



# PROCEDURAL DIGEST

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## SPEAKER

### ***Deputy Speaker opens sittings***

On 1, 2 and 3 May 2018 the Deputy Speaker opened the sittings of the Legislative Assembly in place of the Speaker, who was absent on those days.

The Deputy Speaker also presided over Question Time on both days, which is another task that is ordinarily undertaken by the Speaker.

*Votes and Proceedings: 1/5/2018, p. 1675; 2/5/2018, p. 1683; 3/5/2018, p. 1691.*

**Standing Order 15.**

## BUSINESS

### ***Deputy Speaker pauses the timing clock during Question Time***

On several occasions during Question Time, the Deputy Speaker ordered the Clerk to pause the timing clock during answers from the Premier, the Deputy Premier and a Minister until the House came to order.

*Hansard Proof: 1/5/2018, p. 20, p. 21, p. 23 and p. 24.*

**Standing Order 131(4).**

(Procedural note: During Question Time Ministers have up to 5 minutes to answer questions, with the possibility of an extension of another 2 minutes if the Member who asked the question seeks additional information. Standing Order 131(4) gives the Speaker the discretion to order that the timing clock be paused during a Minister's answer. The application of this Standing Order is specific to Question Time, as a way of maintaining order while preserving the time available for Ministers to answer questions, and it does not extend to other proceedings of the House where other means of maintaining order are available to the Chair.)

### ***Lapsing of General Business***

The Deputy Speaker advised the House that, in accordance with Standing Order 105(3), General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) numbers 2499 to 2577 had lapsed since the last sitting of the House.

*Votes and Proceedings: 1/5/2018, p. 1680.*

#### **Standing Order 105(3).**

(Procedural note: Under Standing Order 105(3), General Business Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day not commenced or completed 6 months from the date notice was given will lapse and are removed from the Business Paper. If a matter is still something that a Member wishes to address, they may give a new Notice of Motion with similar or the same terms, although it will be listed at the end of the Business Paper, along with any other Notice of Motion given on that day.)