

## **SESSIONAL ORDERS**

### **24 March 2020**

#### **SO 47A - POSTPONING MEETING TIMES (New Sessional Order)**

- (1) When the House is not sitting the Government, in the public interest, may in writing to the Speaker or, in the absence of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, request an alternative day or hour for the next meeting of the House. If satisfied, the Speaker shall:
  - a. Fix a day and time; and
  - b. Communicate the day and time to all Members.
- (2) The Speaker's notification to each Member may be by electronic means.
- (3) This Sessional Order operates for the remainder of this session.

#### **SO 180 - PROCEDURE FOR DIVISION (Revised Standing Order)**

180. Until ordered otherwise, when a division has been called for:

- (1) The Speaker shall state the question and appoint two tellers for each side.
- (2) Tellers may not decline to be appointed unless excused by the Speaker.
- (3) The Speaker shall order the division bells to be rung for 4 minutes and will allow a further 10 minutes for all Members voting in the division to reach the Chamber.
- (4) Members shall present themselves by entering the left and right doors to the Chamber from Speaker's Square—Ayes to the right and Noes to the left of the Chair.
- (5) After registering their vote with the tellers, each member will exit via the Chamber side doors to the Speaker's corridor and the Wentworth Room.
- (6) If, after the 14 minutes allocated for members to proceed to the Chamber, Members are still arriving to vote, the duration of the time allocated for the division may be extended at the Speaker's discretion.

#### **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS (New Sessional Order)**

- (1) All references throughout the Standing and Sessional orders to the requirement for matters to be authorised or transacted in writing, will be met through electronic transmission of documents bearing clearly displayed signatures.
- (2) The electronic transactions process operates for the remainder of this session.

#### **SO 266 - TABLING AND PRINTING OF PAPERS (Revised Standing Order)**

266. The following procedure shall apply for the tabling and printing of papers:

- (1) Ministers shall announce tabled papers at the time provided in the Routine of Business or at other times by leave of the House.
- (2) Papers that are to be deemed as tabled, by way of a Minister's announcement in the House, must have been provided in electronic copy, under the Minister's written authority, to the Table Office by 12.00 noon on the day of tabling, or at least two hours before.
- (3) Papers received in accordance with paragraph (2) are authorised for publication, including to the Parliament's website.
- (4) 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.

- (5) Alternatively such motion may be moved without notice at any time.
- (6) The question on the motion is open to amendment and debate.
- (7) Any Member may speak on the motion for up to 3 minutes, including the Minister in reply.
- (8) The Speaker may call on the Minister to reply if the debate exceeds 30 minutes.
- (9) The provision for the tabling of papers, in accordance with paragraph (2), operates for the remainder of this session.

**SO 266A - TABLING OF REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS WHEN THE HOUSE IS NOT SITTING**  
**(New Sessional Order)**

266A.

- (1) Where, under any Act, a report or other document is required to be tabled in the House by a Minister, and the House is not sitting, such report or document may be lodged with the Clerk.
- (2) Any report or document lodged with the Clerk is:
  - a. On presentation, and for all purposes, deemed to have been laid before the House,
  - b. To be printed by authority of the Clerk,
  - c. For all purposes, deemed to be a document published by order or under the authority of the House; and
  - d. To be recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of the House.
- (3) Provision for the tabling and publication of papers in accordance with this Sessional Order operates for the remainder of this session.

**SO 266B - PRINTING AND PUBLICATION OF PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS**  
**(New Sessional Order)**

SO 266B.

- (1) Unless otherwise ordered, any reference to printing in the Standing and Sessional Orders is taken to mean publication, including by electronic means.