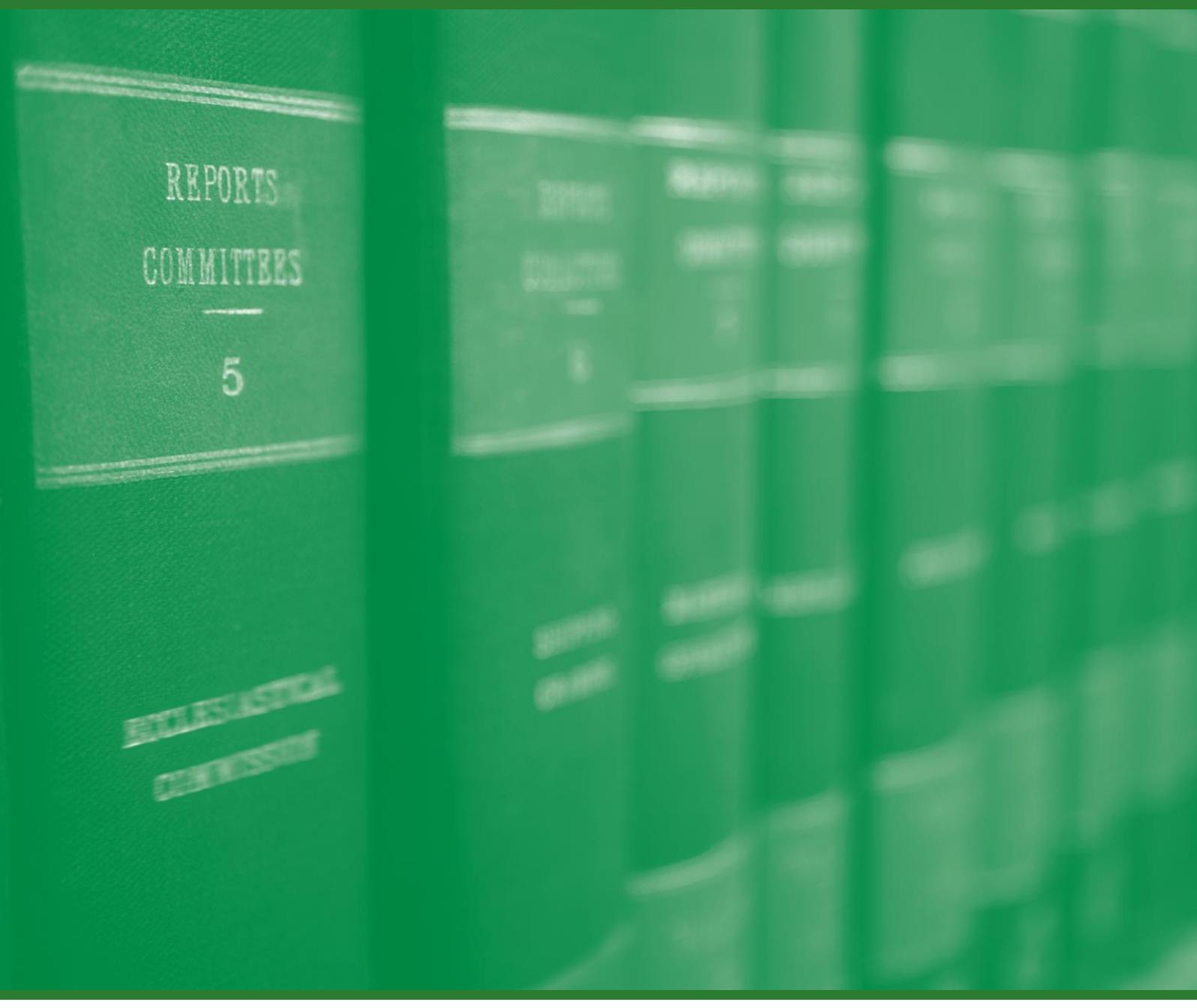




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The motto of the coat of arms for the state of New South Wales is “Orta recens quam pura nites”. It is written in Latin and means “newly risen, how brightly you shine”.

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Terms of reference

The Standing Orders and Procedure Committee has been appointed to inquire into, and report on any matter relating to the Standing Orders or the procedures of the House and its committees.

Speaker's foreword

This second report of 2015 looks at three particular areas of the Standing and Sessional Orders where the Committee considers changes to be necessary.

The first of these proposed changes relates to the procedure for the election of the Speaker. Section 31B of the *Constitution Act* sets out the manner of the Speaker's election by secret ballot and Standing Order 10 makes provision for the details.

It is the Committee's view that the current Standing Order is overly prescriptive and reflective of a time when secret ballot elections for the Office had not been previously held, giving rise to a very cautious approach. To now dispense with certain requirements such as the need for Members "to proceed to the voting booths located at the western end of the Chamber" will remove some of this unnecessary detail, while retaining the essential requisites for conducting a secret ballot.

The proposed changes also enable Members to submit their nominations to the Clerk prior to the election, rather than being handed up at the time of the election. This will assist the planning and timing of the event and hence the more efficient conduct of proceedings.

The second proposed change is to the Routine of Business, Standing Order 97. Currently business before the House is interrupted on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 4.30 pm (4.00 pm under the Sessional Order) for Government Business, and then Government Business is interrupted on Wednesday at 6.30 pm for the dinner break.

It has become common practice for the House to agree to a suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders to permit items of business, such as the Motion Accorded Priority, to be determined before the commencement of Government Business; and a designated period for the dinner break to be dispensed with.

The Committee recommends that the practice now be adopted into the rules by amending the Standing Order for the Routine of Business. Additionally, there would be a consequential amendment to Standing Order 109 by removing the reference to the motion lapsing at the time for interruption.

Thirdly, the Committee considered the process by which its own reports are considered by the House.

When the Committee reports to the House on proposed changes to the Standing and Sessional Orders, these changes must be agreed to by the House for them to become effective.

Recent practice is for the Leader of the House to move a motion that some, or all of the changes proposed by the Committee be agreed to, with the motion being open to debate.

Under Standing Order 306 the reports of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee, like most other committee reports, are also the subject of a Take Note Debate. In effect this means that they are debated by the House twice, firstly on whether the changes be agreed to, and secondly on whether the House notes the report.

It is the Committee's view that this is an unnecessary use of the House's time and that consequently its reports should not be subject to the requirements set out in Standing Order 306.

I commend the report and its recommendations to the House.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Shelly Hancock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shelly" and the last name "Hancock" clearly legible.

The Hon. Shelly Hancock MP
Chair

List of recommendations

RECOMMENDATION 1

That the House adopt the proposed changes to the Standing and Sessional Orders.

Chapter One – Changes to the Standing Orders

TABLE: SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Standing Order	Proposed change
SO 10 Election of Speaker	Remove some of the unnecessary detail in the procedure for electing the Speaker.
SO 97 Routine of Business	Remove the 4.30 pm interruption of business before the House on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
SO 109 Motions Accorded Priority	Remove the provision that Motions Accorded Priority lapse at the time for interruption.
SO 306 Committee report, tabling in the House and debate	Exclude the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee from the tabling and debate provisions that apply to committee reports.

SO 10: ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Current Standing Order	Proposed change
<p>Election of Speaker</p> <p>10.</p> <p>(1) The Speaker shall be elected on the first sitting day of a new Parliament or whenever the office becomes vacant.</p> <p>(2) The election of Speaker shall be in accordance with section 31B of the <i>Constitution Act 1902</i>.</p> <p>(3) In addition to the provisions in the above mentioned section, the following procedure shall apply:</p> <p>(a) At least one week before the scheduled sitting all Members are to be notified by the Clerk that nominations will be called for the office of Speaker at the prescribed time i.e. immediately after Members have taken the pledge. A sample copy of the nomination form will be attached to the notification.</p> <p>(b) At the prescribed time on the first day of sitting the Clerk will:</p> <p>(i) call for nominations to be delivered to the Clerk at the Table in a sealed envelope by the person nominated or by any other Member.</p> <p>(ii) ask the House if it is satisfied that reasonable opportunity has been given for the receipt of nominations.</p> <p>(iii) declare nominations to be closed.</p> <p>(iv) if there is one valid nomination, declare that Member to be elected.</p> <p>(v) if there is more than one valid nomination, announce the fact that a ballot will be required.</p>	<p>Election of Speaker</p> <p>10.</p> <p>(1) The Speaker shall be elected on the first sitting day of a new Parliament or whenever the office becomes vacant.</p> <p>(2) The election of Speaker shall be in accordance with section 31B of the <i>Constitution Act 1902</i>.</p> <p>(3) In addition to the provisions in the above mentioned section, the following procedure shall apply:</p> <p>(a) At least one week before the scheduled sitting the Clerk shall invite all Members to submit their nominations for the vacant office by 9.00 am on the day of the election; and shall publish the names of the nominees.</p> <p>(b) At the prescribed time on the first day of sitting the Clerk will:</p> <p>(i) announce the number of nominations received.</p> <p>(ii) if there is one valid nomination, declare that Member to be elected.</p> <p>(iii) if there is more than one valid nomination, announce the fact that a ballot will be required.</p> <p>(iv) have ballot papers prepared and initialled.</p> <p>(v) order that the bells be rung as prescribed for the taking of a ballot.</p> <p>(vi) call each Member by order of electorate, with Members proceeding to the Table to collect a ballot paper. The names of Members issued with ballot papers will be crossed off a list.</p>

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SO 97: ROUTINE OF BUSINESS

Current Standing Order	Proposed change
<p>Routine of Business</p> <p>97. The House shall conduct its business in the following routine:</p> <p><u>Tuesdays</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At 1.00 p.m. (Speaker takes Chair) 2. General Business Notices of Motions and Private Members' Statements 3. At 2.15 p.m. (Speaker resumes Chair) 4. Ministerial Statements 5. Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence) 6. Notices of Motions to be Accorded Priority 7. Question Time 8. Ministerial Statements 9. Papers 10. Committee Reports – Tabling of reports and notification of inquiries 11. Petitions 12. Announcement of Matter of Public Importance 13. Placing or Disposal of Business 14. Motion Accorded Priority 15. Business with Precedence 16. At 4.30 p.m. Business before the House is interrupted for Government Business. Any interrupted business lapses except when the House is considering Business with Precedence which will stand as an order of the day for tomorrow. 17. At 7.00 p.m. Business before the House is interrupted for the Matter of Public Importance. Any interrupted item of Government Business shall stand as an order of the day for tomorrow. If at the time of interruption a division is in progress, that division shall be completed. 18. Adjournment at 7.30 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance, if concluded before 7.30 p.m. 	<p>Routine of Business</p> <p>97. The House shall conduct its business in the following routine:</p> <p><u>Tuesdays</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At 1.00 p.m. (Speaker takes Chair) 2. General Business Notices of Motions and Private Members' Statements 3. At 2.15 p.m. (Speaker resumes Chair) 4. Ministerial Statements 5. Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence) 6. Notices of Motions to be Accorded Priority 7. Question Time 8. Ministerial Statements 9. Papers 10. Committee Reports – Tabling of reports and notification of inquiries 11. Petitions 12. Announcement of Matter of Public Importance 13. Placing or Disposal of Business 14. Motion Accorded Priority 15. Business with Precedence 16. Government Business 17. At 7.00 p.m. Business before the House is interrupted for the Matter of Public Importance. Any interrupted item of Government Business shall stand as an order of the day for tomorrow. If at the time of interruption a division is in progress, that division shall be completed. 18. Adjournment at 7.30 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance, if concluded before 7.30 p.m. <p><u>Wednesdays</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At 10.00 a.m. (Speaker takes Chair) 2. General Business Notices of Motions.

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SO 109: MOTIONS ACCORDED PRIORITY

Current Standing Order	Proposed change
<p>Motions Accorded Priority</p> <p>109. The procedure for consideration of Motions Accorded Priority shall be as follows:</p> <p>(1) Prior to Question Time, the Speaker shall ask if there are any written notices of motions to be accorded priority over the other business of the House.</p> <p>(2) No more than two notices shall be accepted at any one sitting of the House.</p> <p>(3) The notices shall be set down for consideration later in the sitting in accordance with the Routine of Business.</p> <p>(4) (a) The Members giving the notices shall each be permitted to make statements of up to 5 minutes as to why their notice should be accorded priority. (b) At the conclusion of the 5 minute statements the Speaker shall put the question on the first notice “That the motion of the Member for ... be accorded priority”. (c) If this motion is carried the Member may proceed. (d) If the motion is not carried the question “That the motion of the Member for ... be accorded priority” is then put on the next motion.</p> <p>(5) When the motion for priority is determined and the motion is moved, the following time limits shall apply: Mover - 7 minutes Member next speaking - 7 minutes Other Members (limited to two) - 5 minutes Reply - 5 minutes Total - 29 minutes</p> <p>(6) The motion will lapse at the time for interruption unless a division is in progress whereupon that division and any other division(s) to determine the matter shall be completed.</p>	<p>Motions Accorded Priority</p> <p>109. The procedure for consideration of Motions Accorded Priority shall be as follows:</p> <p>(1) Prior to Question Time, the Speaker shall ask if there are any written notices of motions to be accorded priority over the other business of the House.</p> <p>(2) No more than two notices shall be accepted at any one sitting of the House.</p> <p>(3) The notices shall be set down for consideration later in the sitting in accordance with the Routine of Business.</p> <p>(4) (a) The Members giving the notices shall each be permitted to make statements of up to 5 minutes as to why their notice should be accorded priority. (b) At the conclusion of the 5 minute statements the Speaker shall put the question on the first notice “That the motion of the Member for ... be accorded priority”. (c) If this motion is carried the Member may proceed. (d) If the motion is not carried the question “That the motion of the Member for ... be accorded priority” is then put on the next motion.</p> <p>(5) When the motion for priority is determined and the motion is moved, the following time limits shall apply: Mover - 7 minutes Member next speaking - 7 minutes Other Members (limited to two) - 5 minutes Reply - 5 minutes Total - 29 minutes</p>

SO 306: COMMITTEE REPORTS, TABLING IN THE HOUSE AND DEBATE

Current Standing Order	Proposed change
<p>306.</p> <p>(1) The report and associated documents of any committee (not being a legislation committee) shall be presented at the time provided in the Routine of Business, or at any other time with the leave of the House.</p> <p>(2) The Member presenting the report may move “That the document be printed”. This question shall be decided without debate or amendment.</p> <p>(3) Reports from committees shall stand in the order in which they are presented (or reported by the Clerk when received during an adjournment) as Orders of the Day “That the House take note of the Report”.</p> <p>(4) Such Orders of the Day may be considered between 1.00 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. on Fridays. Any interrupted item of business shall stand as an Order of the Day for tomorrow.</p> <p>(5) Debate on an Order of the Day may be adjourned and the resumption of the debate set down as an Order of the Day for tomorrow.</p> <p>(6) When the Order of the Day is called on and not proceeded with, consideration of the report shall be postponed until the next Friday sitting when reports are considered. If the Order of the Day is called on at that subsequent sitting and is not proceeded with, the question shall be put.</p> <p>(7) If a committee has more than one report on the Business Paper, the Chair or Member who tabled the report may move a motion without notice, amendment or debate to facilitate the consideration of two or more of the committee’s reports together.</p> <p>(8) The Member tabling the report may speak for up to 10 minutes and any other Member may speak for up to 5 minutes to the question “That the House take note of the Report” with the question being put after 30 minutes. No reply is permitted.</p>	<p>306.</p> <p>(1) The report and associated documents of any committee (not being a legislation committee, or the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee) shall be presented at the time provided in the Routine of Business, or at any other time with the leave of the House.</p> <p>(2) The Member presenting the report may move “That the document be printed”. This question shall be decided without debate or amendment.</p> <p>(3) Reports from committees (not being reports of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee) shall stand in the order in which they are presented (or reported by the Clerk when received during an adjournment) as Orders of the Day “That the House take note of the Report”.</p> <p>(4) Such Orders of the Day may be considered between 1.00 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. on Fridays. Any interrupted item of business shall stand as an Order of the Day for tomorrow.</p> <p>(5) Debate on an Order of the Day may be adjourned and the resumption of the debate set down as an Order of the Day for tomorrow.</p> <p>(6) When the Order of the Day is called on and not proceeded with, consideration of the report shall be postponed until the next Friday sitting when reports are considered. If the Order of the Day is called on at that subsequent sitting and is not proceeded with, the question shall be put.</p> <p>(7) If a committee has more than one report on the Business Paper, the Chair or Member who tabled the report may move a motion without notice, amendment or debate to facilitate the consideration of two or more of the committee’s reports together.</p>

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<p>(9) Orders of the Day not commenced or not completed 12 months from the date of tabling shall lapse.</p>	<p>(8) The Member tabling the report may speak for up to 10 minutes and any other Member may speak for up to 5 minutes to the question “That the House take note of the Report” with the question being put after 30 minutes. No reply is permitted.</p> <p>(9) Orders of the Day not commenced or not completed 12 months from the date of tabling shall lapse.</p>
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Chapter Two – Changes to the Sessional Orders

TABLE: SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Sessional Order	Proposed change
SO 97 Routine of Business	Remove the 4.00 pm interruption of business before the House on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and remove the 6.30 pm dinner break on Wednesdays.
SO 109 Motions Accorded Priority	Remove the provision that Motions Accorded Priority lapse at the time for interruption.
SO 306 Committee report, tabling in the House and debate	Exclude the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee from the tabling and debate provisions that apply to committee reports.

SO 97: ROUTINE OF BUSINESS

Current Sessional Order	Proposed change
<p>Routine of Business</p> <p>97. The House shall conduct its business in the following routine:</p> <p><u>Tuesdays</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At 12.00 noon the Speaker takes the Chair 2. Giving of General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) 3. Private Members' Statements 4. At 1.30 p.m. the Speaker leaves the Chair 5. At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair 6. Ministerial Statements 7. Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence) 8. Giving of Notices of Motions to be Accorded Priority 9. Question Time 10. Ministerial Statements 11. Papers 12. Committees – Tabling of reports and notification of inquiries 13. Petitions 14. Announcement of Matter of Public Importance 15. Placing or Disposal of Business 16. Motion Accorded Priority 17. Business with Precedence 18. At 4.00 p.m. Business before the House is interrupted for Government Business. Any interrupted business lapses except when the House is considering Business with Precedence which will stand as an order of the day for tomorrow. 19. At 7.00 p.m. Business before the House is interrupted for Private Members' Statements. Any interrupted item of Government Business shall stand as an order of the day for tomorrow. If at the time of interruption a division is in progress, that division shall be completed. 20. Matters of Public Importance 	<p>Routine of Business</p> <p>97. The House shall conduct its business in the following routine:</p> <p><u>Tuesdays</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At 12.00 noon the Speaker takes the Chair 2. Giving of General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) 3. Private Members' Statements 4. At 1.30 p.m. the Speaker leaves the Chair 5. At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair 6. Ministerial Statements 7. Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence) 8. Giving of Notices of Motions to be Accorded Priority 9. Question Time 10. Ministerial Statements 11. Papers 12. Committees – Tabling of reports and notification of inquiries 13. Petitions 14. Announcement of Matter of Public Importance 15. Placing or Disposal of Business 16. Motion Accorded Priority 17. Business with Precedence 18. Government Business 19. At 7.00 p.m. Business before the House is interrupted for Private Members' Statements. Any interrupted item of Government Business shall stand as an order of the day for tomorrow. If at the time of interruption a division is in progress, that division shall be completed. 20. Matters of Public Importance 21. Adjournment at 7.45 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance, if concluded before 7.45 p.m.

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Routine of Business – Standing Order 97

	TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY
		10.00 am	Meeting of House	10.00 am	Meeting of House
			Notices of Motions (General Business)		Notices of Motions (General Business)
12.00 noon	Meeting of House		Government Business		Introduction of General Business
	Notices of Motions (General Business)			10.30 am	General Business Orders of the Day for Bills
	Private Members' Statements			11.30 am	Debate of General Business Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day (not being Bills)
				1.00 pm	Committee Reports (Take Note Debate)
		1.15 pm	Community Recognition Statements		
1.30 pm	Lunch	1.35 pm	Lunch	1.30 pm	Lunch
2.15 pm	Routine of Business and Question Time	2.15 pm	Routine of Business and Question Time	2.15 pm	Routine of Business and Question Time
				(Re-ordering of General Business – Bills and General Notices)	
	Motion Accorded Priority and Business with Precedence		Motion Accorded Priority and Business with Precedence		Business with Precedence and Government Business
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SO 109: MOTIONS ACCORDED PRIORITY

Current Sessional Order	Proposed change																				
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SO 306: COMMITTEE REPORTS, TABLING IN THE HOUSE AND DEBATE

Current Sessional Order	Proposed change
<p>306.</p> <p>(1) The report and associated documents of any committee (not being a legislation committee) shall be presented at the time provided in the Routine of Business, or at any other time with the leave of the House.</p> <p>(2) The Member presenting the report may move “That the document be printed”. This question shall be decided without debate or amendment.</p> <p>(3) Reports from committees shall stand in the order in which they are presented (or reported by the Clerk when received during an adjournment) as Orders of the Day “That the House take note of the Report”.</p> <p>(4) Such Orders of the Day may be considered between 1.00 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. on Thursdays. Any interrupted item of business shall stand as an Order of the Day for tomorrow.</p> <p>(5) Debate on an Order of the Day may be adjourned and the resumption of the debate set down as an Order of the Day for tomorrow.</p> <p>(6) When the Order of the Day is called on and not proceeded with, consideration of the report shall be postponed until the next Thursday sitting when reports are considered. If the Order of the Day is called on at that subsequent sitting and is not proceeded with, the question shall be put.</p>	<p>306.</p> <p>(1) The report and associated documents of any committee (not being a legislation committee, or the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee) shall be presented at the time provided in the Routine of Business, or at any other time with the leave of the House.</p> <p>(2) The Member presenting the report may move “That the document be printed”. This question shall be decided without debate or amendment.</p> <p>(3) Reports from committees (not being reports of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee) shall stand in the order in which they are presented (or reported by the Clerk when received during an adjournment) as Orders of the Day “That the House take note of the Report”.</p> <p>(4) Such Orders of the Day may be considered between 1.00 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. on Thursdays. Any interrupted item of business shall stand as an Order of the Day for tomorrow.</p> <p>(5) Debate on an Order of the Day may be adjourned and the resumption of the debate set down as an Order of the Day for tomorrow.</p> <p>(6) When the Order of the Day is called on and not proceeded with, consideration of the report shall be postponed until the next Thursday sitting when reports are considered. If the Order of the Day is called on at that subsequent sitting and is not proceeded with, the question shall be put.</p>

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Appendix One – Extracts from Minutes

5.30 pm, Tuesday 17 November 2015
Speaker's Dining Room, Parliament House

Members present:

The Hon. Shelley Hancock, Speaker (Chair)

Mr Stephen Bromhead MP
Mr Mark Coure MP
Mr Michael Daley MP
The Hon. Thomas George MP
Mr Nick Lulich MP
The Hon. Anthony Roberts MP

1. Apologies

Mr Andrew Fraser MP
Ms Noreen Hay MP
Mr Chris Patterson MP
Mr Greg Piper MP

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting No. 1 held on 25 August 2015

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Coure, seconded by Mr Roberts:

"That the minutes of Meeting No. 1 be confirmed".

3. Consideration of proposed changes to Standing and Sessional Orders

The Chair invited Members to discuss proposed changes to the following Standing and Sessional Orders:

- i. Election of Speaker;
- ii. Routine of Business; and
- iii. Committee reports, tabling in the House and debate.

The Committee deliberated on the proposals before resolving on the motion of Mr Coure, seconded by Mr Roberts:

"That the proposed changes to Standing and Sessional Orders be adopted as part of the Committee's report."

The Committee then resolved on the motion of Mr Coure, seconded by Mr Roberts:

"That the changes to Standing and Sessional Orders, as adopted by the Committee, be the report of the Committee."

That it be signed by the Chair and presented to the House; and that once tabled the report be published on the Committee's webpage.

That the Chair and committee staff be permitted to correct stylistic, typographical and grammatical errors."

4. ...

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 5.52 pm, *sine die*.

Chair

Clerk