</b>	
	<p><b>3.</b> On the first sitting day of a new session the proceedings shall be as follows:</p> <p>(1) Members shall assemble at the time and place specified in the Governor's proclamation and the Clerk shall read the proclamation.</p> <p>(2) The Speaker shall read the prayer and acknowledgement of country and the House shall await a message from the Governor summoning the House to hear the Governor's opening speech or the commission read opening the session.</p> <p>(3) On receipt of the message the House shall attend at the place appointed.</p> <p>(4) After hearing the speech or commission read, the Speaker shall report and table the speech or the commission.</p> <p>(5) Before the speech or commission is reported the House shall, in assertion of its rights, transact some business of a formal nature without notice.</p>	
<b>Address in Reply moved</b>	<b>Address in Reply</b>	
	<p><b>4.</b> An Address in Reply to the Governor's speech may be moved and seconded immediately after the speech is reported and tabled.</p>	
<b>Precedence</b>	<p><b>5.</b> The debate on the Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech shall take precedence of general business.</p>	
<b>Adoption</b>	<p><b>6.</b> The Address in Reply may be adopted by the House with or without amendment.</p>	
<b>Presentation</b>	<p><b>7.</b> The Address in Reply shall be presented to the Governor by the Speaker accompanied by the mover and seconder and other Members of the House at the time communicated to the Speaker by the Governor.</p>	
<b>Opening of Parliament</b>	<b>Presence of the Sovereign</b>	
	<p><b>8.</b> When the Sovereign attends a session, references to the Governor shall be read and construed as references to the Sovereign.</p>	




<b>CHAPTER 3</b>		
<b>SPEAKER, DEPUTY SPEAKER AND ASSISTANT SPEAKER, TEMPORARY SPEAKERS AND OFFICERS</b>		
<b>Election of Speaker</b>		
<b>When Speaker elected</b>	<b>9.</b>	The Speaker shall be elected on the first sitting day of a new Parliament or whenever the office becomes vacant.
<b>Election of Speaker</b>	<b>10.</b>	<p>(1) The election of Speaker shall be in accordance with section 31B of the Constitution Act 1902.</p> <p>(2) In addition to the provisions in the abovementioned section, the following procedure shall apply:</p> <p>(a) At least one week before the scheduled sitting all Members are to be notified by the Clerk that nominations will be called for the office of Speaker at the prescribed time i.e. immediately after Members have taken the pledge. A sample copy of the nomination form will be attached to the notification.</p> <p>(b) At the prescribed time of the first day of sitting the Clerk will:</p> <p>(i) call for nominations to be delivered to the Clerk at the Table in a sealed envelope by the person nominated or by any other Member.</p> <p>(ii) ask the House if its satisfied that reasonable opportunity has been given for the receipt of nominations.</p> <p>(iii) declare nominations to be closed.</p> <p>(iv) if there is one valid nomination, declare that Member to be elected.</p> <p>(v) if there is more than one valid nomination, announce the fact that a ballot will be required.</p> <p>(vi) have ballot papers prepared and initialled.</p> <p>(vii) order that the bells be rung as prescribed for the taking of a ballot.</p> <p>(viii) call each Member by order of electorate, with Members proceeding to the Table to collect a ballot paper. The names of Members issued with ballot papers will be crossed off a list.</p> <p>(c) Having received a ballot paper Members will:</p> <p>(i) proceed to the voting booths located at the western end of the Chamber to cast their vote in secret.</p> <p>(ii) place their ballot paper in the locked ballot box on the Table and return to their seat.</p>

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	<p>(d) When all Members present have been called, received a ballot paper, voted and placed a ballot paper in the ballot box the Clerk will ask if any Member has not voted and desires to do so. The Clerk will then ask the House if there is any objection to declaring the ballot closed.</p> <p>(e) The locked ballot box will then be brought to the Table by the Serjeant-at-Arms and unlocked by the Clerk. The votes will be counted by the Clerk and checked by the Deputy Clerk and Clerk-Assistant. When the counting is completed, the Clerk will report the result of the ballot and the House shall either proceed to further ballots or the Clerk will declare a Member to be elected.</p> <p><i>Note: At no time during these proceedings will the Chamber be locked or the sitting suspended</i></p>	
<p><b>Procedure after election of Speaker</b></p>	<p><b>11. After election:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The elected Member shall be conducted to the Speaker's rostrum by two Members.</li> <li>(2) Having been so conducted the Member elected makes acknowledgement to the House for the honour conferred and takes the Chair as Speaker. The Mace having lain under the Table shall be laid upon the Table.</li> <li>(3) After the House congratulates the Speaker, a Minister shall inform the House where and at what time the Governor will receive the House for the purpose of presenting the Speaker.</li> <li>(4) At the stated time the sitting may be adjourned or suspended and the House shall proceed, with any Members then present, to be received by the Governor.</li> <li>(5) At such presentation the Speaker shall, in the name and on behalf of the House, lay claim to its undoubted rights and privileges.</li> <li>(6) On return the Speaker shall report the making of the claim.</li> <li>(7) A new Speaker filling a vacancy occurring during the currency of a Parliament does not lay claim to the privileges of the House.</li> </ol>	

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<b>Election of Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker</b>		
<b>When Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker elected</b>	<p><b>12.</b> The Deputy Speaker and an Assistant Speaker shall be elected on the first sitting day of a new Parliament or whenever either office becomes vacant.</p>	
<b>Procedure for election of Deputy Speaker</b>	<p><b>13.</b> The procedure for the election of the Deputy Speaker shall be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A motion shall be moved and seconded without notice that a Member be appointed Deputy Speaker.</li> <li>(2) The Speaker shall then ask if there is any further nomination, and if there is not, shall say that the time for motions has expired.</li> <li>(3) The Speaker shall, without motion put, declare the Member named in the motion to have been appointed Deputy Speaker.</li> <li>(4) If more than one motion for appointment is moved and seconded, the Speaker shall, after each subsequent motion, ask if there is any further motion, and if there is not, shall say that the time for motions has expired.</li> <li>(5) When there are no further motions debate may ensue.</li> <li>(6) No Member may speak for more than 5 minutes.</li> <li>(7) The closure may be moved on this question.</li> <li>(8) Before putting the question on the closure the Speaker shall ask whether there are any further motions. Such motions will be received, no debate being allowed.</li> <li>(9) If the question on the closure is carried the necessary questions shall be put in the order in which they have been moved.</li> </ol>	
	<p><b>14.</b> The procedure for the election of the Assistant Speaker shall be the same as the procedure for the election of the Deputy Speaker.</p>	

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Absence of the Speaker	<b>Absence of or vacancy in the offices of Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker</b>	
Vacancy in the Speakership	<p><b>15.</b></p> <p>(1) In the absence of the Speaker on a day when the House is sitting the Clerk shall inform the House and the Deputy Speaker shall perform the duties of the Speaker until the Speaker resumes the Chair.</p> <p>(2) In the absence of both the Speaker and Deputy Speaker on a day when the House is sitting the Assistant Speaker shall perform the duties of the Speaker.</p>	
Vacancy in the Deputy Speaker or Assistant Speaker	<p><b>16.</b> If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Speaker:</p> <p>(1) When the House is sitting the Clerk shall inform the House and the Deputy Speaker shall perform the duties of the Speaker until the election of a new Speaker which shall take precedence of all other business on the next sitting day.</p> <p>(2) When the House is not sitting a new Speaker shall be elected on the next sitting day and such election shall take precedence of all other business.</p>	
Absence of Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker during session	<p><b>17.</b> If a vacancy occurs in the office of Deputy Speaker or Assistant Speaker, the House, on being informed by the Speaker, shall proceed to the election of a new Deputy Speaker or Assistant Speaker.</p>	
	<p><b>18.</b> If the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker are all absent when the House is sitting, the Clerk shall inform the House which shall, upon motion without notice, before any further business is conducted, proceed to the election of an Acting Speaker and:</p> <p>(1) The Clerk shall preside for the election of an Acting Speaker in the same manner as for the election of Deputy Speaker.</p> <p>(2) The Members present, if a quorum, may elect an Acting Speaker who shall perform the duties of the Speaker.</p> <p>(3) If the House does not proceed to an election the matter shall stand adjourned until the next sitting day or if a sitting day has not been set, a date set by the Government, when the election of an Acting Speaker, if still necessary, shall take precedence of all other business.</p>	

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<b>Nomination by Speaker</b>	<b>Temporary Speakers</b> <b>19.</b> The Speaker shall nominate, at the commencement of each Parliament, not more than 5 members as temporary Speakers who, in the absence of the Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker, may exercise the powers and duties of the Speaker, and who shall be referred to as Acting Speaker.	
<b>Revocation of nomination</b>	<b>20.</b> The Speaker may at any time revoke the nomination of a Member as a temporary Speaker and nominate another Member.	
<b>Takes Chair when requested</b>	<b>21.</b> The Deputy Speaker, Assistant Speaker or a temporary Speaker shall take or vacate the Chair when requested to do so by the Speaker during a sitting.	
<b>Clerk's absence or vacancy</b>	<b>Absence of or vacancy in the office of the Clerk</b> <b>22.</b> In the absence of or in the event of a vacancy in the office of the Clerk, the Clerk's powers and functions shall be exercised by the officer next in seniority.	

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<b>CHAPTER 4</b>		
<b>SWEARING OF MEMBERS, ROLL, REGISTER, LEAVE OF ABSENCE</b>		
<b>Make pledge after first day</b>	<p><b>23.</b></p> <p>(1) Any Member not present on the first day of a new Parliament shall, at a subsequent sitting make the pledge of loyalty as prescribed in law and sign the roll.</p> <p>(2) A Member returned at a by-election may be escorted into the Chamber by Members and shall make the pledge of loyalty and sign the roll.</p>	
<b>Roll of Members</b>	<p><b>24.</b> The Clerk shall keep a roll which shall show the names of Members, their dates of election, the dates of signing the roll and the dates of cessation of service and the reasons.</p>	
<b>Register of Members</b>	<p><b>25.</b> At the commencement of each session, or on taking a seat, and within 14 days of any change, Members shall notify the Clerk of their residential and official address which shall be kept in a register by the Clerk.</p>	
<b>Front bench for Ministers</b>	<p><b>26.</b> During Question Time the front bench to the right of the Speaker shall be reserved for Ministers.</p>	
<b>Attendance of Members</b>	<p><b>27.</b> Every Member is bound to attend the service of the House and any committee to which they are appointed unless granted leave of absence by the House.</p>	
<b>Leave of absence</b>	<p><b>28.</b> A motion may be moved at any time, without notice, amendment or debate, for a Member to be granted leave of absence. Such motion shall state the cause and the period, not exceeding the remainder of the current session.</p>	
<b>Leave of absence forfeited</b>	<p><b>29.</b> Leave of absence shall be forfeited if the Member attends the service of the House or any committee before the expiry of the period of leave.</p>	

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<b>CHAPTER 5</b>		
<b>OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE HOUSE</b>		
<b>Record of Votes and Proceedings</b>	<p><b>30.</b> The Clerk shall record as the Votes and Proceedings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The attendance of members, including any leave of absence;</li> <li>(2) All votes;</li> <li>(3) Division lists;</li> <li>(4) Petitions received;</li> <li>(5) Proceedings in the House; and</li> <li>(6) Reports and other papers received and required to be tabled.</li> </ul> <p>Unless objection is taken within 3 sitting days the Votes and Proceedings shall be signed by the Speaker and the Clerk.</p>	
<b>Daily publication of House Papers</b>	<p><b>31.</b> The Clerk shall, after each sitting day, publish and circulate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Votes and Proceedings.</li> <li>(2) A Business Paper containing Notices of Motions and Orders of Day.</li> <li>(3) A Questions and Answers Paper.</li> </ul>	
<b>Statutory rules</b>	<p><b>32.</b> The Clerk shall publish a report of statutory rules listing the date gazetted, when laid upon the Table and the latest sitting day upon which a notice of disallowance may be given.</p>	
<b>Custody of records</b>	<p><b>33.</b> The Clerk shall have custody of all official records of the House and all papers tabled. Such papers shall not be taken from the Department of the Legislative Assembly without the permission of the Speaker.</p>	

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<b>CHAPTER 6</b>		
<b>MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE</b>		
<b>Days and times of meeting</b>		
<b>Days and times of meetings</b>	<p><b>34.</b> The House may appoint, on the motion of a Minister at any time, without notice, the day(s) and the time(s) of meeting and adjournment.</p>	
<b>Bells</b>	<p><b>35.</b> The timing for bells is as follows:</p> <p><u>Tuesdays</u> (Government Business day – First sitting day of the week) Bells are rung at 2.00 p.m., 2.11 p.m. and at 2.13 p.m.</p> <p><u>Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays</u> Bells are rung at 9.45 a.m. 9.56 a.m. and at 9.58 a.m.</p> <p><u>After lunch</u> Bells are rung at 2.00 p.m. and at 2.13 p.m.</p> <p><u>After dinner</u> Bells are rung at 7.15 p.m. and at 7.28 p.m.</p> <p><u>Division</u> First bell 10 seconds, pause 10 seconds; second bell 10 seconds, pause 10 seconds; third bell 20 seconds. The doors are locked 4 minutes after the bells are first rung.</p> <p><u>Quorum</u> One long continuous bell (for up to four minutes until a quorum is present in the Chamber).</p> <p><u>House adjournment</u> Two short bells.</p> <p><u>One long bell</u> A continuous bell rung at the discretion of the Chair.</p>	
<b>Speaker takes the Chair</b>	<p><b>36.</b> The Speaker shall take the Chair at the time appointed on every day fixed for meeting.</p>	
<b>Quorum</b>	<p><b>Quorum at time of meeting</b></p>	
	<p><b>37.</b> The quorum necessary to constitute a meeting of the Assembly shall be at least 20 Members exclusive of the Speaker (section 32, Constitution Act 1902).</p>	



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<p><b>Absence of quorum</b></p>	<p><b>38.</b> When a quorum is not present at the commencement of the sitting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The bells shall be rung for 4 minutes.</li> <li>(2) If a quorum is then not formed after that time the Speaker shall adjourn the House until the next sitting day and the names of the Members present shall be entered in the Votes and Proceedings.</li> <li>(3) If the next sitting day has not been appointed, the House shall adjourn to the next succeeding business day.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Prayer and acknowledgement of Country</b></p>	<p><b>Prayer and acknowledgement of Country</b></p> <p><b>39.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Speaker or the Clerk shall read the following prayer after the Speaker takes the Chair each day.</li> </ol> <p>“Almighty God, we ask for your blessing upon this Parliament. Direct and prosper our deliberations to the true welfare of Australia and the people of New South Wales. Amen.”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(2) The Speaker or the Clerk shall read the following acknowledgement of Country after reading the prayer each day:</li> </ol> <p>“We acknowledge the Traditional Owners, the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation. We also acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands we represent and thank them for their custodianship of country.”</p>	
<p><b>Resumption of sitting without quorum</b></p>	<p><b>Quorum during sitting</b></p> <p><b>40.</b> If during a sitting, the Speaker leaves the Chair until an appointed time or until the ringing of one long bell, the House may recommence its business at that time even if there is not a quorum present.</p>	
<p><b>Absence of quorum and subsequent count-out</b></p>	<p><b>41.</b> If a Member states that a quorum is not present in the House:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Speaker shall count the House.</li> <li>(2) If a quorum is not present the bells shall be rung for 4 minutes.</li> <li>(3) If after that time a quorum has not been formed, the names of the Members present shall be recorded in the Votes and Proceedings and the Speaker shall set down any business then before the House as an Order of the Day for a later time and adjourn the House until the next sitting day.</li> <li>(4) If the next sitting day has not been appointed, the House shall adjourn to the next succeeding business day.</li> </ol>	

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<b>Chair's discretion on further quorum</b>	<b>42.</b> The Speaker has discretion to proceed with business or order that the bells be rung on any second or subsequent quorum call on any one sitting day.	
<b>No quorum in division</b>	<b>43.</b> If the tellers of a division report there is no quorum, the Speaker shall adjourn the House until the next sitting day. If the next sitting day has not been appointed, the House shall adjourn to the next succeeding business day.	
<b>Disorder on call of quorum</b>	<b>44.</b> It is disorderly for any Member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) To call attention to the absence of a quorum when a quorum is present.</li> <li>(2) To leave the Chamber after attention has been called to the absence of a quorum.</li> </ul>	
<b>Restrictions on quorum calls</b>	<b>45.</b> Members shall not be permitted to call attention to the want of a quorum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) During Private Members' Statements;</li> <li>(2) Before 10.30 a.m. on any sitting day; or</li> <li>(3) On Friday sittings.</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment of House by Minister</b>	<b>Adjournment and next meeting</b>	
<b>Recall of House by Government</b>	<b>46.</b> The House shall be adjourned on motion of a Minister, except in the event that a quorum has not been formed when called or if the House otherwise resolves. The question is decided without amendment or debate. <p><b>47.</b> The Government, in the public interest, may in writing to the Speaker or, in the absence of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, request the House meet at an earlier time than set down on adjournment. If satisfied, the Speaker shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Fix a day and time and</li> <li>(2) Communicate the day and time to all Members.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Recall of House by majority of Members</b>	<p><b>48.</b> An absolute majority of Members may in writing to the Speaker, or in the absence of the Speaker the Deputy Speaker, request the House meet at an earlier time than set down on adjournment. The Speaker shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Fix a day and time within 10 days of the receipt of the request.</li><li>(2) Communicate the day and time to all Members.</li><li>(3) Accept an advice from the Leader of a recognised Party as a request on behalf of all its Members.</li></ol>	
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<b>CHAPTER 7</b>		
<b>RULES OF DEBATE AND PRIVILEGE</b>		
<b>Order</b>		
<b>Speaker maintains order</b>	<b>49.</b> The Speaker shall maintain order in the House.	
<b>Members silent when Speaker rises</b>	<b>50.</b> When the Speaker rises Members shall be seated and be silent.	
<b>Members silent when question put</b>	<b>51.</b> When the Speaker is putting a question Members shall be silent and shall not leave or cross the Chamber.	
<b>No noise or interruption of debate</b>	<b>52.</b> When a Member is speaking other Members shall not converse or make any noise or disturbance.	
<b>No Member to pass between Chair</b>	<b>53.</b> Members shall not pass between the Chair and the Table or between the Chair and the Member speaking.	
<b>Members to be seated</b>	<b>54.</b> Members shall be seated unless entering, leaving or moving to any other part of the Chamber during debate and shall not stand in any of the passage ways.	
<b>Manner and right of speech</b>		
<b>Member seeking call</b>	<b>55.</b> A Member wishing to speak will not be recognised by the Speaker unless the Member rises and seeks the call. After being recognised the Member may then speak at the Table or from their seat.	
<b>Illness or disability</b>	<b>56.</b> A Member unable to stand because of illness or disability may speak while seated with the leave of the Speaker.	
<b>Motion "That Member be now heard"</b>	<b>57.</b> A Member may move without notice that a Member who has risen but not received the call " <b>That the Member for .... be now heard</b> ". The question shall be decided without debate or amendment.	
<b>Motion "That Member be not further heard"</b>	<b>58.</b> A Member may move without notice that a Member who is speaking " <b>That the Member for .... be not further heard</b> ". The question shall be decided without debate or amendment.	

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Irrelevance or tedious repetition	59. The Speaker may direct a Member to discontinue a speech if the Member persists in irrelevance or tedious repetition.	
Motion "That Member be further heard"	60. A Member, having been called to cease speaking, or any other Member, may require the Speaker to put the question, " <b>That the Member for .... be further heard</b> ". The question shall be decided without debate or amendment.	
Member may speak	61. A Member may only speak: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) To a question before the Chair which is open to debate.</li> <li>(2) When moving a motion.</li> <li>(3) When moving an amendment.</li> <li>(4) When rising to a point of order or privilege.</li> <li>(5) To make a personal explanation.</li> <li>(6) In explanation.</li> </ul>	
Personal explanation	62. A Member may, when there is no question before the Chair and with the leave of the Speaker, explain a matter of personal nature. A personal explanation shall not be debated.	
Inaugural speech	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inaugural Speech</b></p> <p>63.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A motion may be moved without notice, amendment or debate for the business before the House to be interrupted at a specified time (but not so as to interrupt a Minister speaking) to permit a Member to make an inaugural speech without a question being before the House. Any interrupted business shall be resumed on completion of the speech.</li> <li>(2) The time limit for inaugural speeches will be 15 minutes with a 5 minute extension.</li> </ul>	
Member to speak once	64. A Member may only speak once to a question, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Member in charge of the Order of the Day when the order is read.</li> <li>(2) In explanation.</li> <li>(3) In reply.</li> <li>(4) During consideration in detail of any matter.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Member briefly heard in explanation</b></p>	<p><b>65.</b> A Member, having concluded a speech, may be briefly heard again to explain a material part of their speech which has been misquoted or misunderstood but cannot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Interrupt another Member who is speaking.</li> <li>(2) Introduce any new matter.</li> <li>(3) Debate the matter.</li> <li>(4) Be heard after the determination of the question before the Chair.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reply</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reply</b></p> <p><b>66.</b> A Member may speak in reply if the Member has moved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a substantive motion or</li> <li>(2) a motion <b>“That this bill be now agreed to in principle”</b> or</li> <li>(3) a motion <b>“That this bill be now passed”</b>.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Subject of reply</b></p>	<p><b>67.</b> The subject matter of a reply is confined to matters raised during the debate.</p>	
<p><b>Reply closes debate</b></p>	<p><b>68.</b> The reply of the mover of the original motion closes the debate.</p>	
<p><b>No Member to speak after question put</b></p>	<p><b>69.</b> A Member may not speak to a question after the Speaker has put the question.</p>	
<p><b>Quotation from Hansard or newspapers</b></p>	<p><b>70.</b> A Member may only refer to or quote from a debate or proceeding of the current session in either House or newspaper report of such debate or proceeding if the reference or quotation is brief and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Relevant to the matter under discussion or</li> <li>(2) The subject of a personal explanation.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reflection on votes of the House</b></p>	<p><b>71.</b> A Member shall not reflect on a previous decision of the House unless debating the rescission of such a vote.</p>	

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<p><b>Offensive words not to be used</b></p>	<p><b>72.</b> A Member shall not use offensive words against:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Sovereign or the Governor.</li> <li>(2) Either House or its Members.</li> <li>(3) A member of the judiciary.</li> <li>(4) A statute, unless moving for its repeal.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Reflection on Members by substantive motion only</b></p>	<p><b>73.</b> Imputations of improper motives and personal reflections on Members of either House are disorderly other than by substantive motion.</p>	
<p><b>Quarrels not permitted</b></p>	<p><b>74.</b> The Speaker may intervene:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) When offensive or disorderly words are used by a Member.</li> <li>(2) To prevent a quarrel between Members arising out of debates or proceedings in the House.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>No Member to be referred to by name</b></p>	<p><b>75.</b> A Member shall refer to other Members by their title of office or by the name of their electorate.</p>	
<p><b>Relevancy</b></p>	<p><b>76.</b> A Member speaking shall be relevant to the subject matter of the debate.</p>	
<p><b>Anticipation</b></p>	<p><b>77.</b> A Member shall not anticipate discussion of any matter which is on the Business Paper. In determining whether discussion anticipates debate the Speaker shall have regard to the probability of the matter being debated by the House within a reasonable period and the most effective means for it to be raised.</p>	
<p><b>Requirement for question to be stated</b></p>	<p><b>78.</b> A Member may require the question to be stated by the Speaker during the debate without interrupting the Member speaking.</p>	
<p><b>Interruptions not allowed – exceptions</b></p>	<p><b>79.</b> A Member may only interrupt another Member to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Raise a matter of privilege or contempt suddenly arising.</li> <li>(2) Call attention to a point of order.</li> <li>(3) Call attention to the want of a quorum.</li> <li>(4) Call attention to the presence of visitors.</li> <li>(5) Move a closure motion.</li> <li>(6) Move "That the Member for .... be now heard."</li> <li>(7) Move "That the Member for .... be not further heard."</li> </ol>	

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<b>Matters not open for debate nor amendment</b>	<b>Matters not open to debate</b>	
	<p><b>80.</b> The following matters are not open to debate nor amendment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Adjournment of debate.</li> <li>(2) Adjournment of the House.</li> <li>(3) Extension of time.</li> <li>(4) Leave of the House.</li> <li>(5) Motion that a Member be suspended.</li> <li>(6) Motion that a Message be sent to the Legislative Council.</li> <li>(7) Motion that leave of absence be granted.</li> <li>(8) To withdraw, postpone or by motion discharge an order of the day.</li> <li>(9) Personal explanation.</li> <li>(10) "That inspection of the paper be restricted to Members only and that no copies or extracts thereof be permitted".</li> <li>(11) "That visitors be ordered to withdraw".</li> <li>(12) "That the bill be declared urgent".</li> <li>(13) "That the bill be withdrawn".</li> <li>(14) "That the Committee report be printed".</li> <li>(15) "That the Member for .... be further heard".</li> <li>(16) "That the Member for .... be not further heard".</li> <li>(17) "That the Member for .... be now heard."</li> <li>(18) "That the petition not be received".</li> <li>(19) "That the question be divided".</li> <li>(20) "That the question be now put".</li> <li>(21) "That the question be not now put".</li> <li>(22) "That the Member's speaking tim</li> </ol>	
<b>Abuse of forms of House</b>	<p><b>81.</b> The Speaker shall not receive a second time in a sitting, any question which is not open to debate or amendment if, in the Speaker's opinion, it would amount to an abuse of the orders or forms of the House, or is moved for the purpose of obstructing business.</p>	
<b>Adjournment of debate</b>	<b>Adjournment of debate</b>	
	<p><b>82.</b> A motion for the adjournment of a debate may only be moved by a Member who has not spoken to the question.</p>	
<b>Resumption of adjourned debate</b>	<p><b>83.</b> The resumption of the debate may be set down for a later hour of the same day, tomorrow or a future day by the Speaker, on request of the Member having carriage of the matter. In the absence of the Member having carriage of the matter, the Speaker shall set down the resumption of the debate as an order of the day for a later time.</p>	



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<p><b>Mover of adjournment if negatived, held to have spoken</b></p>	<p><b>84.</b> A Member whose motion for the adjournment of a debate is negatived cannot speak later in that debate.</p>																																
<p><b>Maximum time limits</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maximum time limits for debates and speeches</b></p> <p><b>85.</b> The following maximum time limits shall apply for debates and speeches:</p> <p><b><u>Address in Reply (SO 5)</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Premier</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Leader of the Opposition</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Mover</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- 15 minutes†</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Any other Member</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- 15 minutes†</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Reply</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- 15 minutes†</td> </tr> </table> <p><b><u>Adjournment – Special</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Mover</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- 5 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Three other Members</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- 5 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Reply</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- 5 minutes</td> </tr> </table> <p><b><u>Bills (SO 188-239)</u></b></p> <p>Agreement in principle:</p> <p><b>(i) Introduced by a Minister</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Mover</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Leader of the Opposition or one Member deputed, next speaking</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Any other Member</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- 15 minutes†</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Reply</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- unspecified</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>(ii) Appropriation Bill</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Mover</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Party Leaders</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Any other Member</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- 15 minutes†</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Reply</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- unspecified</td> </tr> </table>	Premier	- unspecified	Leader of the Opposition	- unspecified	Mover	- 15 minutes†	Any other Member	- 15 minutes†	Reply	- 15 minutes†	Mover	- 5 minutes	Three other Members	- 5 minutes	Reply	- 5 minutes	Mover	- unspecified	Leader of the Opposition or one Member deputed, next speaking	- unspecified	Any other Member	- 15 minutes†	Reply	- unspecified	Mover	- unspecified	Party Leaders	- unspecified	Any other Member	- 15 minutes†	Reply	- unspecified
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### **Expulsion of a Member (SO 254)**

Mover	- 30 minutes*
Member next speaking	- 30 minutes*
Any other Member	- 20 minutes*
Member in response	- 20 minutes*
Reply	- 20 minutes*

### **General Business notices of motions or orders of the day (not for bills) (SO 107)**

In each debate:

Mover	- 10 minutes
Member next speaking	- 10 minutes
Four Members	- 5 minutes each
Reply	- 5 minutes

### **Inaugural Speech (SO 63)**

Member making inaugural speech	- 15 minutes†
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### **Matters of Public Importance (SO 110)**

Mover	- 15 minutes
Member next speaking	- 15 minutes
Other Members (limited to four)	- 5 minutes
Reply	- 10 minutes

#### **After Motion Accorded Priority**

Mover	- 10 minutes
Member next speaking	- 10 minutes
One other Member	- 5 minutes
Reply	- 5 minutes

### **No confidence in the Government (SO 111)**

Mover	- unspecified
Party Leader	- unspecified
Any other Member	- 30 minutes
Premier in response	- 45 minutes
Reply	- 45 minutes

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### **No confidence in a Minister (SO 112)**

Mover	- unspecified
Minister named	- unspecified
Any other Member	- 20 minutes
Response by Minister	- 30 Minutes
Reply	- 30 minutes

### **No confidence in Speaker (SO 113)**

Mover	- unspecified
Member leading debate in opposition to the motion	- unspecified
Any other Member	- 20 minutes
Response by Member leading debate in opposition to the motion	- 30 minutes
Mover in reply	- 30 minutes

### **Censure of Member (SO 114)**

Mover	- 15 minutes
Member named	- 15 minutes
Four other Members	- 5 minutes
Response by Member	- 10 minutes
Mover in reply	- 10 minutes

### **Censure of Speaker (SO 115)**

Mover	- 15 minutes
Member leading debate in opposition to the motion	- 15 minutes
Four other Members	- 10 minutes
Response by Member leading debate in opposition to the motion	- 10 minutes
Mover in reply	- 10 minutes

### **Papers, printing of (SO 266)**

All Members, including reply	- 3 minutes
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(The Speaker may call the Minister in reply if debate exceeds 30 minutes)

### **Press, accommodation (SO 263)**

All Members	- 10 minutes
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(The Speaker shall be entitled to put the question after 30 minutes of debate)

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### **Private Members' Statements (SO 108)**

Up to sixteen Members - 5 minutes  
Replies by Ministers - 2 minutes

### **Privilege/Contempt (suddenly arising in House) (SO 91)**

The Member may speak for 10 minutes to establish a prima facie case

### **Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker, election of (SO 10, 13 and 14)**

All Members - 10 minutes

### **Speaker's ruling, dissent (SO 95)**

All Members, including reply - 10 minutes

(The Speaker may call on Member to reply if debate exceeds 30 minutes)

### **Statutory Rules, disallowance (SO 116)**

All Members, including reply - 10 minutes

(The Speaker may call on Member to reply if debate exceeds 30 minutes)


### **Suspension of standing orders (SO 365)**

Mover - 5 minutes  
One other Member - 5 minutes  
Reply - 5 minutes


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<b>Closure</b>		
<b>Motion “That the question be put”</b>	<p><b>86.</b> A motion may be made by any Member, <b>“That the question be now put”</b>. Such motion:</p> <p>(1) May be moved whilst another Member is addressing the House;</p> <p>(2) Shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate;</p> <p>(3) Must be carried by at least 30 Members in the affirmative; and</p> <p>(4) May not be moved before 10.30 a.m. on any day when the House meets at an earlier time.</p>	
<b>Closure – Right of reply</b>	<p><b>87.</b> Whenever the closure is carried on a motion, the mover of the original motion, if entitled to a reply, shall be permitted to speak for up to 30 minutes or a lesser time if specified.</p>	
<b>Limitation of application</b>	<p><b>88.</b> The carrying of the closure only affects the last question submitted to the House.</p>	
<b>Closure – Consequential Divisions</b>	<p><b>89.</b> When the House has carried the question <b>“That the question be now put”</b> and any reply has been made, the Speaker shall then put any questions that are consequential on the carriage of the closure motion.</p>	

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<p><b>Closure – Allocation of time for discussion</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Allocation of time for debate (guillotine)</b></p> <p><b>90.</b> The Premier, or a Minister acting on the Premier's behalf, may at any time state in the House the intention of the Government to deal with any business to a certain stage at a specified time at the next or a subsequent sitting.</p> <p>Written notification must subsequently be given to the Speaker and the Party Leaders and the notice shall be published in the Business Paper.</p> <p>To give effect to the notification a Member shall move at the specified time on the date given or at a later time at the same sitting the motion "That the question be now put".</p> <p>The carrying of this question is an instruction to the Speaker to put to the vote every question necessary to give effect to the notification. No further debate, amendment or reply is permitted.</p> <p>After the carrying of the closure, the Speaker shall put to the vote any amendments proposed by a Minister provided that the amendments were lodged with the Clerk and printed and circulated by the Clerk at least 2 hours before the specified time.</p> <p>The closure may not be moved on any question contained in a notification of allocation of time under this standing order.</p> <p>If the closure under this Standing Order is agreed to during the agreement in principle stage and there have been no Minister's amendments circulated, the Speaker shall forthwith put to the vote the question on the passing of the Bill.</p>	
<p><b>Speaking to privilege</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Privilege or Contempt Suddenly Arising in the House</b></p> <p><b>91.</b> A Member may rise on a matter of contempt or a breach of privilege suddenly arising relating to the proceedings then before the House. In order to move a substantive motion immediately or to request the Speaker to have a notice placed on the Business Paper with precedence, the Member must satisfy the Speaker (in a statement limited to 10 minutes) that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The matter is one suddenly arising, relates to a matter then before the House and should be dealt with at the earliest opportunity.</li> <li>(2) There is a prima facie case, and</li> <li>(3) The Member has a prepared notice of motion and the matter should proceed forthwith or have precedence for the next sitting day.</li> </ol>	

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<p><b>Matters of Privilege not Suddenly arising</b></p>	<p><b>92.</b> Except as provided in standing order 91 and in paragraph (5) of this standing order, a matter of privilege shall be brought before the House as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A Member desiring to raise a matter of privilege must inform the Speaker of the details in writing.</li> <li>(2) The Speaker must consider the matter within 14 days and decide whether a motion to refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics (the Committee) is to take precedence under the standing orders. The Speaker must notify his or her decision in writing to the Member.</li> <li>(3) While a matter is being considered by the Speaker, a Member must not take any action or refer to the matter in the House.</li> <li>(4) If the Speaker decides that a motion for referral should take precedence, the Member may, at any time when there is no business before the House, give notice of a motion to refer the matter to the Committee. The notice must take precedence under Standing Order 118 on the next sitting day (unless the next sitting day is a Friday sitting).</li> <li>(5) If the Speaker decides that the matter should not be the subject of a notice of referral, a Member is not prevented from giving a notice of motion in relation to the matter. Such notice shall not have precedence.</li> <li>(6) If notice of a motion is given under paragraph (4), but the House is not expected to meet on the day following the giving of the notice or the next sitting day is a Friday sitting, with the leave of the House, the motion may be moved at a later hour of the sitting at which the notice is given.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Point of order</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Point of order</b></p> <p><b>93.</b> A Member may, at any time, raise a point of order relating to a breach of the standing orders or the practice of the House which shall, until disposed of, suspend the consideration and decision of every other question.</p>	
<p><b>Consideration of point of order</b></p>	<p><b>94.</b> When a Member rises on a point of order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Member who was speaking shall be seated.</li> <li>(2) The question only of order shall be stated to the Speaker.</li> <li>(3) The Speaker shall give a decision or hear further argument.</li> </ol>	



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<b>Dissent from Speaker's ruling</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dissent from Speaker's ruling</b></p> <p><b>95.</b> The procedure for dissenting from a ruling or decision of the Chair is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) The Member must give notice of a motion at the time for notices stating the grounds of the dissent.</li><li>(2) The notice must be given within 3 clear sitting days after the sitting day at which the ruling was given.</li><li>(3) The motion shall take precedence of all other business on the day appointed.</li><li>(4) The Speaker may call on the Member to reply if debate exceeds 30 minutes.</li><li>(5) The notice lapses if not moved or postponed on the appointed day.</li><li>(6) Any Member and the mover in reply shall each be entitled to speak for up to 10 minutes.</li></ol>	
<b>Leave</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Leave of the House</b></p> <p><b>96.</b> When the leave of the House is required it must be granted without dissent. A request for leave shall not be debated.</p>	

## CHAPTER 8

### ROUTINE OF BUSINESS

Routine of business

97. The House shall conduct its business in the following routine:

#### Tuesdays

1. At 2.15 p.m. (Speaker takes Chair)
2. Ministerial Statements
3. Notices of Motions (other than General Notices)
4. Notices of Motions to be Accorded Priority
5. Question Time
6. Ministerial Statements
7. Papers
8. Committee Reports – Tabling
9. Petitions
10. Announcement of Matter of Public Importance
11. Placing or Disposal of Business
12. Motion Accorded Priority
13. Matters of Public Importance
14. Business with Precedence
15. At 5.15 p.m. Notices of Motions (General Notices) followed by Private Members' Statements
16. Government Business

#### Other Government Business Days (not Fridays)

1. At 10.00 a.m. (Speaker takes Chair)
2. Government Business
3. At 2.15 p.m. (Speaker resumes Chair)
4. Ministerial Statements
5. Notices of Motions (other than General Notices)
6. Notices of Motions to be Accorded Priority
7. Question Time
8. Ministerial Statements
9. Papers
10. Committee Reports – Tabling
11. Petitions
12. Announcement of Matter of Public Importance
13. Re-ordering of General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills) and General Business (Notices of Motions)
14. Placing or Disposal of Business
15. Motion Accorded Priority
16. Matters of Public Importance
17. Business with Precedence
18. At 5.15 p.m. (Wednesday) or 4.15 p.m. (Thursday) Notices of Motions (General Notices) followed by Private Members' Statements
19. Government Business

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### General Business Days

1. At 10.00 a.m. (Speaker takes Chair)
2. General Business Notices of Motions for Bills (concluding not later than 10.30 a.m.)  
Any interrupted item of business shall be set down as an order of the day for a later time with precedence of other General Business Notices of Motions for Bills.
3. General Business Orders of the Day for Bills (concluding not later than 11.30 a.m.)  
Any interrupted item of business shall be set down as an order of the day for a later time with precedence of other General Business Orders of the Day for Bills.
4. General Business Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day (not being Bills) concluding at 1.00 p.m.  
Any interrupted item of business shall be set down as an order of the day for a later time with precedence of other General Business (not for Bills).
5. 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. consideration of Committee Reports presented (Speaker leaves Chair).
6. At 2.15 p.m. (Speaker resumes Chair)
7. Ministerial Statements
8. Notices of Motions (other than General Notices)
9. Notices of Motions to be Accorded Priority
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22. Government Business



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<b>Friday sittings</b>	<b>Friday sittings</b>	
<b>Friday sittings</b>	<p><b>98.</b> On any Friday upon which the House sits, whether as a continuation of the sitting of the previous day or as a separate sitting day:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Government Business shall have precedence of all other business in the routine of business.</li> <li>(2) No quorums shall be called and any divisions called shall be deferred, set down as orders of the day for the next sitting day and determined after Question Time.</li> <li>(3) Private Members' Statements may be called at the conclusion of Government Business, after which the House shall adjourn without motion until the next sitting day.</li> </ol>	
<b>Notices take precedence</b>	<b>Placing or Disposal of Business</b>	
<b>Notices take precedence</b>	<p><b>99.</b> Notices of motions shall take precedence of orders of the day, and if called upon must be moved, withdrawn, or postponed in the order in which they appear on the Business Paper or lapse.</p>	
<b>Placing or disposal of business</b>	<p><b>100.</b> The procedure for the placing or disposal of business (with the exception of establishing the program for General Business Days) is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Each sitting day, in accordance with the routine of business, the Speaker shall ask if any Member wishes to postpone, withdraw or discharge any notice of motion or order of the day.</li> <li>(2) A Member may, without debate, withdraw or postpone any notice of motion standing in their name on the Business Paper for that day.</li> <li>(3) A Member may, without debate, postpone, or by motion, move to discharge an order of the day standing in their name on the Business Paper for that day.</li> <li>(4) An Order of the Day for a bill may be discharged on motion, without debate or amendment, and a motion moved forthwith, without debate or amendment <b>"That the Bill be withdrawn"</b>.</li> <li>(5) A Member, with the written authority of another Member, may act on behalf of that Member in regard to this standing order.</li> </ol>	


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<p><b>Establishing program for General Business Days</b></p>	<p><b>Program for General Business Days</b></p>	
	<p><b>101.</b> The procedure for establishing the program for General Business Days is as follows:</p> <p>(1) On the sitting day preceding a General Business Day, Members shall advise the Clerk in writing by 1.00 p.m. which General Business Notices of Motions for Bills, Orders of the Day for Bills, or Notices of Motions (not for Bills) standing in their name on the Business Paper are to be postponed. Party Whips may also advise the Clerk in writing of which items of General Business standing on the name of Members of their party are to be postponed.</p> <p>(2) The first ten notices on the Business Paper, not advised to be postponed by 1.00 p.m. on the day preceding a General Business Day, will be deemed to be proceeding. Any General Business Order of the Day for Bills or Notice of Motion re-ordered by the House to have precedence in accordance with Standing Orders 97 and 106 will retain such precedence.</p> <p>(3) On a General Business Day, a Member may, without debate:</p> <p>(a) withdraw or postpone any notice of motion standing in their name on the Business Paper for that day.</p> <p>(b) postpone or, on motion, discharge an Order of the Day standing in their name on the Business Paper for that day.</p> <p>(c) discharge an Order of the Day for a bill on motion, without debate or amendment, <b>“That the Order of the Day be discharged”</b>, followed by a motion moved forthwith, without debate or amendment <b>“That the Bill be withdrawn”</b>.</p>	
<p><b>Ministers may arrange</b></p>	<p><b>Government Business</b></p>	
	<p><b>102.</b> Ministers may arrange Government Business in any order.</p>	
<p><b>Times for Ministerial Statements</b></p>	<p><b>Ministerial Statements</b></p>	
	<p><b>103.</b> Ministerial Statements may be made at the times indicated in the routine of business or at other times by leave of the House.</p>	
<p><b>Duration of Ministerial Statements</b></p>		
	<p><b>104.</b> Ministerial statements are of unlimited duration and the Leader of the Opposition or any Member deputed may respond for the same period of time.</p>	


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<b>General Business</b>										
<b>Precedence and lapsing of General Business</b>	<p><b>105.</b></p> <p>(1) General business notices of motions and orders of the day shall retain their relative places on the Business Paper and be considered in the order in which they are given or set down.</p> <p>(2) General business interrupted by the operation of the routine of business shall stand adjourned and be set down as an order of the day for a later time.</p> <p>(3) General business notices of motions and orders of the day not commenced or completed 12 months from the date given shall lapse.</p>									
<b>Re-ordering General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills) and General Business (Notices of Motions)</b>	<p><b>106.</b> At the re-ordering of General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills) and General Business (Notices of Motions) in the Routine of Business:</p> <p>(1) Any two private members may move to re-order their order of the day for resumption of the debate on their bill to be granted precedence of other orders of the day on the following sitting day.</p> <p>(2) Any two private members may move to re-order the Members general business notice of motion to be granted precedence of other notices on the following sitting day.</p> <p>(3) The carrying of one motion in (1) or (2) above prevents another Member moving a subsequent motion.</p> <p>(4) On a motion for re-ordering, the Member in charge of the bill or notice of motion shall be permitted to make a statement of up to 5 minutes and one other Member may reply for up to 5 minutes.</p>									
<b>Debate on General Business Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day (not being Bills)</b>	<p><b>107.</b></p> <p>(1) On General Business Days, from 11.30 a.m., the House shall consider General Business Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day (not being Bills).</p> <p>(2) In each debate the following time limits shall apply:</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Mover</td> <td>- 10 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member next speaking</td> <td>- 10 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Four Members</td> <td>- 5 minutes each</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reply</td> <td>- 5 minutes</td> </tr> </table>	Mover	- 10 minutes	Member next speaking	- 10 minutes	Four Members	- 5 minutes each	Reply	- 5 minutes	
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<p>Procedure for General Business Notices of Motions and Private Members' Statements</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>General Business Notices of Motions and Private Members' Statements</b></p> <p><b>108.</b> The procedure for General Business Notices of Motions and Private Members' Statements is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) At 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and at 4.15 p.m. on Thursday the business before the House shall be interrupted for the giving of General Business Notices of Motions and then the taking of Private Members' Statements.</li><li>(2) The interrupted business shall become an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day, except a Motion Accorded Priority or a Matter of Public Importance on Thursday which shall lapse.</li><li>(3) If at the time of interruption:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) a division is in progress – the division shall be completed and the result announced.</li><li>(b) Proceedings under the "guillotine" are in progress, the proceedings shall be completed.</li></ol></li><li>(4) The Speaker shall propose the question "<b>That Private Members' Statements be noted</b>".</li><li>(5) Up to 16 Members may speak for up to 5 minutes each and replies by Ministers shall be limited to 2 minutes each.</li><li>(6) Private Members' Statements may be taken between items of business with the leave of the House for a specified period or a specified number of Members or until certain business is to be conducted as notified by the Minister in charge of the House at that time.</li><li>(7) A division on any question or quorum call shall not be permitted during Private Members' Statements.</li><li>(8) At the conclusion of Private Members' Statements on Thursday and Friday the House shall adjourn without motion until the next sitting day.</li></ol>	
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<p><b>Consideration of Motions Accorded Priority</b></p>	<p><b>Consideration of Motions Accorded Priority</b></p>									
	<p><b>109.</b> The procedure for consideration of motions accorded priority shall be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Prior to Question Time the Speaker shall ask for written notices of motions to be accorded priority.</li> <li>(2) No more than two notices shall be accepted at any one sitting of the House.</li> <li>(3) The notices shall be set down for consideration immediately after Question Time, and any Ministerial Statements, with precedence of all other business.</li> <li>(4)             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The Members giving the notices shall each be permitted to make statements of up to 5 minutes as to why their notice should be accorded priority.</li> <li>(b) At the conclusion of the 5 minute statements the Speaker shall put the question on the first notice <b>“That the motion of the Member for .... be accorded priority”</b>.</li> <li>(c) If this motion is carried the Member may proceed.</li> <li>(d) If the motion is not carried the question <b>“That the motion for of the Member for .... be accorded priority”</b> is then put on the next motion.</li> </ol> </li> <li>(5) When the motion for priority is determined and the motion is moved, the following time limits shall apply:             <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Mover</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 10 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member next speaking</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 10 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Members (limited to three)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 5 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reply</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 5 minutes</td> </tr> </table> </li> </ol>	Mover	- 10 minutes	Member next speaking	- 10 minutes	Other Members (limited to three)	- 5 minutes	Reply	- 5 minutes	
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<p><b>Matters of Public Importance</b></p>	<p><b>Matters of Public Importance</b></p> <p><b>110.</b> The procedure for matters of public importance is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The matter, which must be definite, shall be handed in writing to the Speaker no later than 1.00 p.m. on any sitting day and immediately published.</li> <li>(2) The Speaker, in the event that more than one matter is submitted, shall determine which matter is of the greatest public importance.</li> <li>(3) At least 30 minutes prior to the time for Question Time –             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Premier, the Leader of the Government, the Leader of the Opposition, the responsible Minister in the House, Members submitting matters and the Independent Members shall be informed in writing by the Speaker of the matter determined by the Speaker to be discussed.</li> <li>(b) the Speaker, by placing a notice on notice boards, shall inform Members of the matter.</li> </ol> </li> <li>(4) If the Speaker decides that any matter proposed is in order it shall be announced to the House by the Speaker.</li> <li>(5) As provided in the routine of business the Speaker shall call the Member concerned to proceed with the matter. The matter cannot be amended.</li> <li>(6) The following time limit shall apply:             <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Member submitting matter</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 15 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member next speaking</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 15 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Four other Members</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 5 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member concluding the discussion</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 10 minutes</td> </tr> </table> </li> <li>(7) Where a motion accorded priority has been considered by the House then any Matter of Public Importance listed for discussion that day shall be limited in duration to the following speaking times:             <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Mover</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 10 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member next speaking</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 10 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One other Member</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 5 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reply</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 5 minutes</td> </tr> </table> </li> <li>(8) At the conclusion of the discussion no question shall be put.</li> <li>(9) There shall be no dissent from the ruling of the Speaker in relation to the operation of this Standing Order.</li> </ol>	Member submitting matter	- 15 minutes	Member next speaking	- 15 minutes	Four other Members	- 5 minutes	Member concluding the discussion	- 10 minutes	Mover	- 10 minutes	Member next speaking	- 10 minutes	One other Member	- 5 minutes	Reply	- 5 minutes	
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<p><b>No confidence in the Government</b></p>	<p><b>No confidence in Government</b></p> <p>111. The procedure for a motion of no confidence in the Government is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A notice of motion must be given.</li> <li>(2) If a motion is given under section 24B(2) of the Constitution Act 1902, it shall take precedence of all other business on a sitting day that is not less than 3 clear days after the notice has been given.</li> <li>(3) The motion may not be postponed or amended.</li> <li>(4) The motion may be withdrawn with the leave of the House.</li> <li>(5) Debate on such motion shall not be adjourned and the sitting of the House shall continue until the question is determined.</li> <li>(6) The following time limits apply to this debate:             <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Mover</td> <td>- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Party Leader</td> <td>- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Any other Member</td> <td>- 30 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Premier in response</td> <td>- 45 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reply</td> <td>- 45 minutes</td> </tr> </table> </li> <li>(7) The following motions cannot be moved:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the Member be now heard.</li> <li>That the Member be not further heard.</li> <li>That the question be not now put (previous question).</li> </ul> </li> <li>(8) The motion "That the question be now put" (closure) cannot be moved until at least 8 Members have spoken to the original question before the House.</li> <li>(9) During the currency of the debate the Speaker shall leave the Chair at 10.30 p.m. each day and the sitting shall resume at 10.00 a.m. on each successive sitting day until the matter is determined.</li> <li>(10) When the question is determined the Speaker shall adjourn the House without motion until the next sitting day.</li> </ol>	Mover	- unspecified	Party Leader	- unspecified	Any other Member	- 30 minutes	Premier in response	- 45 minutes	Reply	- 45 minutes	
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<p><b>No confidence in a Minister</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>No confidence in Minister</b></p> <p><b>112.</b> The procedure for a motion of no confidence in a Minister is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) A notice of motion must be given.</li><li>(2) Such notice shall take place of and be called upon at the time for consideration of Matters of Public Importance at the next sitting of the House after the notice was given.</li><li>(3) On any day when such notices are set down, the House cannot consider Matters of Public Importance.</li><li>(4) The motion may not be postponed or amended.</li><li>(5) The motion may be withdrawn with the leave of the House.</li><li>(6) Debate will be as follows:<table data-bbox="539 750 1050 922" style="margin-left: 40px;"><tr><td>Mover</td><td>- unspecified</td></tr><tr><td>Minister named</td><td>- unspecified</td></tr><tr><td>Any other Member</td><td>- 20 minutes</td></tr><tr><td>Response by Minister</td><td>- 30 minutes</td></tr><tr><td>Mover in reply</td><td>- 30 minutes</td></tr></table></li><li>(7) The following motions cannot be moved:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>That the Member be now heard.</li><li>That the Member be not further heard.</li><li>That the question be not now put (previous question).</li></ul></li><li>(8) The motion "That the question be now put" (closure) cannot be moved until at least 4 members have spoken on the original question before the House.</li></ol>	Mover	- unspecified	Minister named	- unspecified	Any other Member	- 20 minutes	Response by Minister	- 30 minutes	Mover in reply	- 30 minutes	
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<p><b>No confidence in Speaker</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>No confidence in Speaker</b></p> <p><b>113.</b> The procedure for a no confidence motion in the Speaker is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) A notice of motion must be given.</li><li>(2) Such notice shall take place of and be called upon at the time for consideration of Matters of Public Importance at the next sitting of the House after the notice was given.</li><li>(3) On any day when such notices are set down, the House cannot consider Matters of Public Importance.</li><li>(4) The motion may not be postponed or amended.</li><li>(5) The motion may be withdrawn with the leave of the House.</li><li>(6) Debate will be as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mover - unspecified</li><li>Member leading the debate in opposition to the motion - unspecified</li><li>Any other Member - 20 minutes</li><li>Response by Member leading the debate in opposition to the motion - 30 minutes</li><li>Mover in reply - 30 minutes</li></ul></li><li>(7) The following motions cannot be moved:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>That the Member be now heard.</li><li>That the Member be not further heard.</li><li>That the question be not now put (previous question).</li></ul></li><li>(8) The motion "That the question be now put" (closure) cannot be moved until at least 4 members have spoken on the original question before the House.</li></ol>	
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<b>Censure of a Member</b>	<b>Censure of Member</b>	
<b>Censure of Speaker</b>	<b>Censure of Speaker</b>	


**114.** The procedure for a motion of censure of a Member is as follows:

- (1) A notice of motion must be given.
- (2) Such notice shall take the place of and be called upon at the time for consideration of Matters of Public Importance on the sitting day at which the notice was given.
- (3) Debate will be as follows:
  - Mover - 15 minutes
  - Member named - 15 minutes
  - Four other Members - 5 minutes
  - Response by Member - 10 minutes
  - Mover in reply - 10 minutes
- (4) The following motions cannot be moved:
  - That the Member be now heard.
  - That the Member be not further heard.
  - That the question be not now put (previous question).
- (5) The motion "That the question be now put" (closure) cannot be moved until at least 4 members have spoken on the original question before the House.

**115.** The procedure for a motion of censure of the Speaker is as follows:

- (1) A notice of motion must be given.
- (2) Such notice shall take the place of and be called upon at the time for consideration of Matters of Public Importance at that sitting.
- (3) Debate will be as follows:
  - Mover - 15 minutes
  - Member leading the debate in opposition to the motion - 15 minutes
  - Four other Members - 5 minutes
  - Response by Member leading the debate in opposition to the motion - 10 minutes
  - Mover in reply - 10 minutes
- (4) The following motions cannot be moved:
  - That the Member be now heard.
  - That the Member be not further heard.
  - That the question be not now put (previous question).
- (5) The motion "That the question be now put" (closure) cannot be moved until at least 4 members have spoken on the original question before the House.

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<b>Disallowance of statutory rules</b>	<b>Disallowance of Statutory Rules</b>	
<b>Unproclaimed Legislation</b>	<p><b>116.</b> The procedure for a motion to disallow a statutory rule or instrument is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The notice, if given within 15 sitting days after tabling, shall be set down on the Business Paper for the next sitting day with precedence of Government and General Business.</li> <li>(2) Such motions shall have priority in the order given.</li> <li>(3) Time limits apply to this debate.</li> </ol>	
<b>Business with Precedence</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unproclaimed Legislation</b></p> <p><b>117.</b> On the second sitting day of each Session and then every 15th sitting day thereafter, the Speaker shall table a list of legislation remaining unproclaimed 90 days after assent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Business with Precedence</b></p> <p><b>118.</b> The following matters shall take precedence in the following order of all other business on the sitting day on which they are set down for consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Dissent from Speaker's ruling.</li> <li>(2) No confidence in the Government.</li> <li>(3) Privilege/contempt.</li> <li>(4) Expulsion of a Member.</li> <li>(5) Arrangement of business of the House.</li> <li>(6) Days and hours of sitting.</li> <li>(7) Disallowance of statutory rules.</li> <li>(8) Business accorded precedence by the House.</li> <li>(9) Votes of thanks or condolence.</li> <li>(10) Printing of Papers.</li> </ol>	

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<b>CHAPTER 9</b>		
<b>PETITIONS</b>		
<b>Lodgement of petitions</b>	<b>119.</b> A petition must be lodged with the Clerk by 12 noon on the day it is to be reported to the House.	
<b>Clerk's certificate</b>	<b>120.</b> A petition must bear the Clerk's certification that it is in conformity with the standing orders.	
<b>Contents of petition</b>	<p><b>121.</b> A petition must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Be legible and contain no alterations.</li> <li>(2) Be in English or be accompanied by a translation certified to be correct by the lodging Member.</li> <li>(3) Contain the request of the petitioner(s).</li> <li>(4) Contain the names and addresses of the petitioner(s) and their own original signatures on sheets containing the petition or the request and they must not be pasted on or otherwise transferred to the petition. A petitioner unable to write may affix their mark in the presence of a witness who shall list their own name and address as well as the name and address of the petitioner.</li> <li>(5) Contain at least one signature on the same sheet as the request.</li> <li>(6) Be respectful, decorous, and temperate in its language, and not contain irrelevant statements.</li> <li>(7) If from a corporation, be made under its common seal.</li> <li>(8) Be received only as the petition of the parties signing the same.</li> </ol>	
<b>Petitions must not contain</b>	<p><b>122.</b> A petition must not:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Have letters, affidavits, or other documents attached to it, except if it is a petition for a private bill.</li> <li>(2) Make reference to any debate in Parliament.</li> <li>(3) Be lodged by a Member who has signed the petition as a petitioner.</li> <li>(4) Contain language disrespectful to either House or the Governor.</li> </ol>	

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<p><b>Procedure for lodgement and presentation</b></p>	<p><b>123.</b> The procedure for the lodging and presentation of a petition is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Member must be acquainted with the contents of the petition.</li> <li>(2) The Member must ensure that the petition is in conformity with the standing orders.</li> <li>(3) The Member must sign the front sheet.</li> <li>(4) The petition is lodged for presentation with the Clerk.</li> <li>(5) In the House the Clerk shall announce that petitions have been received.</li> <li>(6) The terms of the petition presented shall be printed in Hansard and in the Votes and Proceedings.</li> <li>(7) No discussion upon the subject matter of a petition shall be allowed, except by way of substantive motion.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Petitions deemed to have been received</b></p>	<p><b>124.</b> Petitions shall be deemed to be received by the House unless a motion, moved on the next sitting day (not being a Friday), is agreed to, without debate or amendment, that a petition be not received.</p>	
<p><b>Referral to Minister</b></p>	<p><b>125.</b> A copy of every petition lodged with the Clerk and received by the House shall be referred by the Clerk to the Minister responsible for the administration of the matter which is the subject of the petition.</p>	



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<b>CHAPTER 10</b>		
<b>QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION</b>		
<b>Question to Ministers</b>	<p><b>126.</b> A Minister may be asked a question which relates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Public affairs;</li> <li>(2) Matters under the Minister's administration; or</li> <li>(3) Proceedings pending in the House for which the Minister has carriage.</li> </ul>	
<b>Question to Chair</b>	<p><b>127.</b> A Member, being the Chair of a committee, may be asked a question relating to the affairs of the committee.</p>	
<b>Rules for questions</b>	<p><b>128.</b> The following general rules apply to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Questions cannot be debated.</li> <li>(2) Questions should not contain – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) statements of facts or names of persons unless they are strictly necessary to render the question intelligible and can be authenticated</li> <li>(b) argument</li> <li>(c) inference</li> <li>(d) imputation</li> <li>(e) epithets</li> <li>(f) ironical expression</li> <li>(g) expression of opinion, or</li> <li>(h) hypothetical matter.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(3) Questions should not ask for – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an expression of opinion</li> <li>(b) legal opinion</li> <li>(c) an announcement of government policy, or</li> <li>(d) confirmation of rumour or media reports.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(4) Questions should not refer to debates in the current session.</li> <li>(5) Questions cannot anticipate discussion upon an Order of the Day or other matter.</li> </ul>	
<b>Answer relevant</b>	<p><b>129.</b> An answer shall be relevant to the question asked.</p>	
<b>Answer not to debate</b>	<p><b>130.</b> In answering a Member shall not debate the matter to which the question relates.</p>	

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<b>Question Time</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Question Time</b></p> <p><b>131.</b> The procedure for Question Time is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Questions are asked orally and may be read and are subject to the same rules as written questions but shall not be recorded in the Questions and Answers Paper.</li><li>(2) No question shall be asked after 45 minutes from the Speaker calling on questions or the answering of 10 questions whichever is the later.</li><li>(3) One supplementary question per Question Time, may be asked immediately by the Member asking the original question. The answer shall count as one of the 10 answers.</li><li>(4) The Leader of the Opposition is entitled to be called first by the Speaker at the commencement of Question Time.</li><li>(5) Ministers seeking to provide additional information to questions already answered at the current or a previous sitting shall do so at the conclusion of Question Time.</li></ol>	
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<p>Written questions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Written Questions</b></p> <p><b>132.</b> Written questions are lodged as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Questions for the next sitting day shall be handed to one of the Clerks at the Table before the end of Question Time.</li><li>(2) A question containing argument, unbecoming expressions or otherwise not conforming with the practice of the House may:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Under the authority of the Speaker, be amended by the Clerk or divided if it contains matters that are not relevant to each other.</li><li>(b) Be ordered not to be printed by the Speaker or removed from the Questions and Answers Paper.</li></ol></li><li>(3) The number of questions able to be lodged accumulative over one sitting week are:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Members – three questions per sitting day</li><li>(b) The Leader of the Opposition – four questions per sitting day</li></ol></li><li>(4) Ministers shall lodge answers to written questions within 35 calendar days after the question is first published and the answers shall be published.</li><li>(5) If an answer to a written question is not received within 35 calendar days the Speaker, at the next sitting day after the expiry date, shall forthwith inform the House and the Minister shall immediately explain to the House the reason for non-compliance.</li><li>(6) If the Minister, after explanation in the House, has not submitted an answer within 3 sitting days the Speaker shall again inform the House and the Minister shall again be called to explain with such procedure continuing until a written answer is submitted.</li></ol>	
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<b>CHAPTER 11</b>		
<b>NOTICES OF MOTIONS</b>		
<b>Notice given verbally</b>	<p><b>133.</b></p> <p>(1) A notice of motion for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) A bill;</li> <li>(b) Government Business;</li> <li>(c) No confidence in the Government, Minister or Speaker, or censure of Member or Speaker; and</li> <li>(d) Business with Precedence, (SO 118) with the exception of votes of thanks or condolence.</li> </ul> <p>must be given verbally at the time prescribed in the routine of business and show the date for moving the motion.</p> <p>(2) Notices of Motions (General Notices) may only be given immediately prior to Private Members' Statements.</p>	
<b>Copy handed to Clerk</b>	<p><b>134.</b> At the time of giving notice the original signed notice must be handed to a Clerk at the Table.</p>	
<b>Notice by another Member</b>	<p><b>135.</b> A Member by written request may give a notice of motion for another Member. The other Member's name must appear on the notice with the signature of the Member giving the notice.</p>	
<b>Order on Business Paper</b>	<p><b>136.</b> Notices of motions are set down on the Business Paper in the order in which they are given.</p>	
<b>Argument or unbecoming expressions</b>	<p><b>137.</b> A notice containing argument, unbecoming expressions or otherwise not conforming with the practice of the House may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Under the authority of the Speaker, be amended by the Clerk or divided if it contains matters that are not relevant to each other.</li> <li>(2) Be ordered not to be printed by the Speaker, or removed from the Business Paper.</li> </ul>	
<b>Giving more than one notice</b>	<p><b>138.</b> Members (except Ministers) may not give more than one notice consecutively, except in the case of notices for disallowance of statutory rules.</p>	
<b>Alterations of notice</b>	<p><b>139.</b> To alter a notice of motion already given, a Member must hand in an amended notice before the motion is moved. The amended notice must not exceed the scope of the terms of the original notice.</p>	

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<b>Precedence of motions</b>	<b>140.</b> Notices of motions, called on by the Clerk, shall have precedence of each other in accordance with the order in which they appear on the Business Paper or are postponed.	
<b>Postponement or withdrawal of notices of motions</b>	<b>141.</b> A notice of motion shall be postponed or withdrawn at the direction of the Member who gave the notice, or by another Member with the written authority of that Member, during the placing or disposal of business or when called on.	

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<b>CHAPTER 12</b>		
<b>MOTIONS, QUESTIONS, VOTES AND RESOLUTIONS</b>		
<b>Moving motions</b>	<p><b>142.</b> A Member may not move a motion unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Pursuant to a notice of motion appearing on the Business Paper or</li> <li>(2) By leave or</li> <li>(3) Pursuant to standing orders or sessional orders or</li> <li>(4) By resolution of the House.</li> </ul>	
<b>Speaker proposes question</b>	<p><b>143.</b> After a motion has been moved the Speaker shall propose a question on the motion.</p>	
<b>Withdrawal of motion</b>	<p><b>144.</b> After a question on a motion has been proposed by the Speaker it is in possession of the House and cannot be withdrawn except by leave of the House.</p>	
<b>Withdrawal of motion Member absent</b>	<p><b>145.</b> A Member cannot seek leave of the House to move a motion to withdraw a motion or amendment of another Member who is absent except with the written authority of that Member.</p>	
<b>Amendment proposed</b>	<p><b>146.</b> When an amendment is proposed to a motion the original motion cannot be withdrawn until the amendment is withdrawn or negatived.</p>	
<b>May be brought on again</b>	<p><b>147.</b> A motion which has been superseded or withdrawn may be moved again during the same session.</p>	
<b>Parts to be put as separate questions</b>	<p><b>148.</b> When a motion consists of one or more distinct parts a Member may, before the question is put, require the Speaker to put the motion as separate questions.</p>	
<b>Previous question</b>	<p><b>149.</b> Any question may be superseded by a motion <b>“That the question be not now put”</b>. If this motion is carried in the affirmative then the next item of business shall be called on and if negatived the question shall be put immediately (with no reply from the mover).</p>	
<b>Previous question on series of resolutions</b>	<p><b>150.</b> If the previous question is moved on the first of a series of separate questions to be put seriatim the decision on the first question shall be conclusive as regards the other questions.</p>	

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<b>Question put</b>	<p><b>151.</b> The Speaker shall put the question as soon as debate is concluded.</p>	
<b>Question determined by the voices</b>	<p><b>152.</b> A question being put shall be resolved in the affirmative or negative by the majority of voices “Aye” or “No” upon which the Speaker shall declare an opinion.</p>	
<b>Separation of complicated question</b>	<p><b>153.</b> When a complicated question has been proposed a Member may move <b>“That the question be divided”</b>. This question shall be decided without debate or amendment.</p>	
<b>Same question not to be put</b>	<p><b>154.</b> The Speaker may disallow any motion or amendment which is the same in substance as any question already determined in the affirmative or in the negative in the same session.</p> <p>Nothing in this standing order shall preclude the operation of section 5B of the Constitution Act 1902.</p>	
<b>Rescission</b>	<p><b>155.</b> A vote of the House, except a motion for the passing of a bill, may be rescinded during the same session after 7 clear days notice.</p>	
<b>Corrections</b>	<p><b>156.</b> A vote or proceeding of the House containing irregularities or mistakes may be corrected at once by leave of the House or by notice of motion.</p>	

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<b>CHAPTER 13</b>		
<b>AMENDMENTS</b>		
<b>Forms of amendments</b>	<p><b>157.</b> After a question has been proposed by the Speaker, it may be amended by:</p> <p>(1) the omission of words: “That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question”.</p> <p>(2) the omission of words in order to insert or add other words: “That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If resolved in the affirmative the amendment is disposed of;</li> <li>• If negatived the question proposed is “That the words to be inserted (or added) be so inserted (or added)”.</li> </ul> <p>(3) the insertion or addition of words: “That the words proposed to be inserted (or added) be so inserted (or added)”.</p>	
<b>Question in form “That the amendment be agreed to”</b>	<p><b>158.</b> The Speaker may put a question in the form “That the amendment be agreed to”.</p>	
<b>Amendments to be written and signed</b>	<p><b>159.</b> Amendments must be in writing and signed by the mover.</p>	
<b>Relevant</b>	<p><b>160.</b> Amendments must be relevant to the question which it is proposed to amend.</p>	
<b>Not considered</b>	<p><b>161.</b> Amendments shall not be considered if:</p> <p>(1) Inconsistent with a previous decision on the question.</p> <p>(2) A later part has been amended.</p> <p>(3) A question has been proposed on an amendment to a later part unless the proposed amendment has been withdrawn by leave of the House.</p> <p>(4) It is to words already resolved should stand part of the question or which have been inserted or added, unless it is an addition to those words.</p>	
<b>Amendment dealt with in order moved</b>	<p><b>162.</b> An amendment which is moved must be dealt with before a second amendment to the original question can be moved.</p>	



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<b>Withdrawal of amendment</b>	<b>163.</b> An amendment which has been leave of the House.	
<b>Amendment to amendment</b>	<b>164.</b> An amendment may be moved to an amendment as if that amendment were the original question.	
<b>Form of question</b>	<b>165.</b> When an amendment is moved to omit words with a view to inserting or adding others, no amendment to the words proposed to be inserted or added can be considered until the question "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question" is dealt with.	
<b>Original question amended</b>	<b>166.</b> When amendments have been agreed to, the original question as amended shall be put.	

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<b>CHAPTER 14</b>		
<b>ORDERS OF THE DAY</b>		
<b>Setting down business</b>	<b>167.</b> Where the business before the House is adjourned or is interrupted the Speaker shall set down its resumption as an order of the day for a later time.	
<b>Precedence</b>	<b>168.</b> Orders of the Day shall have precedence according to the order in which they appear on the Business Paper.	
<b>No notice – Order of the Day</b>	<b>169.</b> Where there is no notice to be called on the Speaker may direct the Clerk to read the Order of the Day.	
<b>Postponement or discharge</b>	<p><b>170.</b> When the Order of the Day is read it may, by the Member in charge of the Order, or with written authority by another Member on that Member's behalf, be:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(1) Postponed or (2) Discharged, on motion without debate or amendment.</p>	
<b>Precedence for Member in charge</b>	<b>171.</b> The Member in charge of the Order of the Day shall be entitled to speak first when the Order is read without closing the debate.	
<b>Restoration of lapsed order</b>	<b>172.</b> After Orders of the Day have commenced, a motion for restoring a lapsed Order may be moved without notice when there is no other business before the House.	

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<b>CHAPTER 15</b>		
<b>DIVISIONS</b>		
<b>Call for division</b>	<b>173.</b> To challenge the opinion of the Speaker a Member shall call for a division before the question is declared.	
<b>Procedure for division</b>	<p><b>174.</b> The procedure for calling a division is as follows:</p> <p>(1) The Speaker must first state an opinion, after putting a question, as to whether the Ayes or the Noes have it and if unchallenged declare the question accordingly.</p> <p>(2) If there has been a voice for both the Ayes and the Noes, a division may then be called for.</p> <p>(3) To call a division a Member must have called against the Speaker's determination.</p>	
<b>Must vote as called</b>	<b>175.</b> A Member having called for one side cannot vote on the other and if the Speaker is satisfied that this has occurred the vote shall be recorded accordingly.	
<b>Pecuniary interest</b>	<b>176.</b> A Member cannot vote on any question in which the Member has a direct pecuniary interest not held in common with other citizens of the State.	
<b>Determining pecuniary interest</b>	<b>177.</b> A Member's vote may be disallowed, by way of substantive motion moved without notice after the division is completed, on the grounds of a pecuniary interest.	
<b>Entitlement to vote</b>	<b>178.</b> A Member shall only be entitled to vote in a division if present in the House after the doors are locked.	
<b>Vote disallowed on motion</b>	<b>179.</b> A Member's vote may be disallowed, by way of substantive motion moved without notice after the division is completed, on the grounds that the Member was not present in the House after the doors were locked.	

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<p><b>Procedure for division</b></p>	<p><b>180.</b> When a division has been called for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Speaker shall order the division bells to be rung for 4 minutes.</li> <li>(2) Members present shall be seated – Ayes to the right and Noes to the left of the Chair.</li> <li>(3) After the time has expired the Speaker shall order the doors to be locked.</li> <li>(4) The Speaker shall put the question.</li> <li>(5) The Speaker shall appoint two tellers for each side.</li> <li>(6) Tellers may not decline to be appointed unless excused by the Speaker.</li> <li>(7) In the event of the tellers not agreeing, other tellers shall be appointed until there is agreement.</li> <li>(8) After counting the votes the tellers shall hand up the lists, signed by them, to the Speaker who shall declare the result of the division.</li> <li>(9) No Member shall enter or leave the Chamber until after the doors are unlocked.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Five Members or fewer, names recorded</b></p>	<p><b>181.</b> If there are five or fewer Members on a side on a division, without completing the division, the Speaker shall declare the question resolved and the number in the minority and their names shall be recorded.</p>	
<p><b>Error in tally</b></p>	<p><b>182.</b> Unless corrected, another division shall be called if there is confusion or error in the numbers reported.</p>	
<p><b>Correction of records</b></p>	<p><b>183.</b> A complaint that a division has been inaccurately reported in the Votes and Proceedings and Hansard must be raised as a point of order in the House and the Speaker, if satisfied, may cause the record to be corrected.</p>	
<p><b>Speaker's casting vote</b></p>	<p><b>184.</b> In the event of an equality of votes, the Speaker shall give a casting vote and any reasons given may be recorded in the Votes and Proceedings.</p>	
<p><b>Successive Divisions</b></p>	<p><b>185.</b> If a second division is called for and the bells rung following limited or no intervening debate after an earlier division and sufficient time has elapsed after the division bell has been rung, the Speaker may, with the leave of the House, order the doors to be locked and the vote taken.</p>	

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<b>Pairs</b>	<b>186.</b> Members pairing on any division shall be recorded on the tellers' lists and printed in the Votes and Proceedings and Hansard.	
<b>Restriction on Divisions</b>	<b>187.</b> (1) The House shall not conduct a division on any question before 10.30 a.m. on days when the House meets at an earlier time, or during private members' statements. If a division is called prior to 10.30 a.m. on such days, the division shall be deferred and conducted at 10.30 a.m. and any business then before the House shall be interrupted and recommenced after the division(s). (2) On any Friday when the House sits, whether as a continuation of the sitting of the previous day or as a separate sitting day any divisions called shall be deferred, set down as orders of the day for the next sitting day and determined after Question Time.	

<b>CHAPTER 16</b>		
<b>BILLS</b>		
<b>Introduction of bills</b>	<p><b>188.</b> The procedure for introducing and passage of a bill up to its agreement in principle is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Every bill shall be prepared pursuant to the long title, which shall set out the main purposes of the bill. It shall not be necessary to specify in the long title every Act which it is proposed to amend.</li> <li>(2) A notice of motion to introduce is given. It is sufficient for the mover to read the short title.</li> <li>(3) The motion to introduce the bill shall include the long title.</li> <li>(4) The question "That this bill be now introduced" shall be put without debate or amendment.</li> <li>(5) The bill as introduced shall correspond with the notice of motion.</li> <li>(6) 3 copies of the bill shall be handed to the Clerk.</li> <li>(7) The bill shall be printed, with an explanatory note if applicable, without motion put.</li> <li>(8) The motion "That this bill be now agreed to in principle" may be moved forthwith or set down for a later time.</li> <li>(9) Immediately following the mover's speech the debate shall be adjourned.</li> <li>(10) The mover shall ask the Speaker to fix the resumption of the debate as an Order of the Day for a future day which shall be at least five clear days ahead.</li> <li>(11) On the reading of the Order of the Day a motion may be moved "That this bill be now agreed to in principle" or that the order be postponed or, on motion without notice, that the order be discharged. A further motion may be moved that the bill be withdrawn.</li> </ol>	
<b>Procedure for urgent bills</b>	<p><b>189.</b> The procedure for the consideration of a bill as an urgent bill is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Sufficient copies being available to Members a Minister, after making an agreement in principle speech, may declare a bill to be an urgent bill.</li> <li>(2) The question "That the bill be considered an urgent bill" is put forthwith, no debate or amendment being allowed.</li> <li>(3) If agreed to, the debate in principle and other stages may be proceeded with forthwith or at any time during that or any future sitting of the House.</li> </ol>	

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<b>Governor's Message required</b>	<b>190.</b> The House shall not proceed upon any bill for the appropriation of any part of the Consolidated Fund, or for any other tax or impost for any purpose which has not been first recommended by message of the Governor during the Session in which such bill shall be passed. This provision does not apply to a bill introduced by a Minister or to a vote or resolution proposed by a Minister.	
<b>Private Member may introduce public bill</b>	<b>191.</b> A public bill may be introduced by a private member.	
<b>Certain bills deemed public</b>	<b>192.</b> A bill for the improvement of a council area and promoted by that council shall be deemed and taken to be a public bill.	
<b>Procedure for cognate bills</b>	<b>Cognate Bills</b>  <b>193.</b> The procedure for two or more bills to be dealt with as cognate bills is as follows:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The notice of motion for the bills shall state that the bills are cognate.</li> <li>(2) One motion may be moved and one question put in regard to, respectively, the introduction, the agreement in principle, the consideration in detail and the passing of the bills together.</li> <li>(3) The bills may be considered in detail together.</li> </ul>	
<b>Agreement in principle and passing of cognate bills</b>	<b>194.</b> An amendment may be moved to a question to agree to bills in principle or to a question on the passing of cognate bills, to leave out one or more of the bills from the question.	
<b>Separate questions</b>	<b>195.</b> A Member may require the Speaker to put the agreement in principle or the passing of cognate bills as separate questions.	
<b>Consideration of Council amendments</b>	<b>196.</b> Council amendments in cognate bills may be considered together in detail.	
<b>Presentation to the Governor</b>	<b>197.</b> Cognate bills shall not be presented to the Governor for assent until all bills have been passed or otherwise disposed of.	

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<b>Amendment – referral to committee</b>	<b>Debate on motion to agree in principle</b>	
	<b>198.</b> Amendments may be moved to the question “That this bill be now agreed to in principle” to leave out all words after the word “That” and adding “this bill be referred to a committee”.	
<b>Disposal of bill</b>	<b>199.</b> An amendment may be moved to the question “That this bill be now agreed to in principle” to leave out all words after “That” and adding “this bill be disposed of”. No amendment may be moved to this amendment.	
<b>Amendment – deferral of question</b>	<b>200.</b> An amendment may be moved to the question “That this bill be now agreed to in principle” to leave out the word “now” and adding a later time.	
<b>Report from committee</b>	<b>201.</b> The report of a committee on a bill, having been tabled shall be set down for consideration with the bill as an Order of the Day for a later time.	
<b>Discharge of order and introduction of second bill</b>	<b>202.</b> An Order of the Day for the agreement in principle (or any subsequent stage of a bill) having been discharged and the bill ordered to be withdrawn, the House may direct on motion for another bill to be brought in.	
<b>After Agreement in Principle</b>	<b>Proceedings after Agreement in Principle</b>	
	<p><b>203.</b> After agreement in principle, unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A Member requests consideration of the bill in detail; or</li> <li>(2) The Member in charge of the bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) moves a motion for consideration in detail pro forma; or</li> <li>(b) requests the Speaker to set down consideration of the bill in detail as an Order of the Day for a later time; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>(3) A motion is moved, without notice or debate, and agreed to <b>“That this bill be not passed”</b>.</li> </ul> <p>The Speaker shall declare the bill to have passed the House.</p>	



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<b>Pro forma consideration in detail</b>	<p><b>204.</b> The procedure for dealing with a pro forma consideration in detail is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) After agreement in principle the member in charge of the bill shall move "That the House consider the bill in detail pro forma". This question shall be put without amendment or debate.</li> <li>(2) The proposed amendments, which have been previously printed, shall be put in one question, without amendment or debate, "That the amendments as printed be inserted in the bill".</li> <li>(3) If the motion is agreed to the bill shall be reprinted in its amended form, and on reconsideration be considered as if considered for the first time.</li> <li>(4) If the question for the pro forma consideration, or for the inclusion of the amendments is negatived, the bill shall be proceeded with in consideration in detail in the usual manner.</li> </ol>	
<b>Preamble postponed</b>	<p><b>205.</b> A preamble in a bill shall not be considered until after all the clauses and schedules and a question shall be proposed "That the preamble be agreed to".</p>	
<b>Words of enactment not put</b>	<p><b>206.</b> The words of enactment in the bill shall not be considered.</p>	
<b>How clause read</b>	<p><b>207.</b> The Speaker shall refer to the clauses/schedules by number.</p>	
<b>Clauses read and put</b>	<p><b>208.</b> On each clause/schedule, the Speaker shall propose a question "That the clause/schedule be agreed to". Clauses/schedules may be considered separately or, by leave, in groups or as a whole.</p>	
<b>Order of consideration</b>	<p><b>209.</b> Clauses, schedules and amendments shall be considered in detail in the following order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Clauses/schedules as printed together with proposed new clauses/schedules, in their numerical order.</li> <li>(2) Postponed clauses/schedules in their numerical order.</li> <li>(3) Preamble (if any).</li> <li>(4) Long title (if any).</li> </ol>	
<b>Amendments relevant</b>	<p><b>210.</b> Amendments may be moved to any part of the bill provided they are within the long title of the bill or relevant to the subject matter of the bill and are otherwise in conformity with the standing orders and practice.</p>	

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<b>Long title amended</b>	<b>211.</b> If an amendment has been made in the bill, necessitating an amendment to the long title a question shall be proposed, "That the long title, as amended, be the long title of the bill". The amendment of the title shall be specifically reported to the House.	
<b>Clauses put as amended</b>	<b>212.</b> If a clause/schedule is amended, a further question shall be proposed "That the clause/schedule as amended be agreed to".	
<b>Clauses postponed</b>	<b>213.</b> A clause/schedule, or a clause/schedule which has been amended, may be postponed and shall be considered at the end of the bill or as otherwise ordered.	
<b>Relevancy</b>	<b>214.</b> In consideration of a matter in detail debate must be relevant to the subject matter of the clause, schedule or amendment under consideration.	
<b>Reconsideration</b>	<b>215.</b> A clause/schedule that has been passed with or without amendment cannot be reconsidered and amended unless the House agrees to reconsider it in detail.	
<b>Referral to Committee</b>	<b>216.</b> A motion to refer a bill to a committee cannot be moved after the consideration in detail stage on the bill.	
<b>Reconsideration in whole or part</b>	<b>217.</b> After consideration in detail a bill may be reconsidered in whole or in part by amendment to the motion "That this bill be now passed".	
<b>Bill passes</b>	<b>218.</b> After the motion "That this bill be now passed" has been agreed to no further question shall be put.	
<b>Corrections</b>	<b>219.</b> Amendments of a clerical, typographical, or formal nature and other obvious errors may be corrected in any part of the bill by the Clerk.	
<b>Clerk's certificate</b>	<b>220.</b> A bill having passed the House, the Clerk shall certify, at the top of the first page "That this public [or private] bill originated in the Legislative Assembly, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Council for its concurrence."	

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<b>Message to Council</b>	<b>Transmission to Council</b>	
	<b>221.</b> A bill having been certified by the Clerk shall be sent to the Council with a message signed by the Speaker desiring the concurrence of that House.	
<b>Return of bill with proposed amendments</b>	<b>Council's proposed amendments to Assembly bills</b>	
	<b>222.</b> An Assembly bill returned from the Council with amendments shall be reported and the Speaker shall fix a later time for the consideration of the amendments or the amendments may be considered in detail forthwith.	
<b>Consideration of Council amendments</b>	<b>223.</b> The Order of the Day having been read, amendments made by the Council in an Assembly bill shall be considered in detail.	
<b>Forms of question on Council amendments</b>	<p><b>224.</b> Amendments made by the Council to an Assembly bill shall be either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Agreed to;</li> <li>(2) Agreed to with an amendment or amendments;</li> <li>(3) Disagreed to;</li> <li>(4) Postponed as an Order of the Day; or</li> <li>(5) The bill ordered to be laid aside.</li> </ol> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">As to (1): A message shall be sent informing the Council that the amendments have been agreed to.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">As to (2): The bill shall be returned with a schedule of the amendments to the Council amendments, certified by the Clerk, in a message desiring the concurrence of the Council.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">As to (3): A message giving reasons for the disagreement shall be sent; the Member in charge of the bill drawing up the reasons.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">As to (4): Postponed by the Member in charge as an Order of the Day.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">As to (5): A message shall be sent informing the Council that the bill has been laid aside.</p>	

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<p><b>Amendments to Council amendments</b></p>	<p><b>225.</b> An amendment to a Council amendment must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Relevant to the matter of the Council amendment or</li> <li>(2) Consequential to the agreement or disagreement of an amendment of the Council.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Council response to amendments made on its amendments</b></p>	<p><b>226.</b> If the Council returns an Assembly bill with a message:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Insisting on the original amendments to which the Assembly has disagreed or</li> <li>(2) Disagreeing to amendments made by the Assembly on the original amendments of the Council or</li> <li>(3) Agreeing to amendments made by the Assembly on the original amendments of the Council, with further amendments:</li> </ol> <p>The Assembly may:</p> <p>As to (1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree to the amendments to which it had previously disagreed;</li> <li>• Insist on its disagreement to such amendments and lay the bill aside;</li> <li>• Request a conference.</li> </ul> <p>As to (2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Withdraw its amendments and agree to the original amendments of the Council;</li> <li>• Insist on its amendments to which the Council has disagreed and lay the bill aside;</li> <li>• Request a conference.</li> </ul> <p>As to (3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree to such further amendments of the Council;</li> <li>• Disagree and insist on its own amendments which the Council has amended and lay the bill aside;</li> <li>• Request a conference.</li> </ul> <p>Nothing in this standing order shall affect the right of the Assembly to proceed in accordance with the provisions of section 5B of the Constitution Act 1902.</p>	
<p><b>Messages on Council amendments</b></p>	<p><b>227.</b> A message shall be sent to the Council if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Council's amendments to the Assembly bill are agreed to.</li> <li>(2) A conference is desired.</li> <li>(3) The bill has been laid aside.</li> <li>(4) The bill is finally passed by the Assembly.</li> </ol>	

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<b>Privileges not insisted upon</b>	<p><b>228.</b> Subject to section 5 of the Constitution Act 1902, the House will not object to legislation initiated in the Legislative Council on the ground that it contains provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Imposing or otherwise dealing with pecuniary fines or penalties; or</li> <li>(2) Requiring payment of or otherwise dealing with pecuniary fees for services or for licences or similar authorities.</li> </ul>	
<b>Consideration of Council bills</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Procedure in the Assembly for Council bills</b></p> <p><b>229.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) When the message from the Council forwarding a bill for concurrence is reported, the bill shall be introduced without motion put.</li> <li>(2) A motion that the bill be agreed to in principle may be moved forthwith or made an Order of the Day for a later time.</li> <li>(3) Immediately following the mover's agreement in principle speech, the debate shall be adjourned.</li> <li>(4) The resumption of the debate shall be set down as an Order of the Day for a later time.</li> <li>(5) The bill shall then be proceeded with in the same manner as a bill originating in the Assembly.</li> </ul>	
<b>Return of Council bill</b>	<p><b>230.</b> When a Council bill has been passed by the Assembly it shall be returned to the Council by message, with the Clerk's certificate on the bill "That the Assembly has this day agreed to this bill with [or without] amendment."</p>	
<b>Amendment of Council bill</b>	<p><b>231.</b> A Council bill which has been amended shall be returned by message, together with a schedule of the amendments, requesting the concurrence of the Council in the amendments.</p>	
<b>Schedule of amendments</b>	<p><b>232.</b> The schedule of amendments to a Council bill shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Contain reference to the page, line, clause or schedule of the bill where the words are to be inserted or omitted.</li> <li>(2) List the amendments proposed and</li> <li>(3) Be certified by the Clerk.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Consideration of disagreements in Council bills</b></p>	<p><b>233.</b> If the Council returns a Council bill with a message:</p> <p>(1) Disagreeing to any amendments made by the Assembly; or  (2) Agreeing to amendments made by the Assembly with amendments.</p> <p>The Assembly may by message:</p> <p>As to (1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insist or not insist on its amendments or</li> <li>• Make further amendments to the bill consequent upon the disagreement of its amendments or</li> <li>• Order the bill to be laid aside</li> </ul> <p>As to (2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree to the Council's amendments on its own amendments, with or without amendment or</li> <li>• Disagree to the Council amendments and insist on its own amendments which the Council has amended or</li> <li>• Order the bill to be laid aside.</li> </ul> <p>On any further return of the bill from the Council with any of the requests of the Assembly still disagreed to, the Assembly may order the bill to be laid aside.</p>	
	<p><b>234.</b> If the amendments made by the Council on the Assembly's amendments to a Council bill are:</p> <p>(1) Agreed to without further amendment, or disagreed to, and the original amendments made by the Assembly insisted on, a message shall be sent to the Council.</p> <p>(2) Agreed to with further amendments, a message shall be sent desiring the concurrence of the Council.</p>	
<p><b>Message to contain written reasons for disagreeing to proposed Council amendments of Assembly amendments</b></p>	<p><b>235.</b> When any of the amendments made by the Council on the Assembly's amendments to a Council bill are disagreed to, the message shall contain written reasons and the reasons shall be drawn up by the Member in charge of the bill.</p>	

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	<p><b>236.</b> When further amendments have been made by the Assembly on the Council's amendments on the Assembly's original amendments in a Council bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A schedule of such further amendments shall be prepared, containing reference to each amendment of the Council which has been amended by the Assembly and describing the further amendment proposed and</li> <li>(2) The schedule shall accompany the message and be certified by the Clerk.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Bills lapsed due to prorogation</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lapsed bills</b></p> <p><b>237.</b> A bill which has lapsed because of a prorogation before it has been passed may be proceeded with in a later session from the point of interruption in a previous session of the same Parliament, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) An Assembly bill in the possession of the Assembly, including consideration of Council amendments, may be proceeded with by motion on notice by the Member in charge of the bill restoring it to the Business Paper.</li> <li>(2) A Council bill in the possession of the Assembly, may be proceeded with by motion on notice by the Member in charge of the bill restoring it to the Business Paper after receipt of a message from the Council requesting the same.</li> <li>(3) If an Assembly bill is in possession of the Council, a message may be sent to the Council requesting that the bill be restored to the Council's business paper.</li> <li>(4) Any bill restored to the Business Paper shall be proceeded with as if its passage had not been interrupted by a prorogation.</li> <li>(5) If the motion for restoration is not agreed to by the House in which the bill originated, the bill may be re-introduced as a new bill.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Proceedings after consideration in detail</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Proceedings after consideration in detail</b></p> <p><b>238.</b> After consideration in detail the Member in charge of the Bill may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Request the Speaker to set down the motion "<b>That this bill be now passed</b>" as an order of the day for a later time; or</li> <li>(2) Move the motion "<b>That this bill be now passed</b>" forthwith.</li> </ol>	

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<p><b>Procedure after bills passed</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presentation for assent</b></p> <p><b>239.</b> Every bill originating in the Assembly which has passed both Houses, or which is to be presented to the Governor in accordance with the provisions of section 5A or section 5B of the Constitution Act, 1902, shall be:</p> <p>(1) Printed in its final form. (2) Certified by the Assistant Speaker, as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“I have examined this Bill, and find it to correspond in all respects with the Bill as finally passed by both Houses.”</p> <p>The Clerk shall also certify as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“I certify that the Public Bill, which originated in the Legislative Assembly, has finally passed the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.”</p> <p>(3) Where a bill is to be presented in accordance with section 5A of the Constitution Act 1902, the Assistant Speaker shall certify accordingly. (4) Where a bill is to be presented in accordance with section 5B of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Assistant Speaker shall certify accordingly. (5) The bill shall be presented to the Governor for assent. (6) After the assent message is received the Clerk shall arrange for Assembly Acts to be numbered then enrolled.</p>	
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<b>CHAPTER 17</b>		
<b>CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL</b>		
<b>Motion</b>	<b>240.</b> A motion may be moved without notice or debate that a matter other than a bill be considered in detail.	
<b>Greater or lesser sum, long or shorter time</b>	<b>241.</b> A question between a greater and lesser sum or a longer or shorter time shall be decided by putting the least sum and the longest time first.	
<b>May speak more than once</b>	<b>242.</b> In consideration of a matter or bill in detail members may speak more than once to the same question.	

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<b>CHAPTER 18</b>		
<b>FINANCIAL PROCEDURES</b>		
<b>Message from Governor</b>	<p><b>243.</b> The House shall not pass any vote, resolution or bill for the appropriation of any part of the Consolidated Fund, or for any other tax or impost to any purpose which has not been first recommended by message of the Governor during the Session in which such vote, resolution or bill shall be passed. This provision does not apply to a bill introduced by a Minister or to a vote or resolution proposed by a Minister.</p>	
<b>Message accompanying Estimates</b>	<p><b>244.</b> Messages from the Governor, together with the accompanying Estimates and Statements, recommending bills for Loan or Appropriation shall be considered in detail and the Estimates shall be deemed to form part of the bill for the purposes of debate.</p>	
<b>Consideration of Appropriation Bill in detail</b>	<p><b>245.</b> The procedure for consideration in detail of a bill for Loan or Appropriation, other than Bills referred to an Estimates Committee is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) When a clause is under discussion the debate shall be confined to the estimate of expenditure relevant to that clause.</li> <li>(2) When a motion is made to omit or reduce any vote or item of a vote, a question shall be proposed from the Speaker for omitting or reducing that vote or item and until it is disposed of Members shall only speak to that question.</li> <li>(3) After a question for omitting or reducing any vote or item has been disposed of, no motion shall be made or debate allowed upon any preceding vote or item.</li> <li>(4) Where it has been proposed to omit or reduce a vote or items in a vote, the question will then be put on the original vote, or upon the reduced vote, as the case may be, without amendment.</li> <li>(5) After a question has been put for a reduction of the whole vote, no motion shall be made for omitting or reducing any part of such vote.</li> <li>(6) When a general reduction of the amount of the vote comprising many items is proposed, the question shall be put for the reduction of such vote or item. If such a motion is negatived it shall not be in order to then propose a reduction by a greater sum.</li> </ol>	

<p>Estimates Committees</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Estimates Committees</b></p> <p><b>246.</b></p> <p>(1) On a motion of a Minister, during the agreement in principle debate on the Appropriation Bill, the House may appoint Estimates Committees.</p> <p>(2) The Estimates Committees shall examine and report on proposed expenditures from the Consolidated Fund for each organisational unit for each Minister listed in the tabled Estimates, and the corresponding clauses and Schedules of the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill which shall stand referred to the appropriate committee.</p> <p>(3) The Report of each Estimates Committee shall state whether the Votes of each organisational unit in the Estimates and the corresponding clauses and schedules in the Appropriation Bill are recommended or otherwise.</p> <p>The failure of an Estimates Committee to report on any part of the votes shall be deemed to be a report recommending the proposed expenditure.</p> <p>(4) The Chair of each Committee or a Member deputed by the Chair shall, after the committee has concluded its deliberations and after the question on the agreement in principle of the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill has been agreed to, present the Committee's Report to the Speaker in the House.</p> <p>The Speaker shall set down consideration of the reports in detail with the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill respectively as an Order of the Day.</p> <p>(5) Consideration of a report in detail shall be deemed to be consideration of those clauses and schedules of the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill referred to that Estimates Committee.</p> <p>(6) When considering a report in detail:</p> <p>(a) The Speaker shall put the question in respect of each Committee Report, "That the Report of the (name of the Committee) be adopted".</p> <p>(b) A Member may speak for a maximum of 5 minutes and the Minister in reply may speak for a maximum of 15 minutes on each of the questions.</p> <p>(c) Those clauses and schedules of the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill not referred to an Estimates Committee shall be considered as one question, "That the remaining clauses and schedules of the Bill be agreed to".</p>	
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<b>CHAPTER 19</b>		
<b>MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR</b>		
<b>Speaker to report</b>	<b>247.</b> The Speaker may report messages from the Governor at any time.	
<b>Action on report</b>	<b>248.</b> A message from the Governor shall be reported and the House shall:  (1) Take no action or (2) Consider it forthwith or (3) Set down without debate, its consideration as an Order of the Day for a later time.	


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<p><b>Member repeatedly called to order</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 20</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DISORDER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Member Called to Order</b></p> <p><b>249.</b> If a Member's conduct is such that it is necessary for the Speaker to call the Member to order more than three times in any one sitting for any gross breach of the rules, the Speaker may direct the removal of the Member from the Chamber by the Serjeant-at-Arms until the adjournment of that sitting.</p>	
<p><b>Member named for disorderly conduct</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Member Named</b></p> <p><b>250.</b> A Member may be named by the Speaker for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Persistently and wilfully obstructing the business of the House.</li> <li>(2) Being guilty of disorderly conduct.</li> <li>(3) Using offensive words, and refusing to withdraw them.</li> <li>(4) Persistently and wilfully refusing to conform to any standing order.</li> <li>(5) Persistently and wilfully disregarding the authority of the Chair.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Procedure after naming</b></p>	<p><b>251.</b> If the Member has been named:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A Minister shall forthwith move "That the Member be suspended from the service of the House" – no amendment, adjournment or debate being allowed.</li> <li>(2) The Member named may make an explanation limited to 5 minutes.</li> <li>(3) The Speaker shall put the question "<b>That the Member for .... be suspended from the service of the House</b>".</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Duration of suspension</b></p>	<p><b>252.</b> If a Member is suspended during the session:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) For a first time, the suspension shall be for 2 sitting days.</li> <li>(2) For a second time, the suspension shall be for 4 sitting days.</li> <li>(3) On any subsequent occasion, the suspension shall be for 8 sitting days.</li> </ol> <p>In this standing order "sitting days" means days the House actually sits, and the uncompleted portion of the sitting during which the Member was suspended shall count as one sitting day.</p>	


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<p><b>Consequences of suspension</b></p>	<p><b>253.</b> A Member who is suspended from the service of the House or removed from the House shall be excluded from the Parliamentary precincts until the expiration of the suspension period including all intervening non-sitting days.</p>	
<p><b>Expulsion</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Expulsion</b></p> <p><b>254.</b> A Member adjudged by the House guilty of conduct unworthy of a Member of Parliament may be expelled by vote of the House, and the seat declared vacant.</p>	
<p><b>Criminal trial pending</b></p>	<p><b>255.</b> If the House decides not to proceed on a matter which has been initiated in the House concerning the alleged misconduct of a Member on the grounds that the Member may be prejudiced in a criminal trial then pending on charges founded on the misconduct, the House may suspend the Member from its service until the verdict of the jury has been returned or until it is further ordered.</p>	

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<b>CHAPTER 21</b>		
<b>VISITORS</b>		
<b>Admission behind Chair</b>	<b>256.</b> Only the Speaker may admit visitors to the area behind the Speaker's Chair.	
<b>Admission to galleries</b>	<b>257.</b> The Speaker may delegate authority to the Serjeant-at-Arms to admit visitors to the public galleries and every Member shall have the privilege of admitting, by order, two visitors to those galleries.	
<b>Notice of visitors taken</b>	<b>258.</b> If at any sitting a Member takes notice that visitors are present the Speaker shall forthwith put the question "That visitors be ordered to withdraw", no debate or amendment allowed.	
<b>Chair may order withdrawal</b>	<b>259.</b> The Speaker may at any time order the withdrawal of visitors from any part of the House.  The Parliamentary Reporting Staff shall not be deemed to be visitors unless the Speaker directs.	
<b>Removal of visitors</b>	<b>260.</b> A person, not being a Member, who interrupts the orderly conduct of the business of the House, obstructs the approaches to the House, or causes a disturbance within the precincts of the House, may, by direction of the Speaker, be removed by the Serjeant-at-Arms.	
<b>Only admitted to public areas</b>	<b>261.</b> A Member shall not bring a visitor into any part of the building exclusively set aside for the use of Members.	
<b>Not admitted to in camera proceedings</b>	<b>262.</b> Visitors shall not be admitted to any in camera proceedings.	
<b>Media</b>	<b>263.</b> Representatives of media organisations may be admitted to the Galleries, including the Press Gallery, by the Speaker and such representatives shall comply with any conditions or directions determined by the Speaker.	

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<b>CHAPTER 22</b>		
<b>PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS</b>		
<b>Tabled papers</b>	<p><b>264.</b> Papers may be laid upon the Table by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Speaker.</li> <li>(2) Ministers.</li> <li>(3) Chairs of committees.</li> <li>(4) The Clerk.</li> <li>(5) Statutory provision.</li> <li>(6) Resolution of the House.</li> <li>(7) Command of the Governor.</li> </ol>	
<b>Speaker tables papers</b>	<p><b>265.</b> The Speaker may table papers and direct that they be printed.</p>	
<b>Printing of papers</b>	<p><b>266.</b> The following procedure shall apply for the tabling and printing of papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Ministers shall table papers at the time provided in the routine of business or at other times by leave of the House.</li> <li>(2) The Leader of the House, on a subsequent sitting day, may give a notice of motion regarding the printing of papers tabled. Consideration of this motion shall be Business with Precedence.</li> <li>(3) The question on the motion is open to amendment and debate.</li> <li>(4) Any Member may speak on the motion for up to 3 minutes, including the Minister in reply.</li> <li>(5) The Speaker may call on the Minister to reply if the debate exceeds 30 minutes.</li> </ol>	
<b>Restricted inspection</b>	<p><b>267.</b> A Minister presenting a paper may move forthwith, "That inspection of the paper be restricted to Members only and that no copies or extracts thereof be permitted". Such question shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.</p>	
<b>Address for papers</b>	<p><b>268.</b> An address to the Governor must be agreed to for the following papers to be tabled:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Papers concerning the Royal Prerogative.</li> <li>(2) Despatches or other correspondence addressed to the Governor.</li> <li>(3) Information emanating from the Governor.</li> <li>(4) Documents having reference to the administration of justice.</li> </ol>	



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<b>Papers ordered</b>	<b>269.</b> The House may order Ministers to table papers. The order shall be communicated in writing to the Premier by the Clerk. The House may, by resolution, authorise the Speaker to make arrangements for the return of such papers.	
<b>Distribution</b>	<b>270.</b> Each Member, upon request, shall be entitled to receive one copy of each paper tabled and ordered to be printed.	
<b>In corporation of material into Hansard</b>	<b>271.</b> The incorporation of material into Hansard shall be by leave of the Speaker.	

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<b>CHAPTER 23</b>  <b>COMMITTEES</b>  <b>General Provisions</b>		
	<p><b>272.</b> The following rules shall apply for the appointment and conduct of all committees, unless otherwise ordered or provided by statute.</p>	
<b>Number of members</b>	<p><b>273.</b> A Committee shall consist of between five and ten members.</p>	
<b>Appointment or discharge</b>	<p><b>274.</b> Members are appointed and discharged from committees by motion on notice.</p>	
<b>Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker exempt</b>	<p><b>275.</b> The Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker shall not be chosen to serve on committees except with their consent.</p>	
<b>Personal Interest</b>	<p><b>276.</b> A Member shall not sit on a committee if personally interested in the inquiry before the committee.</p>	
<b>Notice of appointment</b>	<p><b>277.</b> The notice of motion for the appointment of every committee may contain the names of the Members the mover intends to serve on the committee.</p>	
<b>Ballot</b>	<p><b>278.</b> Any Member may call for a ballot for the selection of committee Members.</p>	
<b>First meeting</b>	<p><b>279.</b> The date and time of the first meeting shall be set by the mover if a member of the committee, otherwise the Clerk shall call the meeting.</p>	
<b>Quorum</b>	<p><b>280.</b> A quorum for committees is three Members.</p>	
<b>Quorum not present at first meeting</b>	<p><b>281.</b> If a quorum is not present within 15 minutes of the time set for a meeting, the meeting shall lapse and the Chair, if appointed, or the Clerk shall issue notices for the next meeting.</p>	
<b>Election of Chair and Deputy Chair</b>	<p><b>282.</b> At the first meeting of a committee a Chair and Deputy Chair shall be elected.</p>	

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<b>Casting vote</b>	<b>283.</b> The Chair shall exercise a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of vote, shall exercise a casting vote, except upon a private bill.	
<b>Absence of Chair</b>	<b>284.</b> In the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair shall act as Chair. If the Chair and Deputy Chair are both absent, committee members present from day to day may elect an acting chair.	
<b>Minutes</b>	<b>285.</b> The minutes of committee meeting shall record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Members present and apologies received.</li> <li>(2) Every motion and amendment moved and the name of the mover.</li> <li>(3) Every proceeding and decision not the subject of a resolution.</li> <li>(4) The names of Members voting in a division and whether for or against the motion.</li> </ul>	
<b>Quorum not present during meeting</b>	<b>286.</b> If during a sitting of a committee, attention is drawn to the absence of a quorum the Chair shall suspend the sitting until a quorum is formed or adjourn the committee to a later time.	
<b>Times of sitting</b>	<b>287.</b> A committee may adjourn from time to time and from place to place and may sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House.	
<b>Persons, papers, records and exhibits</b>	<b>288.</b> A committee shall have power to send for persons, papers, records, exhibits and things.	
<b>Witnesses</b>	<b>289.</b> Summonses to be issued to witnesses shall be signed by the Chair of the committee or by the Deputy Chair in the absence of the Chair.	
<b>Counsel</b>	<b>290.</b> A committee may resolve to hear counsel.	
<b>Examination of witnesses</b>	<b>291.</b> Witnesses shall be examined on oath or affirmation as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Chair may first question the witness uninterrupted upon the subject matter of the inquiry.</li> <li>(2) Other Members may then ask questions.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Recording of evidence</b>	<b>292.</b> The questions and the evidence of witnesses shall be reported by Hansard unless otherwise ordered by the committee.	
<b>Correction of evidence</b>	<b>293.</b> Witnesses may correct their evidence. Corrections shall be confined to verbal inaccuracies. Evidence can only be altered in substance by re-examination.	
<b>Admission to hearings</b>	<b>294.</b> At a hearing any person may be admitted but may be excluded at the discretion of the Chair or at the request of any committee member.	
<b>Deliberative meetings closed</b>	<b>295.</b> At a deliberative meeting only committee members and committee officers shall be present.	
<b>In camera evidence</b>	<b>296.</b> All persons other than committee officers shall be excluded when the committee is meeting in camera.	
<b>No disclosure unless authorised</b>	<b>297.</b> A Member or any other person shall not disclose evidence, submissions or other documents and information presented to the committee which have not been reported to the House unless such disclosure is first authorised by the House or the committee.	
<b>Serious allegations to be reported immediately</b>	<b>298.</b> Serious allegations made before any committee about a Member of the House shall be reported to the House at once without further investigation and may only be considered by a substantive motion in the House.	
<b>Report</b>	<b>299.</b> A committee may report upon its deliberations and present its minutes, evidence or other documents, from time to time.	
<b>Draft Report</b>	<b>300.</b> The Chair shall prepare the draft report for consideration by the committee and may circulate it on a confidential basis to committee Members only.	

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<b>Consideration of draft report</b>	<p><b>301.</b> The draft report shall be considered as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Unless previously circulated, the Chair shall read the report.</li> <li>(2) The committee may order it to be circulated and a subsequent day named for its consideration.</li> <li>(3) Unless the committee otherwise resolves, the report shall be considered paragraph by paragraph – the question being “That the paragraph be agreed to”.</li> <li>(4) A Member may move an amendment to the paragraph at the time it is under consideration.</li> <li>(5) After the draft report has been considered, the whole or any paragraph may be reconsidered and amended.</li> <li>(6) After consideration, the committee may adopt the report with or without amendment.</li> </ol>	
<b>Chair to sign</b>	<p><b>302.</b> The report shall be signed by the Chair or another Member appointed by the committee in the event of the Chair’s refusal.</p>	
<b>Report tabled</b>	<p><b>303.</b> The report together with the minutes, evidence and other documents shall be tabled by the Chair or another Member signing the report or other member of the committee on that Member’s behalf.</p>	
<b>Order to print</b>	<p><b>304.</b> The report may without debate be ordered to be printed.</p>	
<b>Tabling with the Clerk</b>	<p><b>305.</b> Should the House be adjourned and a committee agree to any report before the House resumes sitting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The committee may send any such report, minutes and evidence taken before it to the Clerk;</li> <li>(2) Upon receipt the documents shall be deemed to be published, and the report shall be printed and may be circulated; and</li> <li>(3) The documents shall be reported in the House at its next sitting.</li> </ol>	

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<p><b>Tabling in the House and debate</b></p>	<p><b>306.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The report and associated documents of any committee (not being a legislation committee) shall be presented at the time provided in the routine of business, or at any other time with the leave of the House.</li> <li>(2) The Member presenting the report may move “That the document be printed”. This question shall be decided without debate or amendment.</li> <li>(3) Reports from committees shall be set down by the Speaker for consideration in the order in which they are presented (or reported by the Clerk when received during an adjournment) as Orders of the Day “That the House take note of the Report”.</li> <li>(4) Such Orders of the Day may be considered between 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. on a General Business day.</li> <li>(5) When the order of the day is called on and not proceeded with, consideration of the report shall be postponed until the next sitting day. If the order of the day is called on at a subsequent sitting day and not proceeded with, the question shall be put. If a committee has more than one report on the Business Paper, the Chair or Member who tabled the report may move a motion without notice, amendment or debate to facilitate the consideration of two or more of the committee’s reports together.</li> <li>(6) The Member tabling the report may speak for up to 10 minutes and any other Member may speak for up to 5 minutes to the question “That the House take note of the Report” with the question being put after 30 minutes. No reply is permitted.</li> <li>(7) Orders of the day not commenced or completed 12 months from the date of tabling shall lapse.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Action on report</b></p>	<p><b>307.</b> If any measure or proceeding be necessary upon a committee report it shall be considered by the House by motion on notice.</p>	
<p><b>Payment of witnesses</b></p>	<p><b>308.</b> A witness, at the discretion of the committee and recorded in the minutes, may be paid for attendance at the rate of a witness before the Supreme Court. The Chair shall certify such payment.</p>	
<p><b>Committee lists</b></p>	<p><b>309.</b> Lists of all committees shall be fixed on notice boards.</p>	
<p><b>Similar committees</b></p>	<p><b>310.</b> A committee shall have the power to consider and make use of evidence and records of similar committees appointed during a pervious session of the current Parliament or the previous Parliament.</p>	

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	<b>Communications between Committees</b>	
<b>Conference with Council committee</b>	<b>311.</b> No committee of the House may confer with a committee of the Council without leave of the House.	
<b>Conference desired by message</b>	<b>312.</b> When any such order has been made it shall be communicated by message to the Council with a request that leave may be given to the committee of the Council to confer with the committee of the House.	
<b>Committees communicate by word of mouth</b>	<b>313.</b> Every committee of the House directed to confer with any committee of the Council may confer freely by word of mouth, unless the House otherwise orders.	
<b>Committee of House to report proceedings at a conference</b>	<b>314.</b> The proceedings of every conference between a committee of the House and a committee of the Council shall be reported in writing to the House by its own committee.	
	<b>Standing Committees</b>	
<b>Appointment</b>	<b>315.</b> The House may from time to time appoint standing committees on notice of motion to meet and report on specified subjects during the term of the Parliament in which they are appointed.	
<b>Rules</b>	<b>316.</b> The general provisions for committees shall apply to standing committees.	
<b>Standing Committees</b>	<b>317.</b> The Standing Orders and Procedure Committee, the Library Committee and the House Committee shall be standing committees.	
<b>Speaker ex-officio Member.</b>	<b>318.</b> The Speaker shall be ex-officio a member of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee, the Library Committee and the House Committee.	
	<b>Joint Committees</b>	
<b>Names stated</b>	<b>319.</b> If the House proposes a joint committee, the message shall state the names of the Members to be appointed.	
<b>First meeting</b>	<b>320.</b> The House originating the message for the appointment of a joint committee shall not nominate the time and place for the first meeting.	

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<b>Quorum</b>	<b>321.</b> At least three Members of the House must be present at every meeting of a joint committee.	
<b>Report</b>	<b>322.</b> The House shall receive a report of any joint committee proceedings from one of its Members on that committee.	
	<b>Legislation Committees</b>	
	<p><b>323.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Immediately after a motion for a bill to be agreed to in principle has been agreed to, any Member may move without notice "That the (name of the bill) be referred to a legislation committee for consideration and report".</li> <li>(2) A legislation committee shall consider and report to the House on amendments to the clauses and schedules of the bill which it considers could be proposed for consideration in detail, together with a schedule of amendments which should be proposed.</li> <li>(3) A committee shall have a maximum of six Members – three shall be Members representing the Government and three shall be non-Government Members.</li> <li>(4) The Chair and Deputy Chair shall be elected by the committee and shall be Government Members.</li> <li>(5) A quorum shall be four Members.</li> <li>(6) The Chair shall exercise a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote.</li> <li>(7) A committee may meet during the sittings or any adjournment of the House and shall have power to take evidence and call for persons, papers, exhibits and things and to report from time to time.</li> <li>(8) In all other respects a committee shall be conducted in accordance with the General Provisions relating to Committees.</li> <li>(9) A committee shall not travel.</li> <li>(10) The Minister having portfolio responsibility for the bill shall provide the committee with such drafting and support services as requested by the committee.</li> <li>(11) A committee shall table its final report no later than 6 months from the date of the committee's establishment.</li> <li>(12) When the Chair tables the final report of a committee the Speaker shall set down its consideration in detail as an Order of the Day with the bill.</li> <li>(13) If the House is not sitting at the time of report the chair shall forward such report to the Clerk for report at the next sitting of the House.</li> </ol>	



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<b>CHAPTER 24</b>		
<b>WITNESSES</b>		
<b>Summons</b>	<b>324.</b> The Clerk shall summons witnesses, not being Members, to attend before the House.	
<b>Attendance of Member directed</b>	<b>325.</b> The House may direct the attendance of one of its Members for examination and the Speaker shall issue such order.	
<b>Attendance requested</b>	<b>326.</b> The chair of a committee may request in writing a Member or officer of the House to attend a hearing as a witness. If the Member or officer refuses, the committee shall take no action other than to report the refusal to the House. An officer means a member of staff employed solely by the Speaker.	
<b>Request for Council attendance</b>	<b>327.</b> If the House or a committee, upon request wishes to examine a Member or officer of the Council, a message shall be sent requesting the Council to grant leave.	
<b>Council request for Assembly attendance</b>	<b>328.</b> If the Council or one of its committees wishes to examine a Member or officer of the Assembly, the House may authorise the Member to attend if the Member agrees. The House may order an officer to attend.	
<b>Introduced by Serjeant-at-Arms</b>	<b>329.</b> A witness before the House shall be introduced by the Serjeant-at-Arms and be examined at the Bar.	
<b>Member examined in place</b>	<b>330.</b> A Member shall be examined in the Member's place.	
<b>Speaker puts questions</b>	<b>331.</b> A witness appearing before the House shall be examined by Members putting questions through the Speaker.	
<b>Members may question</b>	<b>332.</b> A witness appearing when the House is considering a matter in detail may be questioned directly by Members.	
<b>Objection to question</b>	<b>333.</b> If any question is objected to by a witness or a Member, the witness shall withdraw while the House considers the matter.	

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<b>Officers not to give evidence without leave</b>	<b>334.</b> An officer of the House or a Member of the reporting staff may not give evidence elsewhere in respect of any proceedings of the House or a Committee except with the leave of the House.	
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<b>CHAPTER 25</b>		
<b>MESSAGES BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Communication by message</b>	<b>335.</b> The House may communicate with the Council by message.	
<b>Message conveying resolution</b>	<b>336.</b> A Member may move at any time without notice that a resolution of the House be communicated by message to the Council. The question shall be decided without debate or amendment.	
<b>Speaker to sign</b>	<b>337.</b> Messages from the Assembly shall be signed by the Speaker and delivered by the Clerk.	
<b>Receipt of messages</b>	<b>338.</b> Messages from the Council shall be received by a Clerk at the Table at the Bar of the House if the House is sitting. If the House is not sitting messages shall be received by the Clerk.	
<b>Report of messages</b>	<b>339.</b> Messages from the Council shall be handed to the Speaker for report when other business is not before the House.	
<b>Consideration of messages</b>	<b>340.</b> Messages from the Council may be considered:  (1) Forthwith or (2) At a later hour or (3) Tomorrow or (4) On a future day.	

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<b>CHAPTER 26</b>		
<b>CONFERENCES BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Communication by conference</b>	<p><b>341.</b> The House may communicate with the Council by ordinary or free conference.</p>	
<b>Rules of ordinary conference</b>	<p><b>342.</b> At an ordinary conference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The minimum number of Assembly managers shall be five.</li> <li>(2) All communication between the managers shall be in writing.</li> <li>(3) The duty of the Assembly managers is confined to reading and delivering the reasons or resolutions to the Council managers or hearing and receiving reasons or resolutions from the Council managers.</li> </ol>	
<b>Rules of free conference</b>	<p><b>343.</b> At a free conference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The minimum number of Assembly managers shall be ten.</li> <li>(2) The managers may confer verbally and without restriction with the Council managers.</li> </ol>	
<b>Motion</b>	<p><b>344.</b> A motion requesting a conference shall contain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The names of the Members proposed to be the managers for the Assembly.</li> <li>(2) A statement of the general objects of the conference.</li> </ol>	
<b>Message</b>	<p><b>345.</b> The message requesting a conference shall state:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The general objects of the conference.</li> <li>(2) The number of Members the Assembly will appoint.</li> </ol>	
<b>Restriction on request for conference</b>	<p><b>346.</b> The House may not request a conference in respect of a subject matter in possession of the Council.</p> <p>This standing order does not preclude a demand being made for a free conference in any case where the Council has rejected a bill transmitted by the Assembly to the Council, or has failed within the meaning of section 5B of the Constitution Act 1902, to pass it, or has passed it with any amendment to which the Assembly does not agree.</p>	

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<b>Ballot</b>	<b>347.</b> A ballot may be required if a Member declines to serve as a manager.	
<b>House agreeing to conference not to appoint meeting</b>	<b>348.</b> The House requesting the conference shall not appoint the time and place for the conference and agreement or otherwise shall be communicated by message.	
<b>Business suspended during conference</b>	<b>349.</b> During any conference the business of the House shall be suspended until the ringing of one long bell.	
<b>Report</b>	<b>350.</b> Any report from the managers from a conference shall be reported forthwith.	

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<b>CHAPTER 27</b>		
<b>BALLOTING</b>		
<b>Bells rung prior to ballot</b>	<p><b>351.</b> Before the House proceeds to any ballot, the bells shall be rung as in a division. No other business shall be conducted during the balloting period.</p>	
<b>Procedure</b>	<p><b>352.</b> Unless otherwise provided, every ballot shall be conducted as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Each Member in the House shall give the Clerk a list indicating the names of the Member(s) of their choice not exceeding or less than the number to be elected.</li> <li>(2) Lists indicating more or less than the number required shall be void and rejected.</li> <li>(3) The Clerk shall collect the lists and report to the Speaker the names of the Member(s) with the most votes and shall keep a record of the conduct of the ballot.</li> <li>(4) The Speaker shall declare such Member(s) to be elected.</li> <li>(5) In the event of an equality of votes the Speaker shall decide the Member or Members to serve.</li> </ol>	
<b>Closure of ballot</b>	<p><b>353.</b> The ballot shall be closed 30 minutes after the ringing of the bells.</p>	

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<b>CHAPTER 28</b>		
<b>ADDRESSES TO THE SOVEREIGN AND TO THE GOVERNOR</b>		
<b>Address to Governor</b>	<b>354.</b> All Addresses to the Governor shall be presented by the Speaker unless otherwise ordered.	
<b>Presentation of address</b>	<b>355.</b> When Addresses are presented to the Governor:  (1) Members of the House may be present. (2) The Address shall be read by the Speaker. (3) The mover and seconder of the Address shall stand to the left of the Speaker.	
<b>Address to the Sovereign</b>	<b>356.</b> In the case of an Address to the Sovereign the Speaker shall forward it to the Governor for presentation.	
<b>Report of answer</b>	<b>357.</b> The Governor's answer to any Address presented shall be reported to the House by the Speaker.	

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<b>CHAPTER 29</b>		
<b>PRIVATE BILLS</b>		
<b>Procedure</b>	<p><b>358.</b> The procedure for the passage of a private bill on petition is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) At least 3 months prior to the presentation of the petition, a notice of intention to introduce a bill containing a true statement of the general objects of the bill shall be published once a week for 4 consecutive weeks in the Government Gazette, in at least one major newspaper published in Sydney and in the district affected by the bill of the intention to petition the House to introduce a private bill.</li> <li>(2) The petition, with a printed copy of the proposed bill attached and signed by one or more of the parties applying for the bill shall be presented and received by the House.</li> <li>(3) The petition must contain:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Proof of the publication of the notice in the Government Gazette and the newspapers.</li> <li>(b) A true statement of the general objects of the bill.</li> <li>(c) A request to introduce the bill.</li> </ol> </li> <li>(4) When the petition has been received, notice of motion for the introduction of the bill shall be given, and such bill shall be brought in within 30 days.</li> <li>(5) The motion for the introduction of a private bill cannot be objected to and the motion cannot be amended or debated.</li> <li>(6) Before being introduced, the bill shall be printed and sufficient copies shall be delivered to the Clerk.</li> <li>(7) Before being introduced, and from time to time thereafter, the Clerk shall be entitled to claim such expenses from the promoters of the bill as the Clerk deems reasonable.</li> <li>(8) After being introduced, the bill by motion on notice shall be referred to a select committee.</li> </ol>	
<b>General provisions apply</b>	<p><b>359.</b> Unless otherwise ordered the general provisions relating to committees shall apply to select committee on private bills.</p>	



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<b>Special rules</b>	<p><b>360.</b> In the select committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The committee shall require proof of the allegations contained in the preamble.</li> <li>(2) The Chair shall have a deliberative and a casting vote.</li> <li>(3) Every petition in reference to the bill shall be deemed to be referred to the committee.</li> <li>(4) After taking evidence a question shall be put from the Chair – “That the preamble be agreed to”             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) If the question passes in the negative, the committee shall not proceed further with the bill and report accordingly.</li> <li>(b) If the question is resolved in the affirmative the committee shall consider the clauses of the bill and any amendments may be proposed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>(5) The committee having reported in favour of the bill, it shall be proceeded with as in the case of public bills, and a later time set down for the bill to be agreed to in principle.</li> </ol>	
<b>From Council</b>	<p><b>361.</b> A private bill coming to the Assembly from the Council if accompanied by printed copies of the reports and proceedings of its select committee shall be proceeded with as a public bill.</p>	
<b>Not numbered</b>	<p><b>362.</b> Private bills shall not be numbered after assent.</p>	
<b>Lapsed Bill</b>	<p><b>363.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A private bill introduced in the Assembly which has lapsed because of prorogation may be proceeded with if a petition is lodged by the promoters within 10 clear sitting days of the new session of the same Parliament.</li> <li>(2) If the petition is received a motion may be moved without notice that the House proceed with the same bill, with any alterations which may have been made in the previous session.</li> <li>(3) The bill shall proceed from the point of interruption it had reached in the previous session if the bill is in the Assembly.</li> <li>(4) If the bill was in the Council at prorogation, a message may be sent to the Council requesting that the bill be restored to the Council's business paper.</li> <li>(5) If already examined by a select committee, it shall not be necessary for another select committee to examine the bill.</li> <li>(6) If the bill had been referred to but not reported upon by a select committee in the previous session it shall be referred to another committee comprising as nearly as possible the same Members.</li> <li>(7) The committee shall be referred all minutes, papers and petitions in possession of the previous committee and previous requirements shall be deemed to have been satisfied.</li> </ol>	

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CHAPTER 30		
STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS		
Sessional Orders		
Sessional orders – adoption	<p><b>364.</b> The House may from time to time adopt sessional orders which shall have effect for the duration of the session, unless otherwise ordered.</p>	
Suspension of standing orders	<p><b>365.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A Member may, at any time, seek leave of the House to move a motion to suspend standing and sessional orders.</li> <li>(2) A Minister may, at any time without leave, move a motion to suspend standing and sessional orders to deal with any matter.</li> <li>(3) The mover, one other Member and the mover in reply shall be entitled to speak to the motion for up to five minutes each.</li> <li>(4) When the mover is a Member not supporting the Government, the response shall be by a Minister and, when the mover is a Member supporting the Government the response shall be by the Leader of the Opposition or a Member deputed.</li> <li>(5) Such motions shall not be entertained during Question Time.</li> <li>(6) The closure shall not apply.</li> </ol>	

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<b>CHAPTER 31</b>	
<b>PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES</b>	
<b>Parliamentary Secretaries</b>	<p><b>366.</b> Parliamentary Secretaries may act on behalf of Ministers and references to Ministers in the Standing and Sessional Orders shall be taken to include references to Parliamentary Secretaries except in respect of the following Standing Orders:</p> <p>2(9) Inform the House when the Governor will give reasons for opening of Parliament</p> <p>11(3) Inform the House when the Governor will receive the House with its new Speaker</p> <p>26 Front bench reserved for Ministers</p> <p>34 Days and hours of sitting</p> <p>46 Adjournment of the House</p> <p>90 Issue a notification for the allocation of time</p> <p>102 Arrange government business</p> <p>110(3) Matters of Public Importance</p> <p>112 No confidence in a Minister</p> <p>125 Petitions</p> <p>126 Questions to Ministers</p> <p>131(5) Questions without Notice</p> <p>132 Time for lodging answers to written questions</p> <p>189 Declare a bill urgent</p> <p>190, 243 Governor's message not required for Appropriation and taxing bills introduced by a Minister</p> <p>246(1) Estimates committees</p> <p>251(1) Suspension of Member</p> <p>269 Order for papers</p> <p>323(10) Legislation Committees</p> <p>365(2) Suspension of standing orders</p>

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<b>CHAPTER 32</b>		
<b>PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b>		
<b>Publication of Hansard</b>	<b>367.</b> The House authorises the publication of the record of its debates and proceedings known as the “Parliamentary Debates (Hansard)”.	
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### Proposed changes to the standing orders – table of information

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
1	1	No changes	
2	-	Deleted	Considered to be unnecessary as the House has 150 years of its own procedure to rely on.
3	2	Members shall make the pledge of loyalty rather than take to oath or affirmation of allegiance.  Amended to remove the reference to a Member not being present to take the pledge of loyalty as this is covered in SO 23.  Amended to provide for the Clerk to decide any point of order in addition to determining who will speak.	This reflects the changes made by the <i>Constitution Amendment (Pledge of Loyalty) Act 2006</i>
4	3	Subclause 2 deleted and replaced with: “The Speaker shall read the prayer and acknowledgement of country and the House shall await a message from the Governor summoning the House to hear the Governor’s opening speech or the commission read opening the session.”  Subclause 4 deleted and replaced with: “After hearing the speech or commission read, the Speaker shall report and table the speech or the commission”.  Subclause 5 deleted and replaced with: “Before the speech or commission is reported the House shall in assertion of its rights transact some business of a formal nature without notice.”	The changes include reference to the acknowledgement of country that is made each sitting day and to openings of new sessions by commission.
5	4	Amended to provide that an Address in Reply to the Governor’s speech may be moved and seconded after the speech is reported <b>and tabled</b> .	Changed to reflect S.O. 3 above.
6	5	Amended to note that the Address in Reply takes precedence of General Business only and not Government Business	This change reflects the recent practice of the House. It will preclude the need to suspend standing orders to enable Government Business to take precedence.
7	6	No change	
8	7	No change	

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
9	-	Deleted	The change made in the proposed standing order 5 removes the need for particular types of business to be allowed before the adoption of the Address in Reply as such business can be dealt with as Government Business.
10	8	No change	
11	9	No change	
12	10	<p>Amended to add:</p> <p>(2) In addition to the provisions in the abovementioned section, the following procedure shall apply:</p> <p>(f) At least one week before the scheduled sitting all Members are to be notified by the Clerk that nominations will be called for the Office of Speaker at the prescribed time i.e. immediately after Members have taken the Pledge. A sample copy of the nomination form will be attached to the notification.</p> <p>(g) At the prescribed time of the first day of sitting the Clerk will:</p> <p>(j) call for nominations to be delivered to the Clerk at the Table in a sealed envelope by the person nominated or by any other Member.</p> <p>(ii) ask the House if its satisfied that reasonable opportunity has been given for the receipt of nominations.</p> <p>(iii) declare nominations to be closed.</p> <p>(iv) if there is one valid nomination declare that Member to be elected.</p> <p>(v) if there is more than one valid nomination announce the fact that a ballot will be required.</p> <p>(vi) Have ballot papers prepared and initialled.</p> <p>(vii) Order that the bells be rung as prescribed for the taking of a ballot.</p> <p>(viii) Call each Member by order of electorate, with Members proceeding to the Table to collect a ballot paper. The names of Members issued with ballot papers will be crossed off a list.</p> <p>(h) Having received a ballot paper members will:</p>	This amendment ensures that procedures that are in place for the election of the Speaker that are in addition to those provisions contained in the Constitution Act 1902 are recorded.

		<p>(i) proceed to the voting booths located at the western end of the Chamber to cast their vote in secret.</p> <p>(ii) place their ballot paper in the locked ballot box on the Table and return to their seat.</p> <p>(i) When all Members present have been called, received a ballot paper, voted and placed a ballot paper in the ballot box the Clerk will ask if any Member has not voted and desires to do so. The Clerk will then ask the House if there is any objection to declaring the ballot closed.</p> <p>(j) The locked ballot box will then be brought to the Table by the Serjeant-at-Arms and unlocked by the Clerk. The votes will be counted by the Clerk and checked by the Deputy Clerk and Clerk-Assistant. When the counting is completed the Clerk will report the result of the ballot and the House shall either proceed to further ballots or the Clerk will declare a Member to be elected.</p> <p><i>Note: At no time during these proceedings will the Chamber be locked or the sitting suspended</i></p>	
13	11	Slightly amended to remove the need for the Speaker to "...pray that the most favourable construction may be put upon its proceedings" when the Speaker is presented to the Governor.	
14	12	Standing Order amended to refer to the Deputy Speaker and the title of Chairman of Committees has been changed to Assistant Speaker	Incorporates the sessional order regarding the Deputy Speaker and reflects the changes associated with the removal of the committee of the whole procedure.
15	13	Changes the reference to the election of the Deputy Speaker rather than the Chairman of Committees.	See above.
New Standing Order	14	Notes that the procedure for the election of the Assistant Speaker is the same as that for the Deputy Speaker.	See above.



Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
16	15	Amended to note that in the absence of the Speaker the Deputy Speaker takes the Chair and in the absence of both that the Assistant Speaker takes the Chair.	Reflects the recent practice of the House and refers to the new title of the Chairman of Committees.
17	-	Deleted.	<p>There is arguably no need for the House to elect an Acting Speaker in instances where the Speaker is absent for 3 consecutive days as the Deputy Speaker, who has been elected, can step up into the position.</p> <p>Also not necessary as the standing orders provides for prolonged absences (i.e. vacancies in the office of Speaker).</p>
18	16	Amended to refer to the Deputy Speaker rather than Chairman and to note that a new Speaker will be elected on the next sitting day when there is a vacancy in the Speakership rather than the "first sitting day".	Removes the need for a sessional order regarding the Deputy Speaker.
19	-	Deleted.	<p>With the two positions Deputy Speaker, and Assistant Speaker (currently Chairman of Committees) there is arguably no need for a provision to elect a Member to act in the Chair.</p> <p>The proposed standing orders (SO 18) provide for the House to elect a Member to act as Acting Speaker in the prolonged absence of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker at the same time.</p>
20	17	Amended to refer to the Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker rather than Chairman of Committees.	Incorporates the sessional order regarding the Deputy Speaker and reflects the changes associated with the removal of the committee of the whole procedure.
21	18	<p>Amended to refer to the Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker rather than the Chairman of Committees.</p> <p>Amended to note that the Acting Speaker will be elected in the same manner as the Deputy Speaker is elected.</p>	The proposed standing order provides for the House to elect a Member to act as Acting Speaker in the prolonged absence of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker at the same time.

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
22	19	Amended to refer to temporary Speakers (rather than Temporary Chairmen) and notes that the temporary Speakers can exercise the powers of the Speaker (as opposed to the Chairman) and shall be referred to as Acting Speaker.	Reflects changes associated with the removal of the committee of the whole procedure.
23	20	Amended to refer to Temporary Speaker (rather than Temporary Chairman).	Reflects changes associated with the removal of the committee of the whole procedure.
24	21	Amended to refer to Deputy Speaker, Assistant Speaker and Temporary Speakers.	Reflects changes associated with the removal of the committee of the whole procedure.
25	22	No change	
26	23	Amended to refer to the pledge of loyalty rather than the oath/affirmation of allegiance. Also amended to change the reference for a member at a by-election to be introduced to "be escorted into the Chamber".  Clause (1) amended to state: "Any Member not present on the first day of a new Parliament shall, at a subsequent sitting, make the pledge.	This reflects the changes made by the <i>Constitution Amendment (Pledge of Loyalty) Act 2006</i> and the change to note that members elected at a by-election are escorted into the Chamber reflects current practice and clarifies the procedure.  The amendment to clause (1) makes it mandatory rather than "may".
27	24	No change	
28	25	No change	
29	26	No change	
30	27	Reworded to better reflect what the standing order means	
31	28	No change	
32	29	No change	

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
33	30	Amended to include in the votes and proceedings the attendance of members, petitions received and reports and other papers received by the Clerk and required to be table.	<p>The votes currently include the petitions received and reports and other papers received by the Clerk but not the attendance of members.</p> <p>The attendance of members is informally taken by the Clerks to facilitate the payment of allowances.</p> <p>The practice in the Legislative Council is for members' attendance to be recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings.</p>
34	31	No change	
35	32	Amended to remove reference to lists of division in Committee of the Whole. It has also been amended to remove the requirement for the Clerk to publish a "weekly" report of statutory rules. This reflects the current practice where when the House is not sitting a report is publish on the first Tuesday of the month rather than weekly.	The divisions conducted when a matter is considered in detail (as opposed to committee of the whole) will be recorded in the votes so there is no need for any subsequent publication.
36	33	No change	
37	34	Amended to note that the House may appoint on the motion of a Minister, at any time without notice, the day(s), time(s) of meeting and adjournment.	Has removed the need for a Minister to give notice of such a motion if it is proposed to be moved at a time other than the commencement of a session.
38	35	Amended to note the times when the bells are rung. NB Divisions and quorum bells will be rung for 4 minutes instead of 5 minutes.	
39	36	No change	
40	37	No change	
41	38	<p>Amended to provide that the bells be rung for 4 minutes when there is no quorum at the commencement of a sitting.</p> <p>New clause added:            "If the next sitting day has not been appointed, the House shall adjourn to the next succeeding business day."</p>	This reflects the current practice and removes the need for a sessional order changing time times.
42	39	<p>The language of the prayer has been modernised:</p> <p>"Almighty God, we ask for your blessing upon this Parliament. Direct</p>	The reference to the acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land reflects current practice.

		<p>and prosper our deliberations to the true welfare of Australia and the people of New South Wales. Amen."</p> <p>The standing order has also been amended to refer to the acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land:</p> <p>"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners, the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation. We also acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands we represent and thank them for their custodianship of country."</p>	
43	40	No change	
44	41	<p>Amended to provide that the bells be rung for 4 minutes when a quorum is called. It also notes that the names of the Members present in the House if the House adjourns due to a lack of quorum will be recorded in the votes and proceedings.</p> <p>New clause (3) added: "If the next sitting day has not been appointed, the House shall adjourn to the next succeeding business day."</p>	This reflects the current practice and removes the need for a sessional order changing time times.
45	42	Has been amended to include the words "...on any one sitting day".	Has not changed the standing order but has clarified that the Speaker's discretion on a second or subsequent quorum call is limited to the same sitting day.
46	43	<p>New clause added: "If the next sitting day has not been appointed, the House shall adjourn to the next succeeding business day."</p>	
47	-	Deleted	Reflects changes associated with the removal of the committee of the whole procedure.
48	44	No change	
49	-	Deleted	Is now included in proposed SO 41
50	-	Deleted	Implied in proposed SO 41
51	45	<p>This standing order had been rescinded in 1996. Proposed standing order states:</p> <p>"Members shall not be permitted to call attention to the want of a quorum:</p> <p>(4) During the currency of Private Members' Statements; (5) Before 10.30 a.m. on any sitting day; or (6) Friday sittings."</p>	<p>The proposed standing order reflects the current sessional orders by noting that a quorum cannot be called before 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>In relation to no quorums being called before 12:30 p.m. on general business days – it reflects the changes in proposed standing order 187 (previously SO 197).</p>

52	46	No change, although slightly reworded.	
53	47	Amended to refer to the Deputy Speaker rather than the Chairman of Committees	Incorporates the sessional order in relation to the Deputy Speaker.
54	48	Amended to refer to the Deputy Speaker rather than the Chairman of Committees	Incorporates the sessional order in relation to the Deputy Speaker.
55	49	No change	
56	-	Deleted	Reflects changes associated with the removal of the committee of the whole procedure.
57	50	No change	
58	51	No change	
59	52	No change	
60	-	Deleted	Has removed the need to pay obeisance to the Chair
61	53	No change	
62	54	Amended to remove the requirement for the Speaker to grant leave to allow a Member to wear headdress in the Chamber.	
63	55	No change	
64	56	No change	
65	57	Amended to delete the word "Honourable".	Reflects current practice – Members are not referred to as "The Honourable Member for .....".
66	58	Amended to delete the word "Honourable".	Reflects current practice – Members are not referred to as "The Honourable Member for .....".
67	59	Slightly reworded "discontinue a speech" rather than "cease speaking". The same principles apply.	
68	60	Amended to delete the word "Honourable".	Reflects current practice – Members are not referred to as "The Honourable Member for .....".
69	61	No change	
70	62	No change	

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
New standing order	63	Proposed standing order re: inaugural speeches:  “(1) A motion may be moved without notice, amendment or debate for the business before the House to be interrupted at a specified time (but not so as to interrupt a Minister speaking) to permit a Member to make an inaugural speech without a question being before the House. Any interrupted business shall be resumed on completion of the speech. (2) The time limit for inaugural speeches will be 15 minutes with a 5 minute extension.”	Similar to a current sessional order.
71	64	Amended to add clause 4 “During consideration in detail”.	Clarifies that a member can speak more than once when the House is considering a bill or matter in detail such as when the House is considering amendments to bills.
72	-	Deleted	The removal of the need for a member to second a motion or amendment reflects the current practice.
73	65	No change	
74	66	Amended to reflect changes in terminology for the stages in the passing of legislation.	
75	67	No change	
76	68	No change	
77	69	Removed the words “...and voices have been given in the affirmative an/or negative”.	Considered not necessary.
78	70	No change	
79	71	No change	
80	-	Deleted and included in proposed S.O. 72	This consolidates all the cases where Members should not use offensive words in one standing order.
81	72	Amended to include prohibition on the use of offensive words against the Sovereign or Governor.	See above.
82	73	No change	
83	74	Has been amended to remove reference to “committee of the whole”	Reflects changes associated with the removal of the committee of the whole procedure.
84	75	No change	
85	76	No change	

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
86	77	No change	
87	78	No change	
88	79	Slightly amended to reflect changes to other standing orders such as "visitors" instead of "strangers".	
89	80	<p>Amended to remove reference to matters related to committee of the whole. Namely current SO 89 subclause:</p> <p>(9) Motion that the Chairman leave the Chair to report a bill.  (10) Motion that the Chairman leave the Chair to report progress and seek leave to sit again at a future time.  (12) Objection to decision of Chairman.</p> <p>Subclause (3) "Business dealt with as formal" has also been removed.</p> <p>New clause added "That a Members' speaking time be extended" – this reflects the current practice</p>	<p>Reflects changes associated with the removal of the committee of the whole procedure.</p> <p>The removal of formal business reflect the current sessional order that has suspended formal business.</p>
90	81	No change	
91	82	No change	
92	-	Deleted	Unnecessary as the adjournment of debate is provided for in proposed standing order 83.
93	83	Amended to provide that the Speaker shall set down the resumption of the debate as an order of the day for a future time rather than by the Member adjourning the debate.	<p>The current practice whereby the member moving the adjournment of the debate is entitled to precedence continues to apply.</p> <p>It may be better to use the word "later time" instead of "future time".</p>
94	84	No change	

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
95	85	<p>Has been amended to reflect proposed changes to the procedures in relation to the passage of bills such as replacing "second reading" with "agreement in principle" and "committee of the whole" with "Consideration of bill or matter in detail".</p> <p>It also removes reference to debates on the objection of decision of the Chairman of Committees and the election of the Chairman of committees.</p> <p>The proposed standing order also removes the separate time limits for a motion to suspend standing orders in relation to a public bills introduced by private members.</p> <p>The Address in Reply and Budget Debates have been brought into line with the time for bills (i.e. 15 minutes with a possible 5 minute extension).</p> <p>It adds time limits for debates on inaugural speeches, the election of the Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker, special adjournment, suspension of standing orders and has included the time limits for debates on general business notices of motions (not for bills).</p> <p>Time limits for disallowance of statutory rules amended to provide that the Speaker may call on member to reply after 30 minutes</p>	<p>Reflects changes made by the removal of the committee of the whole procedure and the changes to the titles of the different stages for the passage of bills.</p> <p>It also includes reference to the proposed standing order re: inaugural speeches.</p>
96	86	<p>Amended to include that the closure motion cannot be moved before 10:30 a.m. on any day when the House meets at 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>The reference to the committee of the whole has also been removed.</p>	Reflects the current sessional orders and changes to the committee of the whole procedure.
97	87	No change	
98	88	Removal of reference to committee of the whole.	Reflects changes to the committee of the whole procedure.
99	89	Amended to remove reference to committee of the whole and Chairman of Committees.	Reflects changes associated with the proposal to remove the committee of the whole procedure.



Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
100	90	Amended to remove reference to committee of the whole and Chairman of Committee and to reflect changes to the terminology for the passage of legislation.	Reflects changes associated with the proposal to remove the committee of the whole procedure and changes to the terminology for the stages in the passage of legislation.
101	91	<p>Deleted and replaced with:</p> <p>"A Member may rise on a matter of contempt or a breach of privilege suddenly arising relating to the proceedings then before the House. In order to move a substantive motion immediately or to request the Speaker to have a notice placed on the Business Paper with precedence, the Member must satisfy the Speaker (in a statement limited to 10 minutes) that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(4) The matter is one suddenly arising, relates to a matter then before the House and should be dealt with at the earliest opportunity.</li> <li>(5) There is a prima facie case, and</li> <li>(6) The Member has a prepared notice of motion and the matter should proceed forthwith or have precedence for the next sitting day.</li> </ul>	Incorporates the sessional order of the current session.
New standing order	92	<p>Except as provided in standing order 91 and in paragraph (5) of this standing order a matter of privilege shall be brought before the House as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(7) A Member desiring to raise a matter of privilege must inform the Speaker of the details in writing.</li> <li>(8) The Speaker must consider the matter within 14 days and decide whether a motion to refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics (the Committee) is to take precedence under the standing orders. The Speaker must notify his decision in writing to the Member.</li> <li>(9) While a matter is being considered by the Speaker, a Member must not take any action or refer to the matter in the House.</li> <li>(10) If the Speaker decides that a motion for referral should take precedence, the Member may, at any time when there is no</li> </ul>	Incorporates the sessional order of the current session.

		<p>business before the House, give notice of a motion to refer the matter to the Committee. The notice must take precedence under Standing Order 119 on the next sitting day (unless the next sitting day is a Friday sitting).</p> <p>(11) If the Speaker decides that the matter should not be the subject of a notice of referral, a Member is not prevented from giving a notice of motion in relation to the matter. Such notice shall not have precedence.</p> <p>(12) If notice of a motion is given under paragraph (4), but the House is not expected to meet on the day following the giving of the notice or the next sitting day is a Friday sitting, with the leave of the House, the motion may be moved at a later hour of the sitting at which the notice is given with the leave of the House.</p>	
102	-	Deleted	Not necessary under proposal to remove the committee of the whole procedure.
103	-	Deleted	Not necessary under the proposed standing order 92(5) that provides that notice of motion of a privilege matter may be given but does not have precedence of all other business.
104	93	No change	
105	94	No change	
106	-	Deleted	Considered unnecessary for members to cover their head when they wish to raise a point of order during a division
107	95	Amended slightly but principles remain the same.	
108	-	Deleted	Not necessary under proposal to remove the committee of the whole procedure.
109	96	Amended to remove reference to committee of the whole	Reflects changes associated with the proposal to remove the committee of the whole procedure.
110	97	<p>The proposed standing order has reordered the routine of business to have petitions, tabling of committee reports and other papers matters of public importance, the placing or disposal of business and the reordering of general business to occur after the Question Time period.</p> <p>It has also been amended to include reference to private members' statements and the time for giving notices of motions (general notices)</p>	

		and the change from motions for urgent consideration to "motions accorded priority".	
New Standing Order	98	<p>"On any Friday upon which the House sits, whether as a continuation of the sitting of the previous day or as a separate sitting day:</p> <p>(4) Government Business shall have precedence of all other business, in the routine of business.</p> <p>(5) No quorums shall be called and any divisions called shall be deferred, set down as orders of the day for the next sitting day and determined after Question Time.</p> <p>(6) Private Members' Statements may be called at the conclusion of Government Business, after which the House shall adjourn without motion until the next sitting day."</p>	Reflects the current sessional order.
111	99	No change	
112	100	<p>Amended to note that the Speaker will ask if any Member wishes to postpone, withdraw or discharge any notice of motion or order of the day rather than calling over each category on the Business Paper for that day. Notes that this shall be done at the appropriate time in the routine of business which is after questions.</p> <p>Also amended in (3) to provide that an Order of the Day must be discharged and not withdrawn.</p> <p>Also amended to provide for a member to act on behalf of another member with the written authority of the member.</p>	<p>New standing order reflects sessional orders.</p> <p>In addition, Speakers' rulings have indicated that as an order of the day is in the possession of the House that it cannot be withdrawn by a member but must be discharged by the House.</p>
113	-	Deleted	Reflects the current sessional order suspending the procedure of formal business

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
New Standing Order	101	<p>The procedure for establishing the program for General Business Days is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) On the sitting day preceding a General Business Day, Members shall advise the Clerk in writing by 1.00 p.m. which General Business Notices of Motions for Bills, Orders of the Day for Bills, or Notices of Motions (not for Bills) standing in their name on the Business Paper are to be postponed. Party Whips may also advise the Clerk in writing of which items of General Business standing in the name of Members of their party are to be postponed.</li> <li>(2) The first ten notices on the Business Paper, not advised to be postponed by 1.00 p.m. on the day preceding a General Business Day will be deemed to be proceeding. Any General Business Order of the Day for Bills or Notice of Motion re-ordered by the House to have precedence in accordance with standing orders 97 and 106 will retain such precedence.</li> <li>(3) On a General Business Day, a Member may, without debate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Withdraw or postpone any notice of motion standing in their name on the Business Paper for that day.</li> <li>(b) Postpone or, on motion, discharge an Order of the Day standing in their name on the Business Paper for that day.</li> <li>(c) Discharge an Order of the Day for a bill on motion, without debate or amendment "That the Bill be withdrawn".</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Reflects the current sessional order in relation to determining the program of general business days
114	102	No change	
115	103	No change	
116	104	No change	

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
117	105	<p>Proposed standing order adds:</p> <p>(3) General business interrupted by the operation of the routine of business shall stand adjourned and be set down as an order of the day for a later time.</p> <p>(4) General business notices of motion and orders of the day not commenced or completed 12 months from the date given lapse.</p>	<p>The proposed standing order ensures that general business notices of motions and orders of the day remain current by providing for them to lapse twice a year unless otherwise ordered by the House.</p>
118	106	<p>Amended to reflect changes made in routine of business by stating that: "At the reordering of general business orders of the day (for bills) and general business (notices of motions)" rather than "At the Placing and Disposal of Business...".</p> <p>The proposed standing order has increased the time that a member may speak in relation to the reordering of the notice or bill from 3 minutes to 5 minutes (same with the reply).</p>	<p>A number of the other changes are in line with the current sessional orders.</p>
118	107	<p>The times for the debate on general business notices of motions and orders of the day (not for bills) has been separated to form its own standing order.</p>	
119	108	<p>Amended to refer to the giving of general notices at the commencement of the time for PMS.</p>	<p>Reflects the current sessional order</p>

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
120	109	The standing order has been amended to make it clear that when there are two motions that a member must establish why priority should be given to their motion. The title of the standing order has been changed from "Consideration of Urgent Motions" to "Consideration of Motions Accorded Priority". Also amended to remove "Honourable".	The change in title is in line with recent rulings of the Chair that have noted that the procedure is not about establishing the urgency of a motion but about determining which motion should have priority.  Reflects current practice – Members are not referred to as "The Honourable Member for .....".
121	110	Slightly amended to reflect changes made to other standing orders such as "matters accorded priority".	
122	111	The closure is now permitted on the question but cannot be moved until at least 8 members have spoken to the original question.  Also amended to change the previous question to "That the question be not now put" in line with proposed standing orders.  Clause (2) is renumbered to read: "If a motion is given under section 24B(2) of the Constitution Act 1902, it shall take precedence of all other business on a sitting day that is not less than 3 clear days after the notice has been given."	The amendment to clause (2) makes it clear that the standing orders does not deal exclusively with no confidence motions under section 24B.
123	112	Amended to remove the prohibition on moving the closure. However, at least 4 members must have spoken to the original question before it can be moved.  Amended to change the previous question to "That the question be not now put" in line with proposed standing orders.	Reflects current sessional orders allowing the closure to be moved on motions of no confidence in a Minister
123A	113	Amended to remove the prohibition on moving the closure. However, at least 4 members must have spoken to the original question before it can be moved.  Amended to change the previous question to "That the question be not now put" in line with proposed standing orders.	Consistent with the standing order re: motions of no confidence in a Minister.
124	114	Amended to remove the prohibition on moving the closure. However, at least 4 members must have spoken to the original question before it can	New provision allowing for the closure to be moved on motions censuring a member. Consistent with motions of

		be moved.  Amended to change the previous question to "That the question be not now put" in line with proposed standing orders.	no confidence in a Minister or the Speaker.
124A	115	Amended to remove the prohibition on moving the closure. However, at least 4 members must have spoken to the original question before it can be moved.  Amended to change the previous question to "That the question be not now put" in line with proposed standing orders.	Consistent with motions of censure in a member.
125	116	Amended to remove the reference to times in the standing order noting that time limits apply. Reference is instead made to standing order 85.	
126	117	No change	
127	118	Amended to remove the reference to prima facie case in relation to "privilege" and it also notes that a matter of contempt will take precedence.	This amendment correlates with the SO 91 (previously 101) which provides that a member must establish a prima facie case before a privilege matter is granted precedence.
128	119	No change	
129	120	No change	
130	121	Amended to state that a petition must contain original signatures.	Clarifies that copies cannot be submitted.
131	122	Slightly amended to note that language must not be disrespectful to "either House or the Governor" as opposed to the "Legislature".	
132	123	Amended to provide for the Clerk announce that petitions have been receive, rather than stating that the Clerk will read out the Members and the subject matters of the petitions.  Allows the subject matter of a petition to be discussed by way of a substantive motion.	Incorporates the current sessional order.
133	124	Amended to reflect the current sessional order: Petitions shall be deemed to be received by the House unless a motion, moved on the next sitting day (not being a Friday), is agreed to, without debate or amendment, that a petition be not received.	

134	125	No change	
135	126	Amended to provide for questions which relate to matters under a Minister's administration.	
136	127	No change	
137	128	Amended to remove reference to committee of the whole.	Reflects changes associated with the proposal to remove the procedure for the committee of the whole.
138	129	No change	
139	130	No change	
140	131	Amended to refer to question time rather than questions without notice. Also amended to clarify that one supplementary question can be asked each question time.	
141	132	Amended to refer to questions on notice as written questions. Also amended to note that questions that contain argument, unbecoming expressions etc may be amended or divided if they contain matters that are not relevant to each other or removed from the Questions Paper under the authority of the Speaker. Provides for questions to be lodged before the end of question time.  Has removed the provision allowing members to relodge questions unanswered at prorogation.	
142	133	Amended in consequence of new routine of business (3) A notice of motion of the following matters must be given verbally at the time prescribed in the routine of business and show the date for moving the motion: (a) A notice of motion for a bill (b) A notice of motion for Government Business (c) A notice of motion of no confidence in the Government, Minister or Speaker, or censure of Member or Speaker, and (d) A notice of motion for Business with precedence, (SO 118) with the exception of votes of thanks or condolence. (4) Other notices of motions may only be given immediately prior to Private Members' Statements.	



Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
143	134	No change	
144	135	No change	
145	136	No change	
146	137	Amended to note that a notice of motion may be amended by the Clerk under the authority of the Speaker and divided if it contains matters not relevant to each other. It has also changed "expunged" to "removed" and the Speaker can order its removal rather than requiring a an order to that affect from the House.	Similar authority is provided to the Clerks to amend notices as is provided for amendments to written questions.
147	138	No change	
148	139	No change	
149	140	No change	
150	141	No change	
151	142	No change	
152	143	Amended to remove the need for a motion to be seconded.	Reflects actual practice of the House.
153	144	No change	
154	145	No change	
155	146	No change	
156	147	No change	
157	148	No change	
158	149	Current standing Order deleted and replaced with:  "Any question may be superseded by a motion "That the question be not now put". If this motion is carried in the affirmative then the next item of business shall be called on and if negatived the question shall be put immediately (with no reply from the mover)."	This change brings the practice of the Legislative Assembly in line with the practice of the UK House of Commons.  If the motion "That the question be not now put" is agreed to, the question before the House is deferred, if negatived the question is immediately put. ( <i>May</i> , pp 395-6).  The provisions under the current standing order worked so that if the motion "That that question be now put" was negatived the question before the House is superseded and drops off the business paper and the House moves to the next item of business. If agreed to the substantive motion before the House must be put.

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
159	-	Deleted	Current standing order relates to the form of the previous question. Some of the provisions have been included in the proposed standing order (S.O. previously SO 158). Standing order 80 notes that the previous question must be put without amendment of debate.
160	150	No change	
161	151	No change	
162	152	No change	
163	153	No change	
164	154	Amended to remove reference to Chairman of Committees	Reflects changes associated with the removal of the committee of the whole procedure.
165	155	Amended to make it clear that the vote passing a bill cannot be rescinded.	
166	156	No change	
167	157	No change	
168	158	No change	
169	159	No change	
170	160	No change	
171	161	Amended to remove the need for amendments to be seconded.	Reflects actual practice.
172	162	No change	
173	163	No change	
174	164	No change	
175	165	Amended to replace "is agreed to" with "is dealt with"	
176	166	No change	
177	167	Deleted and replaced with:  "Where the business before the House is adjourned or is interrupted the Speaker shall set down its resumption as an order of the day for a future time."	Amendment specifies that it is the resumption of the business that is set down as an order of the day for a future time.
178	168	No change	
179	169	No change	
180	170	No change	
181	171	No change	

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
182	172	No change	
183	173	No change	
184	174	No change	
185	175	No change	
186	176	No change	
187	177	No change	
188	178	No change	
189	179	No change	
190	180	No change	
191	181	No change	
192	182	No change	
193	183	No change	
194	184	No change	
195	185	Removes reference to the Chairman and Committee of the whole.	Reflects changes associated with the removal of the committee of the whole procedure.
196	186	Removes reference to the Weekly Report of Divisions in Committee of the Whole.	Reflects changes associated with the removal of the committee of the whole procedure.
197	187	<p>Current standing order was originally rescinded in 1996. New proposed standing order:</p> <p>(3) The House shall not conduct a division on any question before 10.30 a.m. on days when the House meets at an earlier time, or during private members' statements. If a division is called prior to 10.30 a.m. on such days, the division shall be deferred and conducted at 10.30 a.m. and any business then before the House shall be interrupted and recommenced after the division(s).</p> <p>(4) On any Friday when the House sits, whether as a continuation of the sitting of the previous day or as a separate sitting day, any divisions called shall be deferred, set down as orders of the day for the next sitting day and determined after Question Time.</p>	Subclause (1) and (2) reflects the current practice as adopted by sessional order.

<b>Current Standing Order</b>	<b>Proposed Standing Order</b>	<b>Changes made to text</b>	<b>Comment</b>
198	188	<p>Amended to be in plain English and to reflect changes in the titles for the various stages of bills:</p> <p>“ Leave to introduce” is replaced with a motion “to introduce the bill” and “Leave be given to bring in the bill” replaced with “that this bill be now introduced”.</p> <p>Reference to first reading removed – the bill having already been introduced.</p> <p>The second reading is replaced with the agreement in principle stage motion “That this bill be now read a second time” changed to “That this bill be now agreed to in principle.”</p> <p>Removes the need for the Clerk to read the short title of the bill at the conclusion of each stage.</p>	<p>The proposed standing order reflects changes made to titles of the various stages in the passage of bills. The changes are:</p> <p>First Reading – introduction;  Second Reading – agreement in principle;  Committee stage – consideration in detail;  Third Reading – passing of the bill.</p>
199	189	Amended to remove reference to second reading debate and replaced with debate in principle.	The proposed standing order reflects changes made to titles of the various stages in the passage of bills. See above.
200	-	Deleted	
201	190	No change	
202	191	No change	
203	192	No change	
204	-	Deleted	
205	193	Removes reference to the second reading, committee of the whole and third reading.	The proposed standing order reflects changes made to titles of the various stages in the passage of bills. See above.
206	194	Removes reference to the second and third reading – replaced with “agreement in principle” and “the passing”.	

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207	195	Removes reference to the second and third reading – replaced with “agreement in principle” and “the passing”.	
208	196	Removes reference to the committee of the whole replaced with “consideration in detail”.	
209	197	No change	
210	198	Removes reference to “second reading” replaced with “agreement in principle”.	
211	199	Removes reference to “second reading” replaced with “agreement in principle”.	
212	200	Removes reference to “second reading” replaced with “agreement in principle”.	
213	201	No change	
214	202	Removes reference to “second reading” replaced with “agreement in principle”.	
215	203	Deleted and replaced with:  After agreement in principle, unless:  (4) A Member requests consideration of the bill in detail; or (5) The Member in charge of the bill: (a) moves a motion for consideration in detail pro forma; or (b) requests the Speaker to set down consideration of the bill in detail as on Order of the Day for a later time; or (6) A motion is moved, without notice or debate, and agreed to <b>“That this bill be not passed”</b> .  The Speaker shall declare the bill to have passed the House.	Reflects proposed changes to the titles of the various stages in the passage of bills.
216	-	Deleted	

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
217	204	<p>Deleted and replaced with:</p> <p>"The procedure for dealing with a pro forma consideration in detail is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(5) After agreement in principle the member in charge of the bill shall move "That the House consider the bill in detail pro forma". This question shall be put without amendment or debate.</li> <li>(6) The proposed amendments, which have been previously printed, shall be put in one question, without amendment or debate, "That the amendments as printed be inserted in the bill".</li> <li>(7) If the motion is agreed to the bill shall be reprinted in its amended form, and on reconsideration be considered as if considered for the first time.</li> <li>(8) If the question for the pro forma consideration, or for the inclusion of the amendments is negatived, the bill shall be proceeded with in consideration in detail in the usual manner." </li></ul>	Reflects proposed changes to the titles of the various stages in the passage of bills.
218	-	Deleted	
219	205	Amended to provide for the question to be "That the preamble be agreed to" as opposed to "That the preamble as read be the preamble of the bill."	
220	206	No change	
221	207	Chairman replaced with Speaker – same principle apply.	
222	208	<p>Amended to remove reference to "Chairman" replaced with "Speaker".</p> <p>Amended to be in plain English:  Question "That the clause/schedule, as read, stand part of the bill".  Replaced with "That the clause/schedule be agreed to."</p>	

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223	209	Amended to remove reference to "in Committee" and "recommitted" replaced with "consideration in detail".	
224	210	No change	
225	211	No change	
226	212	Amended to be in plain English:  That the clause/schedule as amended "...stand part of the bill" replaced with "...be agreed to".	
227	213	No change	
228	214	Amended to remove reference to the committee of the whole. Replaced with "consideration in detail".	
229	-	Deleted	Not required under proposed changes as the consideration in detail is conducted by the House.
230	215	Amended to remove reference to "recommittal" replaced with "reconsidered".	
231	-	Deleted	Not required under proposed changes as no report is communicated to the House.
232	-	Deleted	Not required under proposed changes as no report is adopted by the House.
233	216	Amended to remove reference to "Committee of the whole" replaced with "consideration in detail".	
234	217	Amended to remove reference to "adoption of the report" and "third reading" – replaced with "considered in detail" and "passing".  Replaced with "After consideration in detail a bill may be reconsidered in whole or in part by amendment to the motion 'That this bill be now passed.'"	
235	-	Deleted.	
236	-	Deleted	Removes the standing order that provides for a motion to be moved for the third reading when the order of the day is read.
237	-	Deleted	Removes the SO related to amending the motion for the third reading or "the passing" to defer the question.

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238	-	Deleted	Removes SO permitting an amendment to dispose of a bill on its passing.
239	-	Deleted	Not required as there is no committee stage under the proposed procedure for the passing of bills
240	218	Deleted and replaced with "After the motion "That this bill be now passed" has been agreed to no further question shall be put."	
241	219	No change	
242	220	Amended to remove reference to "third time" – replaced with "passed".	
243	221	No change	
244	222	Amended to provide for consideration of Council amendments forthwith.	
245	223	Amended to remove reference to "committee of the whole" replaced with "consideration in detail".	
246	224	No change	
247	225	No change	
248	226	No change	
249	227	No change	
250	228	No change	
251	229	Amended to remove reference to "read a first time" and "second reading" – replaced with "introduced" and "agreed to in principle".	
252	230	No change	
253	231	No change	
254	232	No change	
255	233	No change	
256	234	No change	
257	235	No change	
258	236	No change	
259	237	No change	
New Standing Order	238	"After consideration in detail the Member in charge of the Bill may: (3) Request the Speaker to set down the motion " <b>That this Bill be now passed</b> " as an order of the day for a later time; or (4) Move the motion " <b>That the Bill be now passed</b> " forthwith."	Provides for the procedure after consideration in detail – to coincide with changes made to the amendment stage of bill (i.e. to replace the report adoption stage).



260	239	Amended to remove reference to "Chairman of Committees" – replaced with "Assistant Speaker".	
261	-	Deleted	Under proposed changes a bill is to be considered in detail in the House so no need to specify the quorum for the Committee stage separately.
262	-	Deleted	Under proposed changes a bill is to be considered in detail in the House so no need to specify the rules of debate for the Committee stage separately.
263	-	Deleted	Not required.
264	-	Deleted	Not required.
265	-	Deleted	Not required.
266	240	Amended to remove reference to "committee of the whole". Amended to state:  "A motion may be moved without notice or debate that a matter other than a bill be considered in detail."	
267	-	Deleted	Not required.
268	-	Deleted	Not required under the proposed changes.
269	-	Deleted	Not required.
270	241	No change	
271	-	Deleted	Not required
272	242	Amended to note that when a bill or other matter is "considered in detail" members can speak more than once to the same question.	Reflects changes associated with changing the committee of the whole stage with "consideration in detail".
273	-	Deleted	Not required.
274	-	Deleted	Not required.
275	-	Deleted	Not required.
276	-	Deleted	Not required.
277	-	Deleted	Not required.
278	-	Deleted	Not required.
279	-	Deleted	Not required.
280	-	Deleted	Not required.
281	243	No change	
282	244	Amended to remove reference to "Committee of the whole" replaced with "considered in detail".	

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283	245	Amended to remove reference to "committee of the whole" and "Chairman" – replaced with "consideration in detail" and "Speaker".	
284	246	Amended to remove reference to "second reading" "committee of the whole" and "Chairman" replaced with "agreement in principle", "consideration in detail" and "Assistant Speaker".	
285	247	No change	
286	-	Deleted	Not required under proposed changes.
287	248	No change	
288	249	Amended to remove reference to "Chairman of Committees".	Reflects changes associated with the removal of the committee of the whole procedure.
289	250	Amended to remove reference to "Chairman of Committees".	Reflects changes associated with the removal of the committee of the whole procedure.
290	251	No change	
291	-	Deleted	Not required
292	252	No change	
293	253	Deleted and replaced with:  "A Member who is suspended from the service of the House or removed from the House shall be excluded from the Parliamentary precincts until the expiration of the suspension period including all intervening non-sitting days."	Makes it clear that members suspended or removed from the House must leave the precincts.
294	254	No change	
295	255	No change	
296	-	Deleted	Not required
297	256	The term "strangers" has been replaced with "visitors"	
298	257	The term "strangers" has been replaced with "visitors"	
299	258	The term "strangers" has been replaced with "visitors"	
300	259	The term "strangers" has been replaced with "visitors"	
301	260	No change	
302	261	The term "strangers" has been replaced with "visitors"	
303	262	The term "strangers" has been replaced with "visitors"	

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
304	263	Amended:  "Representatives of media organisations may be admitted to the Galleries, including the Press Gallery, by the Speaker and such representatives shall comply with any conditions or directions determined by the Speaker."	
305	264	No change	
306	265	No change	
307	266	No change	
308	267	No change	
309	268	No change	
310	269	Deleted and replaced with:  "The House may order Ministers to table papers. The order shall be communicated in writing to the Premier by the Clerk. The House may, by resolution, authorise the Speaker to make arrangements for the return of such papers."	Proposed standing order provides for papers to be returned this would remove the requirement for the House to pass specific resolutions enabling papers to be returned.
311	270	No change	
312	271	No change	
313	272	No change	
314	273	No change	
315	274	No change	
316	275	Amended to remove reference to "Chairman of Committees" – replaced with "Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker".	
317	276	No change	
318	277	No change	
319	278	No change	
320	279	No change	
321	280	No change	
322	281	No change	

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
323	282	Amended to state that at the first meeting of a committee and Chair and Deputy Chair is to be elected.  NB: Chairman has been changed to Chair in all relevant standing orders.	
324	283	Amended to provide the Chair of a committee with a deliberative vote and in the event of an equality of votes with a casting vote.	Reflects current sessional order.
325	284	Amended to state that the Deputy Chair is to preside in meetings where the Chair is absent.	Not all Committees have Deputy Chairs.
326	285	No change	
327	286	No change	
328	287	No change	
329	288	Amended to include a reference to "things".	
330	289	Amended to provide for the Deputy Chair to sign a summons in the absence of the Chair.	
331	290	No change	
332	291	No change	
333	292	No change	
334	293	No change	
335	294	No change	
336	295	No change	
337	296	No change	
338	297	Amended to include "other information presented to the committee" in the list of things that cannot be disclosed unless authorised by the House or the committee.	
339	298	No change	
340	299	No change	
341	300	No change	
342	301	Amended to provide for a committee to resolve to consider a report other than by paragraph. Also amended so that when a report is considered paragraph by paragraph the question is "That the paragraph be agreed to" as opposed to "That the paragraph as read stand part of the report."  Also provides for the reconsideration of the whole or part of the report.	Reflects current practice where committees may choose to consider reports other than by paragraph.

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343	302	No change	
344	303	No change	
345	304	No change	
346	305	Slightly reworded to note that when a report is received by the Clerk it is deemed published and will be reported at the next sitting.	
347	306	Amended to note that any take note debate on a committee report set down as an order of the day will fall off the business paper 12 months after the report is tabled if not commenced or completed.  Also reworded to enable concurrent debate on a number of reports from the same committee.	
348	307	No change	
349	308	No change	
350	309	No change	
New Standing Order	310	"A committee shall have the power to consider and make use of evidence and records of similar committees appointed during a previous session of the current Parliament or the previous Parliament."	Proposed standing order provides for an action that in the past has been provided for by a resolution of the House passed each new session.
351	311	No change	
352	312	No change	
353	313	No change	
354	314	No change	
355	315	Amended to note that a standing committee can meet and report "during the term of the Parliament in which they are appointed" rather than "for the term of the Parliament..."	
356	316	No change	
357	317	No change	
358	318	No change	
359	319	No change	
360	320	No change	
361	321	No change	
362	322	No change	

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
363	323	Amended to remove reference to "second reading" and "committee of the whole" – replaced with "agreement in principle" and "consideration in detail"..  "Chairman" has also been replaced with "Chair." Provision is also made for a "Deputy Chair" to be appointed.	
364	324	Amended to remove reference to committee of the whole procedure.	Not required.
365	325	No change	
366	326	No change	
367	327	No change	
368	328	No change	
369	329	Amended to remove reference to committee of the whole procedure.	
370	330	No change	
371	331	No change	
372	332	Amended to remove reference to "committee of the whole". Proposed standing order states:  "A witness appearing when the House is considering a matter in detail may be questioned directly by Members."	
373	333	No change	
374	334	No change	
375	335	No change	
376	336	No change	
377	337	No change	
378	338	No change	
379	339	No change	
380	340	No change	
381	341	No change	
382	342	No change	
383	343	No change	
384	344	No change	
385	345	No change	
386	346	No change	

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
387	347	No change	
388	348	No change	
389	349	No change	
390	350	No change	
391	351	No change	
392	352	No change	
393	353	No change	
394	354	No change	
395	355	No change	
396	356	No change	
397	357	No change	
398	358	<p>Amended to change subclause (4) from "...notice of motion for leave to bring in the bill" to "notice of motion for the introduction of the bill".</p> <p>Due to the deletion of the standing order regarding formal business subclause (5) has been amended to remove the reference to the motion being "formal" and has been replaced with:</p> <p>"The motion for the introduction of a private bill cannot be objected to and the motion cannot be amended or debated."</p> <p>Which are the same principles that apply to "formal business".</p>	
399	359	No change	
400	360	Amended to refer to agreement in principle rather than second reading.	
401	361	No change	
402	362	No change	
403	363	No change	
404	364	No change	
405	365	Amended to provide Ministers with the right to suspend standing and sessional orders at anytime without leave.	Reflects current sessional order.

Current Standing Order	Proposed Standing Order	Changes made to text	Comment
New Standing Order	366	<p>"Parliamentary Secretaries may act on behalf of Ministers and references to Ministers in the Standing and Sessional Orders shall be taken to include references to Parliamentary Secretaries except in respect of the following Standing Orders:</p> <p>2(9) Inform the House when the Governor will give reasons for opening of Parliament  11(3) Inform the House when the Governor will receive the House with its new Speaker  26 Front bench reserved for Ministers  34 Days and hours of sitting  48 Adjournment of the House  93 Issue a notification for the allocation of time  104 Arrange government business  112(3) Matters of Public Importance  114 No confidence in a Minister  127 Petitions  128 Questions to Ministers  133(5) Questions without Notice  134 Time for lodging answers to written questions  191 Declare a bill urgent  192, 244 Governor's message not required for Appropriation and taxing bills introduced by a Minister  247(1) Estimates committees  252(1) Suspension of Member  270 Order for papers  325(10) Legislation Committees  367(2) Suspension of standing orders"</p>	Reflects the current sessional order.
New standing order	367	The House authorises the publication of the record of its debates and proceedings known as the "Parliamentary Debates (Hansard)".	



New standing order	368	<p>The House authorises, on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Speaker from time to time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) The filming of its proceedings and the proceedings in public of its committees; and</li><li>(2) From that source, the broadcasting and re-broadcasting of such proceedings or extracts thereof in any form, both within and outside the Parliamentary precincts, by any medium.</li></ol>	
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