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MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE - BELLS

Bells	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 35 shall read as follows:</p> <p>35. The timing for bells is as follows:</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u> Bells are rung at 11.45 a.m. for 20 seconds and at 11.58 a.m. for 60 seconds.</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u> Bells are rung at 9.45 a.m. for 20 seconds and at 9.58 a.m. for 60 seconds.</p> <p><u>Thursday</u> Bells are rung at 9.45 a.m. for 20 seconds and at 9.58 a.m. for 60 seconds.</p> <p><u>After lunch</u> Bells are rung at 2.00 p.m. for 20 seconds and at 2.13 p.m. for 60 seconds.</p> <p><u>After dinner</u> Bells are rung at 6:58 pm for 20 seconds.</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 four 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>	Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 35
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QUORUM DURING SITTING - RESTRICTIONS ON QUORUM CALLS

<p>Restrictions on Quorum Calls</p>	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 45 shall read as follows:</p> <p>45. Members shall not be permitted to call attention to the want of a quorum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) During Private Members' Statements or Community Recognition Statements; (2) During Matters of Public Importance or the Discussion on a Petition signed by 10,000 or more persons; or (3) During the establishment of and debate on a Motion Accorded Priority. (4) Before 10.30 a.m. on any sitting day. 	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 36.</p>
<h3>ADJOURNMENT WITHOUT MOTION</h3>		
<p>Adjournment without motion</p>	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 46 shall read as follows:</p> <p>46. Unless otherwise ordered, the House shall be adjourned without motion moved at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday, at 10.00 p.m. on Wednesday and at the conclusion of private members' statements on Thursday.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 36</p>

INAUGURAL OR VALEDICTORY SPEECH**Inaugural or
Valedictory
Speech**

That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 63 shall read as follows:

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(1) A motion may be moved without notice, amendment or debate for the business to be interrupted at a specified time (but not so as to interrupt a Member speaking) to permit a Member to make an inaugural speech or a valedictory speech without a question being before the House. Any interrupted business shall be resumed on the completion of the speech.

(2) The time limit for inaugural speeches or valedictory speeches will be 20 minutes.

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RULES OF DEBATE - REPLY

Reply	That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 66 shall read as follows: 66. A Member may speak in reply if the Member has moved: (1) a substantive motion or (2) a motion “That this bill be now read a second time” or (3) a motion “That this bill be now read a third time” .	Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 36
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RULES OF DEBATE - MATTERS NOT OPEN TO DEBATE OR AMENDMENT

Matters not open for debate nor amendment	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 80 shall read as follows:</p> <p>80. The following matters are not open to debate nor amendment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Adjournment of debate. (2) Adjournment of the House. (3) Extension of time. (4) Leave of the House. (5) Motion that a Member be suspended. (6) Motion that a Message be sent to the Legislative Council. (7) Motion that leave of absence be granted. (8) To withdraw or postpone an order of the day. (9) Personal explanation. (10) "That inspection of the paper be restricted to members only and that no copies or extracts thereof be permitted". (11) "That visitors be ordered to withdraw". (12) "That the bill be considered an urgent bill". (13) "That this bill be read at a later time". (14) "That the Order of the Day be discharged and the bill be withdrawn". (15) "That the Committee report be printed". (16) "That the Member for ... be further heard". (17) "That the Member for ... be not further heard". (18) "That the Member for ... be now heard". (19) "That the petition not be received". (20) "That the question be put as separate questions". (21) "That the question be now put". (22) "That the question be not now put". (23) "That the Member's speaking time be extended". (24) Motion to permit a Member to make an inaugural speech. 	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 36. Amended 15 September 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 322.</p>
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DEBATES AND SPEECHES - MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS

Maximum time limits	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 85 be amended in part as follows:</p> <p><u>Bills (SO 188-239)</u></p> <p><u>Second Reading:</u></p> <p>(i) Introduced by a Minister</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Mover</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Leader of the Opposition or one Member deputed, next speaking</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Any other Member</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 10 minutes†</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Reply</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- unspecified</td> </tr> </table> <p>(ii) Appropriation Bill</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Mover</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Party Leaders</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Any other Member</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 15 minutes†</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Reply</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- unspecified</td> </tr> </table> <p>(iii) Introduced by a Private Member</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Mover</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Premier or one Minister deputed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Leader of the Opposition or one Member deputed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- unspecified</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Any other Member</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 10 minutes†</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Reply</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- unspecified</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Bill be now read a third time after consideration in detail (SO 217)</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">All Members</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 10 minutes†</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Committee, reports from – take note debate (SO 306)</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Chair or Member tabling the Report</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 6 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Any other Member</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 4 minutes</td> </tr> </table> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(Question being put after 22 minutes)</p> <p><u>Community Recognition Statements (SO 108A)</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Member making statement</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 1 minute each.</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Consideration in detail of a bill or other matter (SO 240-242)</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Minister</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- unspecified number of periods limited to 15 minutes each;</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Leader of the Opposition or one Member deputed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- unspecified number of periods limited to 15 minutes each;</td> </tr> </table>	Mover	- unspecified	Leader of the Opposition or one Member deputed, next speaking	- unspecified	Any other Member	- 10 minutes†	Reply	- unspecified	Mover	- unspecified	Party Leaders	- unspecified	Any other Member	- 15 minutes†	Reply	- unspecified	Mover	- unspecified	Premier or one Minister deputed	- unspecified	Leader of the Opposition or one Member deputed	- unspecified	Any other Member	- 10 minutes†	Reply	- unspecified	All Members	- 10 minutes†	Chair or Member tabling the Report	- 6 minutes	Any other Member	- 4 minutes	Member making statement	- 1 minute each.	Minister	- unspecified number of periods limited to 15 minutes each;	Leader of the Opposition or one Member deputed	- unspecified number of periods limited to 15 minutes each;	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 37</p>
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	Any other Member	- three periods each on any one question not exceeding 5 minutes each.	
	<u>Motion Accorded Priority (SO 109)</u>		
	Statement establishing priority	- 3 minutes	
	Debate:		
	Mover	- 5 minutes	
	Member next speaking	- 5 minutes	
	Two other Members	- 3 minutes each	
	Reply	- 3 minutes	
	<u>General Business notices of motions or orders of the day (not for bills) (SO 107)</u>		
	In each debate:		
	Mover	- 7 minutes	
	Member next speaking	- 7 minutes	
	Four Members	- 4 minutes each	
	Reply	- 4 minutes	
	<u>Inaugural Speech or Valedictory Speech (SO 63)</u>		
	Member making inaugural or valedictory speech	- 20 minutes	
	<u>Matters of Public Importance (SO 110)</u>		
	Mover	- 5 minutes	
	Member next speaking	- 5 minutes	
	One other Member	- 3 minutes	
	Reply	- 3 minutes	
	<u>Petitions signed by 10,000 or more persons (SO 125A)</u>		
	First speaker	- 5 minutes	
	Member next speaking	- 5 minutes	
	Two other Members	- 3 minutes each	
	Total	- 16 minutes	
	<u>Private Members' Statements (SO 108)</u>		
	Member making statement	- 5 minutes	
	Replies by Ministers	- 1 minutes	
	<u>Re-ordering General Business (SO 106)</u>		
	Member in charge of the bill or notice of motion	- 3 minutes	
	One other Member	- 3 minutes	

	<p>† A member may request and the Speaker shall put, without debate or amendment, a question that the Member be allowed to continue that speech for a further period of up to 5 minutes.</p>	
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<p align="center">DEBATE - ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR DEBATE (GUILLOTINE)</p>		
<p>Closure- allocation of time for discussion</p>	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 90 shall read as follows:</p> <p>90. 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 second reading stage and there have been no Minister’s amendments circulated, the Speaker shall forthwith put to the vote the third reading of the Bill.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 39</p>

SPEAKING TO PRIVILEGE

<p>Speaking to privilege</p>	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 91 shall read as follows:</p> <p>91.</p> <p>(1) 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 that:</p> <p>(a) the matter is one suddenly arising, relating to a matter then before the House which should be dealt with at the earliest opportunity;</p> <p>(b) there is a prima facie case; and</p> <p>(c) the Member has prepared a notice of motion.</p> <p>(2) When a matter of contempt or a breach of privilege suddenly arising relating to the proceedings then before the House is raised, the business before the House is suspended until the Speaker:</p> <p>(a) determines that there is no matter of contempt or breach of privilege; or</p> <p>(b) defers the matter and either continues or adjourns the business under consideration; or</p> <p>(c) determines that a prima facie case exists and allows a notice of motion to be moved forthwith or to have precedence for the next sitting; or</p> <p>(d) takes some other form of action.</p> <p>(3) The maximum time available to a Member to satisfy the Speaker in accordance with paragraph (1) of this standing order is 10 minutes. The Speaker may determine the matter prior to the expiration of the 10 minutes.</p> <p>(4) If the Speaker determines that a prima facie case exists the Member must move a motion seeking either:</p> <p>(a) the declaration of the House that a contempt or breach of privilege has occurred; or</p> <p>(b) the referral of the matter by the House to the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics for consideration.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 39. Amended 15 September 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 323.</p>
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MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE NOT SUDDENLY ARISING

Matters of privilege not suddenly arising

That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 92 shall read as follows:

92. Except as provided in standing order 91 and in paragraph (5) of this standing order, a matter of privilege or contempt shall be brought before the House as follows:

- (1) A Member desiring to raise a matter of privilege or contempt must inform the Speaker of the details in writing.
- (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 this decision in writing to the Member.
- (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.
- (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.
- (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.
- (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, with the leave of the House, the motion may be moved at a later hour of the sitting at which the notice is given.

Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 40

ROUTINE OF BUSINESS

Routine of Business	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 97 shall read as follows:</p> <p>97. <u>Tuesdays</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At 12.00 noon the Speaker takes the Chair 2. Giving of General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) 3. Private Members' Statements 4. At 1.30 p.m. the Speaker leaves the Chair 5. At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair 6. Ministerial Statements 7. Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence) 8. Giving of Notices of Motions to be Accorded Priority 9. Question Time 10. Ministerial Statements 11. Papers 12. Committees – Tabling of reports and notification of inquiries 13. Petitions 14. Announcement of Matter of Public Importance 15. Placing or Disposal of Business 16. Motion Accorded Priority 17. Business with Precedence 18. At 4.00 p.m. Business before the House is interrupted for Government Business. Any interrupted business lapses except when the House is considering Business with Precedence which shall stand as an order of the day for tomorrow. 19. At 7.00 p.m. Business before the House is interrupted for Private Members' Statements. Any interrupted item of Government Business shall stand as an order of the day for tomorrow. If at the time of interruption a division is in progress, that division shall be completed. 20. Matter of Public Importance 21. Adjournment at 7.45 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance, if concluded before 7.45 p.m. <p><u>Wednesdays</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At 10.00 a.m. the Speaker takes the Chair 2. Giving of Notices of Motions (General Notices) 3. Government Business concluding at 1.15 p.m. Any interrupted item of Government Business shall stand as an order of the day for a later hour of the day. If at the time of interruption a division is in progress, that division shall be completed. 4. Community Recognition Statements concluding at 1.35 p.m. 5. At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair 6. Ministerial Statements 7. Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence, and notices to be the subject of a motion to re-order later in the sitting) 8. Giving of Notices of Motions to be Accorded Priority 	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 40. Amended 15 September 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 323.</p>
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	<p>9. Question Time</p> <p>10. Ministerial Statements</p> <p>11. Papers</p> <p>12. Committees – Tabling of reports and notification of inquiries</p> <p>13. Petitions</p> <p>14. Announcement of Matter of Public Importance</p> <p>15. Re-ordering of General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills) and General Business (Notices of Motions)</p> <p>16. Placing or Disposal of Business</p> <p>17. Motion Accorded Priority</p> <p>18. Business with Precedence</p> <p>19. At 4.00 p.m. business before the House is interrupted for Government Business. Any interrupted business lapses except when the House is considering Business with Precedence which shall stand as an order of the day for tomorrow.</p> <p>20. At 6.30 p.m. the Speaker leaves the Chair. Any interrupted item of Government Business shall stand as an order of the day for a later time. If at the time of interruption a division is in progress, that division shall be completed.</p> <p>21. At 7.00 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair.</p> <p>22. Private Members' Statements.</p> <p>23. Government Business concluding at 9.45 p.m. Any interrupted item of Government Business shall stand as an order of the day for tomorrow. If at the time of interruption a division is in progress, that division shall be completed.</p> <p>24. Matter of Public Importance.</p> <p>25. Adjournment at 10.00 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance if concluded before 10.00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Thursdays</u></p> <p>1. At 10.00 a.m. the Speaker takes the Chair</p> <p>2. Giving of General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices)</p> <p>3. 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 tomorrow with precedence of other General Business Notices of Motions for Bills.</p> <p>4. General Business Orders of the Day for Bills (concluding not later than 11.30 a.m. or after the expiry of 60 minutes from the commencement of General Business Orders of the Day for Bills if commenced earlier than 10.30 a.m.) Any interrupted item of business shall stand as an order of the day for tomorrow. If at the time of interruption, a division is in progress, that division shall be completed.</p> <p>5. General Business Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day (not being Bills) concluding at 1.00 p.m. Any interrupted business shall stand as an order of the day for tomorrow with precedence of other General Business (not being Bills). If at the time of interruption a division is in progress that division and any other division(s) to determine the matter shall be completed.</p> <p>6. At 1.00 p.m. consideration of tabled committee reports concluding at 1.30 pm. Any interrupted item of business shall stand as an Order of the Day for tomorrow.</p> <p>7. At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair.</p>	
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FRIDAY SITTINGS

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Friday sittings	That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 98 shall be suspended.	Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 42

PRECEDENCE AND LAPSING OF GENERAL BUSINESS

<p>Precedence and lapsing of General Business</p>	<p>General Business</p> <p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 105 shall read as follows:</p> <p>105.</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 tomorrow with precedence of all other notices and orders, except any General Business Order of the Day or Notice of Motion accorded precedence for that day in accordance with Standing Order 106.</p> <p>(3) General Business Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day not commenced or completed 6 months from the date given shall lapse.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 42</p>
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GENERAL BUSINESS - RE-ORDERING ORDERS OF THE DAY (FOR BILLS) AND GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICES OF MOTIONS (GENERAL NOTICES)

<p>Re-ordering General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills) and General Business (Notices of Motions)</p>	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 106 shall read as follows:</p> <p>106. At the re-ordering of General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills) and General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) in the routine of business:</p> <p>(1) Any two Private Members may move to re-order an order of the day for a bill of which they have carriage, to give precedence to the resumption of the debate over other orders of the day listed for the following sitting day.</p> <p>(2) Any two Private Members may move to re-order a general business notice of motion standing in their name, to give the notice precedence over 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 3 minutes and one other Member may reply for up to 3 minutes.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 43</p>
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**GENERAL BUSINESS - DEBATE ON NOTICES OF MOTIONS OR ORDERS OF THE DAY
(NOT BEING BILLS)**

<p>Debate on General Business Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day (not being Bills)</p>	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 107 shall read as follows:</p> <p>107.</p> <p>(1) At the time listed in the routine of business, the House will 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 border="0"> <tr> <td>Mover</td> <td>- 7 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member next speaking</td> <td>- 7 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Four Members</td> <td>- 4 minutes each</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reply</td> <td>- 4 minutes.</td> </tr> </table>	Mover	- 7 minutes	Member next speaking	- 7 minutes	Four Members	- 4 minutes each	Reply	- 4 minutes.	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 43</p>
Mover	- 7 minutes									
Member next speaking	- 7 minutes									
Four Members	- 4 minutes each									
Reply	- 4 minutes.									

PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Private Members' Statements

That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 108 shall read as follows:

108. The procedure for Private Members' Statements is as follows:

- (1) In accordance with the routine of business, the Speaker shall ask if there are any Private Members' Statements.
- (2) Up to 47 Private Members' Statements may be made over any one sitting week, within the time allocated in the routine of business, for up to 5 minutes each and replies by Ministers shall be limited to 1 minute each.
- (3) 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.
- (4) A division on any question or quorum call shall not be permitted during Private Members' Statements.
- (5) The House shall adjourn without motion moved until the next sitting day:
 - (a) At the conclusion of Private Members' Statements when it is the last item on the day's routine of business and concludes earlier than the time set for adjournment; or
 - (b) At the time set by the routine of business for adjournment.

Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 43

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION STATEMENTS

	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, the following sessional order be adopted:</p> <p>108A. The procedure for Community Recognition Statements is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) In accordance with the routine of business, the Speaker will ask if there are any Community Recognition Statements. (2) Within the time allocated in the routine of business, Members may give Community Recognition Statements for up to 1 minute each, for a total of 20 minutes. (3) Members may not give consecutive Community Recognition Statements. (4) Community Recognition 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. (5) Community Recognition Statements must not contain: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Matters of policy; (b) Requests for the Government or the House, or another body to take some Form of action or not; or (c) Criticisms or negative reflections on any person, including Members, Office Holders, the Government, the Opposition or a third party. (6) A division on any question or quorum call shall not be permitted during Community Recognition Statements. 	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 44. Amended 15 September 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 323.</p>
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MOTIONS ACCORDED PRIORITY

<p>Motions Accorded Priority</p>	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 109 shall read as follows:</p> <p>109. The procedure for consideration of Motions Accorded Priority shall be as follows:</p> <p>(1) Prior to Question Time on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Speaker shall ask if there are any written notices of motions to be accorded priority over the other business of the House.</p> <p>(2) No more than two notices shall be accepted at any one sitting of the House.</p> <p>(3) The notices shall be set down for consideration later in the sitting in accordance with the routine of business.</p> <p>(4) (a) The Members giving the notices shall each be permitted to make statements of up to 3 minutes as to why their notice should be accorded priority. No points of order regarding the scope or substance of the notice, or a quorum call will be entertained during the 3 minutes provided for the statement.</p> <p>(b) At the conclusion of the 3 minute statements the Speaker shall put the question on the first notice “That the motion of the Member for ... be accorded priority”.</p> <p>(c) If the motion to accord priority is carried the Member may proceed to move their motion.</p> <p>(d) If the first motion to accord priority is not carried, the Speaker will then put the question on the second motion “That the motion of the Member for ... be accorded priority”.</p> <p>(5) When the motion for priority is determined and the motion is moved, the following time limits shall apply:</p> <table data-bbox="475 1489 1061 1668"> <tr> <td>Mover</td> <td>– 5 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member next speaking</td> <td>– 5 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Two other Members</td> <td>– 3 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reply</td> <td>– 3 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>– 19 minutes</td> </tr> </table> <p>(6) No quorum call will be permitted during the time set aside for a Motion Accorded Priority.</p> <p>(7) The motion will lapse at the time for interruption unless a division is in progress whereupon that division and any other division(s) to determine the matter shall be completed.</p>	Mover	– 5 minutes	Member next speaking	– 5 minutes	Two other Members	– 3 minutes	Reply	– 3 minutes	Total	– 19 minutes	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 44</p>
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MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Matters of Public Importance

That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 110 shall read as follows:

110. The procedure for Matters of Public Importance within the daily routine of business, is as follows:

- (1) The matter, which must be definite, shall be handed in writing to the Speaker no later than 12.00 noon and immediately published.
- (2) The Speaker, in the event that more than one matter is submitted, shall determine which matter is of the greatest public importance.
- (3) At least 30 minutes prior to the time for Question Time –
 - (a) The Premier, 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.
 - (b) The Speaker, by placing a notice on notice boards, shall inform Members of the matter.
- (4) If the Speaker decides that any matter proposed is in order it shall be announced to the House by the Speaker.
- (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.
- (6) The following time limits shall apply:

Member submitting matter	– 5 minutes
Member next speaking	– 5 minutes
One other Member	– 3 minutes
Reply	– 3 minutes
Total	– 16 minutes
- (7) At the conclusion of the discussion no question shall be put.
- (8) There shall be no dissent from the ruling of the Speaker in relation to the operation of this standing order.
- (9) A division on any question or quorum call shall not be permitted during Matters of Public Importance.

Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 45. Amended 15 September 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 324.

PETITIONS -

PROCEDURE FOR LODGEMENT AND PRESENTATION

<p>Procedure for lodgement and presentation</p>	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 123 shall read as follows:</p> <p>123. The procedure for the lodging and presentation of a petition is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The Member must be acquainted with the contents of the petition. (2) The Member must ensure that the petition is in conformity with the standing orders. (3) The Member must sign the front sheet and, if applicable, certify that the petition has been signed by 500 or more persons. (4) The petition may be lodged for presentation with the Clerk. (5) In the House the Clerk shall announce that petitions have been received. (6) The terms of the petition presented shall be printed in Hansard and in the Votes and Proceedings. (7) No discussion upon the subject matter of a petition shall be allowed, except in accordance with standing order 125A or by way of substantive motion. 	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 45</p>
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PETITIONS DEEMED TO HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED

<p>Petitions deemed to have been received</p>	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 124 shall read as follows:</p> <p>124. Petitions shall be deemed to be received by the House unless a motion, moved on the next sitting day, is agreed to, without debate or amendment, that a petition be not received.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 45</p>
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PETITIONS SIGNED BY 10,000 OR MORE PERSONS - DISCUSSION ON

That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, the following sessional order be adopted:

125A.

- (1) The subject matter of every petition received by the House and certified by a Member and announced by the Speaker as having been signed by 10,000 or more persons, shall be automatically set down as an Order of the Day for discussion on a future day.
- (2) The Order of the Day shall take place at 4.30 p.m. on the Thursday of the next sitting week.
- (3) Any further petitions received before the first Order of the Day is disposed of shall be set down on succeeding Thursdays in the order in which they are presented.
- (4) The following time limits shall apply:

First speaker	– 5 minutes
Member next speaking	– 5 minutes
Two other Members	– 3 minutes each
Total	– 16 minutes
- (5) If a Member does not seek the call when the Order of the Day is called on, the Order of the Day will lapse.
- (6) The Order of the Day cannot be amended and at the conclusion of the discussion no question shall be put.
- (7) A division on any question or quorum call shall not be permitted during discussion of the Order of the Day.

Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 46. Amended 15 September 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 324.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Written Questions	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 132 shall read as follows:</p> <p>132. The procedure for written questions is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Questions shall be handed to one of the Clerks-at-the-Table or lodged in the Table Office by 12.00 noon on a sitting day for publication in the next sitting day's paper. (2) A question containing argument, unbecoming expressions or otherwise not conforming with the practice of the House may: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (b) Be ordered not to be printed by the Speaker or removed from the Questions and Answers Paper. (3) The number of questions able to be lodged over one sitting week are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Members – Nine questions per sitting week; (b) Leader of the Opposition – Twelve questions per sitting week. (4) Ministers shall lodge answers to written questions within 35 calendar days after the question is first published. On sitting days answers must be submitted by 12.00 noon on the due date, to be published in the next sitting day's paper. Any answers lodged after this time will be published at a subsequent time. Answers must be signed and lodged in hard copy and also electronically. (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. (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. The Minister will continue to be called each sitting day until a written answer is submitted. 	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 46. Amended 15 September 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 325.</p>
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NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Notice given verbally	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 133 shall read as follows:</p> <p>133.</p> <p>(1) A notice of motion for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A bill; (b) Government Business; (c) No confidence in the Government, Minister or Speaker, or censure of Member or Speaker; (d) Business with precedence (SO 118) with the exception of motions of condolence and the printing of papers; and (e) A General Notice to be the subject of a motion for re-ordering <p>must be given verbally at the time prescribed in the routine of business.</p> <p>(2) General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) May only be given when called for at the time prescribed in the routine of business each day; (b) The period for giving General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) is limited to a maximum of 10 minutes. The Speaker has discretion to allow the giving of notices to exceed this 10 minutes period. 	Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 46
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POSTPONEMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Postponement or withdrawal of notices of motions	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 141 shall read as follows:</p> <p>141.</p> <p>(1) 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.</p> <p>(2) On any day when General Business is being considered by the House the Speaker has discretion to postpone any notice of motion if the Member is absent from the Chamber.</p>	Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 47
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PREVIOUS QUESTION

Previous question	That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing orders 149 and 150 shall be suspended.	Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 47
Previous question on series of resolutions		

DIVISIONS - RESTRICTIONS ON

Restrictions on Divisions	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 187 shall read as follows:</p> <p>187. 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, during Private Members' Statements, Community Recognition Statements, Matters of Public Importance or the discussion on a petition signed by 10,000 or more persons. 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>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 47</p>
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BILLS - INTRODUCTION OF

Introduction of Bills	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 188 shall read as follows:</p> <p>188. The procedure for the introduction and the passage of a bill up to the mover's second reading speech is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The title of a bill must agree with the notice of intention to present it, and every clause must come within the title. It shall not be necessary to specify in the long title every Act which it is proposed to amend. (2) A notice of motion shall be given: "I give notice of motion to introduce the [short title of the bill]". It is sufficient for the mover to read the short title. (3) The motion to introduce the bill may be moved on the same day notice is given and shall include the long title. (4) The question "That this bill be now introduced" shall be put without debate or amendment and the bill shall be taken as read a first time without question put. (5) The bill as introduced shall correspond with the notice of motion. (6) Three copies of the bill shall be handed to the Clerk. (7) The bill shall be printed, with an explanatory note if applicable, without motion put. (8) The motion "That this bill be now read a second time" may be moved forthwith or set down for a later time. (9) Immediately following the mover's second reading speech the debate shall be adjourned. (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. (11) On the reading of the Order of the Day a motion may be moved "That this bill be now read a second time", or "That the order be postponed" or, on a motion without notice, "That the order be discharged and the bill be withdrawn". 	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 47</p>
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BILLS - URGENT BILLS

Procedure for urgent bills	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 189 shall read as follows:</p> <p>189. The procedure for the consideration of a bill as an urgent bill is as follows:</p> <p>(1) Sufficient copies being available to Members, the Member in charge of the bill, after making a second reading speech, may declare a bill to be an urgent bill.</p> <p>(2) The question “That the bill be considered an urgent bill” is put forthwith, no debate or amendment being allowed.</p> <p>(3) If agreed to, the second reading debate and other stages may be proceeded with forthwith or at any time during that or any future sitting of the House.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 48</p>
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BILLS - COGNATE BILLS		
Procedure for cognate bills	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 193 shall read as follows:</p> <p>193. The procedure for two or more bills to be dealt with as cognate bills is as follows:</p> <p>(1) The notice of motion for the bills shall state that the bills are cognate.</p> <p>(2) One motion may be moved and one question put in regard to, respectively, the introduction, the second reading, the consideration in detail stage and the third reading of the bills together.</p> <p>(3) The bills may be considered together in detail.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 48</p>

COGNATE BILLS - SECOND AND THIRD READING OF		
	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 194 shall read as follows:</p> <p>194. An amendment may be moved to a question on the second or third reading of cognate bills to leave out one or more of the bills from the question.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 48</p>

COGNATE BILLS - SEPARATE QUESTIONS		
Separate Questions	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 195 shall read as follows:</p> <p>195. In respect of cognate bills, a Member may move a motion for the question to be put on the second or third reading of cognate bills as separate questions.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 48</p>

BILLS - DEBATE ON SECOND READING

Amendment – referral to committee	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 198 shall read as follows:</p> <p>198. Amendments may be moved to the question “That this bill be now read a second time” to leave out all words after the word “That” and adding words to refer the bill to a committee (as specified).</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 48</p>
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BILLS - DISPOSAL OF

Disposal of bill	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 199 shall read as follows:</p> <p>199. An amendment may be moved to the question “That this bill be now read a second time” to leave out all words after “That” and adding “this bill be disposed of”. No amendment may be moved to this amendment.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 49</p>
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BILLS - AMENDMENT - DEFERRAL OF QUESTION

Amendment – deferral of question	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 200 shall read as follows:</p> <p>200. An amendment may be moved to the question “That this bill be now read a second time” to leave out the word “now” and adding a later time.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 49</p>
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**BILLS - DISCHARGE OF ORDER AND
INTRODUCTION OF SECOND BILL**

Discharge of order and introduction of second bill	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 202 shall read as follows:</p> <p>202. An Order of the Day for the second reading (or any subsequent stage of a bill) having been discharged and the bill withdrawn, the House may direct on motion for another bill to be brought in.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 49</p>
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BILLS - PROCEEDINGS AFTER THE SECOND READING

After second reading	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 203 shall read as follows:</p> <p>203. After the second reading, the Member in charge of the bill shall move forthwith, without debate or amendment, “That this bill be now read a third time” unless:</p> <p>(1) A Member requests consideration of the bill in detail; or</p> <p>(2) The Member in charge of the Bill:</p> <p>(a) moves a motion for consideration in detail pro forma; or</p> <p>(b) requests the Speaker to set down consideration of the bill in detail as an Order of the Day for a later time.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 49</p>
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BILLS - PRO FORMA CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Pro forma consideration in detail	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 204 shall read as follows:</p> <p>204. The procedure for dealing with a pro forma consideration in detail is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) After the second reading, the Member in charge of the bill shall move “That the House consider the bill in detail pro forma”. The question shall be put without amendment or debate. (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”. (3) If the motion is agreed to the bill shall be reprinted in its amended form, set down for reconsideration and, on reconsideration, be dealt with as if considered for the first time. (4) If the question for the pro forma consideration, or for the inclusion of the amendments is negated, the bill shall be proceeded with in consideration in detail in the usual manner. 	Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 49
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BILLS - RECONSIDERATION IN WHOLE OR PART

Reconsideration in whole or part	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 217 shall read as follows:</p> <p>217. After consideration in detail a bill may be reconsidered in whole or in part by amendment to the motion “That this bill be now read a third time”.</p>	Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 49
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BILL PASSES

Bill passes	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 218 shall read as follows:</p> <p>218. After the third reading no further question shall be put, and the bill shall have passed the House.</p>	Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 50
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BILLS - CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

Clerk's certificate	That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 220 shall read as follows: 220. A bill having been read a third time, 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 Legislative Council for its concurrence."	Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 50
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BILLS - COUNCIL BILLS - PROCEDURE IN THE ASSEMBLY FOR

<p>Consideration of Council bills</p>	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 229 shall read as follows:</p> <p>229.</p> <p>(1) When the message from the Council forwarding a bill for concurrence is reported, the bill shall be introduced and read a first time without motion put.</p> <p>(2) A message forwarding a private member's public bill or a private bill from the Council cannot be reported until the Speaker is advised which Member of the Assembly will have carriage of the bill. Once reported the bill will be set down as an Order of the Day.</p> <p>(3) A motion "That this bill be now read a second time" may be moved forthwith or made an Order of the Day for a later time. Except in the case of a private member's bill which can only be moved when it is called on in accordance with the routine of business.</p> <p>(4) A truncated second reading speech may be given if the bill is received in the same form as introduced into the Council.</p> <p>(5) Immediately following the mover's second reading speech, the debate may be adjourned or proceeded with forthwith.</p> <p>(6) If adjourned, the resumption of the debate shall be set down as an Order of the Day for a later time.</p> <p>(7) The bill shall then be proceeded with in the same manner as a bill originating in the Assembly.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 50</p>
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BILLS - PROCEEDINGS AFTER CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL		
Proceedings after consideration in detail	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 238 shall read as follows:</p> <p>238.</p> <p>After consideration in detail, the Member in charge of the bill may:</p> <p>(1) Request the Speaker to set down the motion “That this bill be now read a third time” as an order of the day for a later time; or</p> <p>(2) Move the motion “That this bill be now read a third time” forthwith.</p>	Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 50

ESTIMATES COMMITTEES

Estimates Committees	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 246 shall read as follows:</p> <p>246.</p> <p>(1) On a motion of a Minister, during the second reading 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 in 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. 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 second reading of the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill has been agreed to, present the Committee's report to the Speaker in the House. 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>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 50</p>
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MEMBER REMOVED FROM THE CHAMBER

That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, the following sessional order be adopted:

249A. The Speaker may direct a Member who is grossly disorderly to leave the Chamber for up to three hours. The direction shall not be open to debate or dissent.

Adopted 5 May
2015, Votes and
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COMMITTEES - ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 282 shall read as follows:

282.

- (1) At the first meeting of a committee, or if a vacancy occurs, a Chair and Deputy Chair shall be elected.
- (2) The Speaker, upon being advised, shall report the appointments of a committee Chair and a Deputy Chair to the House.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS -
TABLING IN THE HOUSE AND DEBATE**

Tabling in the House and debate	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 306 shall read as follows:</p> <p>306.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(2) The Member presenting the report may move “That the document be printed”. This question shall be decided without debate or amendment.</p> <p>(3) Reports from committees shall stand 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”.</p> <p>(4) Such Orders of the Day may be considered between 1.00 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. on Thursdays. Any interrupted item of business shall stand as an Order of the Day for tomorrow.</p> <p>(5) Debate on an Order of the Day may be adjourned and the resumption of the debate set down as an Order of the Day for tomorrow.</p> <p>(6) When the Order of the Day is called on and not proceeded with, consideration of the report shall be postponed until the next Thursday sitting when reports are considered. If the Order of the Day is called on at that subsequent sitting and is not proceeded with, the question shall be put.</p> <p>(7) 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.</p> <p>(8) The Member tabling the report may speak for up to 6 minutes and any other Member may speak for up to 4 minutes to the question “That the House take note of the Report” with the question being put after 22 minutes. No reply is permitted.</p>	Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 51
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LEGISLATION COMMITTEES

That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 323 shall read as follows:

323.

- (1) Immediately after a motion for a bill to be read a second time 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”**.
- (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.
- (3) A committee shall have a maximum of six Members – three shall be Members representing the Government and three shall be non-Government Members.
- (4) The Chair and Deputy Chair shall be elected by the committee and shall be Government Members.
- (5) A quorum shall be four Members.
- (6) The Chair shall exercise a deliberative vote, and in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote.
- (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.
- (8) In all other respects a committee shall be conducted in accordance with the general provisions relating to committees.
- (9) A committee shall not travel.
- (10) The Minister having portfolio responsibility for the bill shall provide the committee with such drafting and support services as requested by the committee.
- (11) A committee shall table its final report no later than 6 months from the date of the committee's establishment.
- (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.
- (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.

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BILLS - PRIVATE BILLS

Procedure	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 358 shall read as follows:</p> <p>358. The procedure for the passage of a private bill on petition is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (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. (3) The petition must contain: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) proof of the publication of the notice in the Government Gazette and the newspapers. (b) a true statement of the general objects of the bill. (c) a request to introduce the bill. (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. (5) The motion for the introduction of the bill cannot be objected to and the motion cannot be amended or debated. (6) Before being introduced and read a first time, the bill shall be printed and sufficient copies shall be delivered to the Clerk. (7) Before being introduced and read a first time, 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. (8) After the first reading, the bill by motion on notice shall be referred to a select committee. 	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 52</p>
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PRIVATE BILLS - SPECIAL RULES

	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 360 shall read as follows:</p> <p>360. In the select committee:</p> <p>(1) The committee shall require proof of the allegations contained in the preamble.</p> <p>(2) The Chair shall have a deliberative and a casting vote.</p> <p>(3) Every petition in reference to the bill shall be deemed to be referred to the committee.</p> <p>(4) After taking evidence a question shall be put from the Chair – “That the preamble be agreed to”</p> <p>(a) If the question passes in the negative, the committee shall not proceed further with the bill and report accordingly.</p> <p>(b) If the question is resolved in the affirmative the committee shall consider the clauses of the bill and any amendments may be proposed.</p> <p>(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 second reading.</p>	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 53</p>
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PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES**Parliamentary Secretaries**

That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 366 be amended in part with the removal of "251(1) Suspension of Member".

Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 53

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

That this House adopt, for the purposes of section 9 of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988, the following Code of Conduct—

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PREAMBLE

The Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council have reached agreement on a Code of Conduct which is to apply to all Members of Parliament.

Members of Parliament recognise that they are in a unique position of being responsible to the electorate. The electorate has the right to dismiss them from office at regular elections.

Members of Parliament acknowledge their responsibility to maintain the public trust placed in them by performing their duties with honesty and integrity, respecting the law and the institution of Parliament, and using their influence to advance the common good of the people of New South Wales.

Members of Parliament acknowledge that their principal responsibility in serving as Members is to the people of New South Wales.

THE CODE

1 Disclosure of conflict of interest

- (a) Members of Parliament must take all reasonable steps to declare any conflict of interest between their private financial interests and decisions in which they participate in the execution of their office.
- (b) This may be done through declaring their interests on the Register of Disclosures of the relevant House or through declaring their interest when speaking on the matter in the House or a Committee, or in any other public and appropriate manner.
- (c) A conflict of interest does not exist where the member is only affected as a member of the public or a member of a broad class.

2 Bribery

- (a) A Member must not knowingly or improperly promote any matter, vote on any bill or resolution or ask any question in the Parliament or its Committees in return for any remuneration, fee, payment, reward or benefit in kind, of a private nature, which the member has received, is receiving or expects to receive.
- (b) A Member must not knowingly or improperly promote any

	<p>matter, vote on any bill or resolution or ask any question in the Parliament or its Committees in return for any remuneration, fee, payment, reward or benefit in kind, of a private nature, which any of the following persons has received, is receiving or expects to receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A member of the Member's family; (ii) A business associate of the Member; or (iii) Any other person or entity from whom the Member expects to receive a financial benefit. <p>(c) A breach of the prohibition on bribery constitutes a substantial breach of this Code of Conduct.</p> <p>3 Gifts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Members must declare all gifts and benefits received in connection with their official duties, in accordance with the requirements for the disclosure of pecuniary interests. (b) Members must not accept gifts that may pose a conflict of interest or which might give the appearance of an attempt to improperly influence the Member in the exercise of his or her duties. (c) Members may accept political contributions in accordance with part 6 of the Election Funding Act 1981. <p>4 Use of public resources</p> <p>Members must apply the public resources to which they are granted access according to any guidelines or rules about the use of those resources.</p> <p>5 Use of confidential information</p> <p>Members must not knowingly and improperly use official information which is not in the public domain, or information obtained in confidence in the course of their parliamentary duties, for the private benefit of themselves or others.</p> <p>6 Duties as a Member of Parliament</p> <p>It is recognised that some members are non-aligned and others belong to political parties. Organised parties are a fundamental part of the democratic process and participation in their activities is within the legitimate activities of Members of Parliament.</p> <p>7 Secondary employment or engagements</p> <p>Members must take all reasonable steps to disclose at the start of a</p>	
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	<p>parliamentary debate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the identity of any person by whom they are employed or engaged or by whom they were employed or engaged in the last two years (but not if it was before the Member was sworn in as a Member); (b) the identity of any client of any such person or any former client who benefited from a Member’s services within the previous two years (but not if it was before the Member was sworn in as a Member); and (c) the nature of the interest held by the person, client or former client in the parliamentary debate. <p>This obligation only applies if the Member is aware, or ought to be aware, that the person, client or former client may have an interest in the parliamentary debate which goes beyond the general interest of the public.</p> <p>This disclosure obligation does not apply if a Member simply votes on a matter; it will only apply when he or she participates in a debate. If the Member has already disclosed the information in the Member’s entry in the pecuniary interest register, he or she is not required to make a further disclosure during the parliamentary debate.</p> <p>This resolution has continuing effect unless and until amended or rescinded by resolution of the House.</p>	
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COMMITTEES - SUBSTITUTE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, the following sessional order be adopted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Where a member of a Portfolio or a Specialist Standing Committee finds they are unable to continue to sit on the Committee temporarily they may stand down for a period of time, or for a particular inquiry, and a member may be appointed by the House as their substitute for the period concerned. (2) If the House is not sitting, the member unable to attend a meeting of the Committee may, in writing to the Chair of the Committee, nominate a member to act as a substitute member at that meeting. (3) If the member is incapacitated or unavailable, a letter to the Chair of the Committee nominating a member to act as a substitute member of the Committee may be signed on behalf of the member by the office holders responsible for nominating members to the Committee. (4) The substitute member has all the rights of a Committee member, including to participate in all Committee proceedings and to vote on any question before the Committee. 	<p>Adopted 5 May 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 53</p>
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CITIZENS' RIGHT OF REPLY

	<p>That, during the current Parliament, unless otherwise ordered, the following Citizens' Right of Reply be adopted:</p> <p>(1) That where a submission is made in writing by a person who has been referred to in the Legislative Assembly by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) claiming that the person or corporation has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person or corporation; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) requesting that the person be able to have consideration given to an appropriate response being published by the Legislative Assembly or incorporated into Hansard,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">and the Speaker is satisfied:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(d) the submission was received within 6 months after the relevant comments were made in the House unless the applicant can show exceptional circumstances to explain the delay; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(e) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this resolution, the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.</p> <p>(2) That the Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this resolution if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>(3) That if the Committee decides to consider a submission under this resolution, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any member who referred in the Legislative Assembly to that person</p>	<p>Adopted 15 September 2015, Votes and Proceedings p. 325.</p>
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	<p>or corporation.</p> <p>(4) That in considering a submission under this resolution, the Committee shall meet in private session.</p> <p>(5) That the Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this resolution of its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>(6) In considering a submission under this resolution and reporting to the Legislative Assembly the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth of any statements made in the Legislative Assembly or the submission.</p> <p>(7) That in its report to the Legislative Assembly on a submission under this resolution, the Committee may make either of the following conclusions:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) that no further action be taken by the Committee or the Legislative Assembly in relation to the submission; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person or corporation and the Committee, be published by the Legislative Assembly or incorporated in Hansard by the Speaker.</p> <p>(8) That a document presented to the Legislative Assembly under paragraph (5) or (7):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) in the case of a response by a person or corporation who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person or corporation, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.</p> <p>(9) That a corporation making a submission under this resolution is required to make it under their common</p>	
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	<p>seal.</p> <p>(10) The provisions of Standing Order 306, do not apply to any report made by the Committee to the Legislative Assembly under this resolution.</p>	
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DAYS OF MEETING

That unless otherwise ordered, the House meet during the 2015 autumn and spring sittings as follows:

Autumn Sittings: May 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 26, 27, 28; June 2, 3, 4, 23, 24, 25.

Spring Sittings: August 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27; September 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17; October 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29; November 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 and November 24, 25, 26 as a potential reserve week.

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PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SITTING DAY SCHEDULE FOR 2015

TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
		10.00 am	Meeting of House	10.00 am	Meeting of House
			Notices of Motions (General Business)		Notices of Motions (General Business)
12.00 noon	Meeting of House		Government Business		Introduction of General Business Notices of Motions for Bills
	Notices of Motions (General Business)			10.30 am	General Business Orders of the Day for Bills
	Private Members' Statements			11.30 am	Debate of General Business Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day (not being Bills)
				1.00 pm	Committee Reports (Take Note Debate)
		1.15 pm	Community Recognition Statements		
1.30 pm	Lunch	1.35 pm	Lunch	1.30 pm	Lunch
2.15 pm	Routine of Business and Question Time	2.15 pm	Routine of Business and Question Time (Re-ordering of General Business – Bills and General Notices)	2.15 pm	Routine of Business and Question Time
		Motion Accorded Priority	Motion Accorded Priority		
At 4.00 pm	Government Business	At 4.00 pm	Government Business		Government Business
				At 4.30 pm	Discussion on petitions signed by 10,000 or more persons
			At 6.30 pm	Dinner	
		At 7.00 pm	Private Members' Statements		Community Recognition Statements
At 7.00 pm	Private Members Statements		Government Business		Private Members' Statements
	Matter of Public Importance				Adjournment at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements
At 7.45 pm	Adjournment at 7.45 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance				
		At 9.45 pm	Matter of Public Importance		
		At 10.00 p.m.	Adjournment at 10.00 pm or at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance		