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This document provides a summary of significant procedural events and precedents in the Legislative Assembly. It is produced at the end of each sitting period. Where applicable the relevant standing orders are noted.

BILLS

Appropriation Bill and Cognate Bills

On 29 May 2014, the House agreed to a motion moved by the Leader of the House, to suspend Standing and Sessional Orders during the next sitting week to provide for consideration of the Appropriation Bill and Cognate Bills (or budget bills).

The routine of business was altered to provide for the introduction and second reading speech on the bills at 12 noon on 17 June 2014; with a reply by the Leader of the Opposition at 11 am on 19 June 2014.

Votes and Proceedings: 29/5/2014, p.2221

Hansard: 29/5/2014, p. 29462

Standing Order 365

(Procedural note: Since the Budget has been brought forward from September to June, it has become the practice of the Legislative Assembly for the passage of the Appropriation Bill and Cognate Bills to be expedited through a motion to suspend standing and sessional orders, limiting the number of members debating the bill to the Treasurer and then the Leader of the Opposition (usually some days after the Treasurer in order to give them adequate notice).

All members then have an opportunity to speak in the subsequent debate on the motion “That the House take note of the Budget Estimates and related papers”.

BUSINESS

Condolence motion for former Premier of NSW

On 29 May 2014, the Leader of the House moved a motion of condolence following the death of the former NSW Premier, the Honourable Neville Wran on 20 April 2014.

The motion was seconded by the Leader of the Opposition and agreed to unanimously, with members and officers of the House standing as a mark of respect. The House then adjourned for a short period whilst the Deputy Speaker met with members of the Wran family.

Votes and Proceedings: 29/5/2014, p.2223

Hansard: 29/5/2014, pp. 29474-29488

Standing Order 365

(Procedural note: Condolence motions may be moved without notice at any time and be dealt with as business with precedence pursuant to Standing Order 118(1)(j). However in this case, the House had earlier agreed to a suspension Standing Orders, postponing the usual routine of business until the condolence motion had been concluded.

Arranging business in this way better facilitates the attendance of the deceased member's family and friends).

MEMBERS

Leave withdrawn during a personal explanation

On 27 May 2014, the Leader of the Opposition, by leave of the Speaker, commenced a personal explanation in relation to comments made by the Premier during Question Time.

Leave was withdrawn after the Speaker determined that the member had failed to briefly explain why the comments had impugned their reputation.

Votes and Proceedings: 27/5/2014, p.2199

Hansard: 27/5/2014, pp. 29104-05

Standing Order 62

(Procedural note: Previous Speaker's rulings have established that the purpose of a Personal Explanation is to show how a member's character or integrity has been impugned and not to rebut the content of a Minister's answer; or advance an argument.

See for example: Speaker Rozzoli, PD 18/04/1989, p 6609; and Speaker Rozzoli, PD 13/05/1993, p 2079).

COMMITTEES

On 28 May 2014, the Speaker advised the House that Mr Bart Bassett had, that day, been elected Chair of the Committee on the Ombudsman, the Police Integrity Commission and the Crime Commission.

Votes and Proceedings: 28/5/2014, p.2210

Hansard: 28/5/2014, p. 29313

Standing Order 282(2)