



# PROCEDURAL DIGEST

Legislative Assembly

FIFTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT, FIRST SESSION

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## MEMBERS

### 18.1 *By-Election for Electorate of Sydney*

The Speaker informed the House that the writ, issued on 8 October 2012, for the election of a member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the electoral district of Sydney in place of Clover Moore, resigned, had been returned with a certificate endorsed by the Electoral Commissioner advising of the election of Alexander Greenwich.

Mr Alexander Greenwich was introduced, took the pledge of loyalty, signed the roll of the House and took his seat as member for the electoral district of Sydney.

*Votes and Proceedings: 13 November 2012, p. 1348*

*Hansard: 13 November 2012, galley p. 17*

### 18.2 *Inaugural speech*

In accordance with the resolution of the House, business before the House was interrupted at 5.15pm for the inaugural speech of the Member for Sydney. During his speech, the Member received an extension of time.

*Votes and Proceedings: 14 November 2012, pp. 1362 and 1366*

*Hansard: 14 November 2012, galley p. 55*

#### **Standing Order 63**

### 18.3 *Speech in explanation*

Having concluded a speech, a Member was briefly heard again to explain a material part of their speech that had been misquoted.

*Hansard: 15 November 2012, galley p. 35*

#### **Standing Order 65**

## BUSINESS

### 18.4 *Stopping of the Clock*

The Speaker instructed the Clerk to stop the clock to hear a point of order during the time provided for members to debate why their motion should be accorded priority.

*Hansard: 14 November 2012, galley p. 37*

NB: While there is not specific provision for the Speaker to stop the clock during the consideration of motions to be accorded priority, the Speaker used her discretion to stop the clock to ensure that the member's speaking time was not unduly interrupted as sessional orders provide that no points of order will be entertained during consideration of notices to be accorded priority.

**Standing Order 109 (as amended by sessional order)**

*18.5 Suspension of standing and sessional orders – tabling papers.*

Standing and sessional orders were suspended to permit, for the remainder of the 2012 sittings, Ministers to table papers by an announcement in the House without handing up copies of such papers. Papers tabled in this manner must be lodged with the Table Office prior to their announcement in the House.

*Votes and Proceedings: 13 November 2012, p. 1348*

*Hansard: 13 November 2012, galley p. 17*

NB: The purpose of this suspension was to enable the Table Office to receive papers prior to their formal tabling in the House, in order to expedite the processing and dissemination of tabled papers.

**Standing Order 266**

*18.6 Suspension of standing and sessional orders to merge motions accorded priority*

Standing and sessional orders were suspended to permit two notices for motions to be accorded priority, concerning the Federal Government's Royal Commission into child sexual abuse, to be merged into a single motion. In addition, alternate speaking times were prescribed for the merged motion.

*Votes and Proceedings: 13 November 2012, p. 1354*

*Hansard: 13 November 2012, galley p. 33*

**Standing Order 109 (as amended by sessional order)**

*18.7 Suspensions of standing and sessional orders – altering routine of business*

Standing and sessional orders were suspended on a number of occasions to alter the routine of business, to enable multiple petitions to be heard at one sitting, and to permit the giving of Christmas felicitations.

*Votes and Proceedings: 14 November 2012, p. 1364; 15 November 2012, p. 1375; 20 November 2012, p. 1379; 21 November 2012, pp. 1389 and 1392; 22 November 2012, pp. 1399 and 1405;*

*Hansard: 14 November 2012, galley p. 39; 15 November 2012, galley p. 68; 20 November 2012, galley p. 26; 21 November 2012, galley pp. 41 and 43, 22 November 2012, galley pp.64 and p. 93*

**Standing Order 365**

## PETITIONS

*18.8 Discussion of petition signed by 10,000 or more persons*

Discussion proceeded on the subject matter of the petition signed by 10,000 or more persons that had been received by the House from certain citizens "requesting that the proposed development of the Randwick Education and Health Specialisation Centre by Randwick City Council be rejected". In accordance with the sessional order, no question was put at the conclusion of the discussion.

*Votes and Proceedings: 15 November 2012, p. 1376*

*Hansard: 15 November 2012, galley p. 71*

**Standing Order 125A (adopted as a sessional order)**

Discussion proceeded on the subject matter of the petition signed by 10,000 or more persons that had been received by the House from certain citizens "requesting sufficient palliative care services and additional funds to support training of palliative care workers". In accordance with the sessional order, no question was put at the conclusion of the discussion.

*Votes and Proceedings: 22 November 2012, p. 1406*

*Hansard: 22 November 2012, galley p. 94*

**Standing Order 125A (adopted as a sessional order)**

Discussion proceeded on the subject matter of the petition signed by 10,000 or more persons that had been received by the House from certain citizens "opposing the proposed development called 'The Landing' at Gosford". In accordance with the sessional order, no question was put at the conclusion of the discussion.

*Votes and Proceedings: 22 November 2012, p. 1407*

*Hansard: 22 November 2012, galley p. 103*

**Standing Order 125A (adopted as a sessional order)**

## DISORDER

### 18.9 Removal of a member for a specified time

During Question Time, the Member for Maroubra was directed to leave the Chamber for the remainder of Question Time for disorderly conduct.

*Votes and Proceedings: 14 November 2012, p. 1362*

*Hansard: 14 November 2012, galley p. 27*

**Standing Order 249A (as adopted by sessional order)**

During Question Time, the Member for Canterbury was directed to leave the Chamber for the remainder of Question Time for disorderly conduct.

*Votes and Proceedings: 15 November 2012, p. 1373*

*Hansard: 15 November 2012, galley p. 50*

**Standing Order 249A (as adopted by sessional order)**

During Question Time, the Member for Cessnock was directed to leave the Chamber for the remainder of Question Time for disorderly conduct.

*Votes and Proceedings: 21 November 2012, p. 1388*

*Hansard: 21 November 2012, galley p. 35*

**Standing Order 249A (as adopted by sessional order)**

During debate on motions to be accorded priority, the Member for Canterbury was directed to leave the Chamber for half an hour for disorderly conduct.

*Votes and Proceedings: 20 November 2012, p. 1381*

*Hansard: 20 November 2012, galley p. 30*

**Standing Order 249A (as adopted by sessional order)**

## QUESTION TIME

### 18.10 Question ruled out of order

During question time, a question directed to the chair of the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics, was ruled out of order because it was not within the committee's terms of reference and therefore outside the purview of the committee. The question requested an investigation into the appropriateness of a member holding the position of Acting-Speaker and Deputy Chair of the Committee on Children and Young People after the member had pleaded guilty to failing to lodge an electoral return and had been sentenced to a 15 month good behaviour bond.

*Hansard: 15 November 2012, galley p. 52*

**Standing Order 127**