



# PROCEDURAL DIGEST

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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.*

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## BUSINESS

### ***Speaker's ruling on the length of Notices of Motions***

On 4 May 2016, during the giving of Notices of Motions, the Speaker cautioned a Member about the length of her Notice of Motion. Noting that all Opposition Members in the Chamber had already given their Notices of Motions and that only a few Government Members had taken the opportunity to do so, the Speaker accepted the Member's motion despite her concerns about its length.

*Hansard (Proof): 4/5/2016, p. -*  
**Standing Order 133.**

### ***Later commencement of General Business***

On 11 May 2016 the Leader of the House moved that Standing and Sessional Orders be moved the following sitting day to postpone the commencement of General Business until the conclusion of Government Business, and to permit the House to sit past 1.30 pm if necessary. The motion was passed on division.

The next day, in accordance with the previous day's motion, the House concluded consideration of the *Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Amendment (Review) Bill* before considering General Business, with the times allocated by the newly adopted Sessional Orders, namely Notices of Motions for Bills (for 20 minutes), Orders of the Day for Bills (for 60 minutes), and Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day (not being bills). To accommodate the consideration of General Business the House sat through the 1.30 pm lunch break, with the Deputy Speaker leaving the Chair at 2.13 pm and the Speaker resuming the Chair at 2.15 pm for the commencement of Question Time.

*Votes and Proceedings: 11/5/2016, pp. 693-4; 12/5/2016, pp. 700-3.*  
**Standing Orders 97 and 365.**

## SPEAKER

### ***Assistant Speaker takes the Chair at the commencement of sitting***

On 12 May 2016 the Assistant Speaker, Mr Andrew Fraser MP, took the Chair at the commencement of the sitting in the absence, that morning, of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

*Votes and Proceedings: 12/5/2016, p. 699.*

**Standing Order 15.**

## MEMBERS

### ***Valedictory speech by the Hon. Linda Burney MP***

On 3 May 2016 the Leader of the House moved that the business of the House be interrupted at 6.00 pm on 4 May 2016 to permit the Hon. Linda Burney MP to make a valedictory speech. The motion was carried on the voices.

The following day, in accordance with the previous day's motion, Ms Burney made her valedictory speech just before 6.00 pm.

Later in the week (6 May 2016) Ms Burney resigned as a Member of the Legislative Assembly to contest the seat of Barton at the Federal Election on 2 July 2016.

*Votes and Proceedings: 3/5/2016, p. 660; 4/5/2016, p. 674; 10/5/2016, p. 682.*

*Hansard (Proof): 4/5/2016, pp. -*

**Standing Orders 63 and 97.**

### ***Valedictory speech by Mr Andrew Gee MP***

On 10 May 2016 the Leader of the House moved that the business of the House be interrupted at 6.00 pm on 11 May 2016 to permit Mr Andrew Gee MP to make a valedictory speech. The motion was carried on the voices

The following day, in accordance with the previous day's motion, Mr Gee made his valedictory speech just after 6.00 pm.

(Note: Mr Gee flagged his intention to resign as a Member of the Legislative Assembly to contest the seat of Calare at the Federal Election on 2 July 2016.)

*Votes and Proceedings: 10/5/2016, p. 683; 11/5/2016, pp. 696-7.*

*Hansard (Proof): 11/5/2016, pp. -*

**Standing Orders 63 and 97.**

(Procedural note: Retiring Members often make valedictory speeches during their final days in the Parliament. Valedictory speeches provide Members with the opportunity to reflect on their time as a Member of Parliament, and to thank family, friends, colleagues and staff.

Valedictory (and inaugural) speeches are provided for by Standing Order 63, which states that a motion may be moved without notice, amendment or debate for the business before the House to be interrupted at a specified time (but not so as to interrupt a Member speaking) to permit Members to make valedictory or inaugural speeches without a question being before the House. Interrupted business is then resumed on completion of the speech or speeches.

The Standing Order also provides for a time limit of 20 minutes on valedictory and inaugural speeches.)

## COMMITTEES

### ***Inquiry into zonal taxation***

On 3 May 2016 the Chair of the Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development, Mr Kevin Anderson MP, informed the House that the Committee had received a referral from the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business to conduct an inquiry into zonal taxation. The full details of the inquiry are available on the Committee's [webpage](#).

*Votes and Proceedings: 3/5/2016, p. 658.*

**Standing Order 299 (1).**

### ***Inquiry into violence against emergency services personnel***

On 12 May 2016 the Chair of the Committee on Law and Safety, Mr Geoff Provest MP, informed the House that the Committee had resolved to conduct an inquiry into violence against emergency services personnel. The full details of the inquiry are available on the Committee's [webpage](#).

*Votes and Proceedings: 12/5/2016, p. 704.*

**Standing Order 299 (1).**

## STAFF

### ***Appointment of Executive Manager, Department of Parliamentary Services***

On 10 May 2016 the Speaker advised the House that Mr Mark Webb had been appointed as Executive Manager, Department of Parliamentary Services from 18 April 2016.

*Votes and Proceedings: 3/5/2016, p. 655.*

### ***Appointment of Clerk-Assistant, Committees and Corporate***

On 10 May 2016 the Speaker advised the House that Ms Catherine Watson had been appointed as Clerk-Assistant, Committees and Corporate.

*Votes and Proceedings: 10/5/2016, p. 681.*