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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 procedures of the House and its committees.

## Chair's foreword

From the beginning of the 57<sup>th</sup> Parliament this Committee has worked towards improving the procedures of the Assembly and streamlining its processes and practices.

This report represents the next step in the Committee's effort to modernise and streamline the operations of the House. Currently the Assembly has 75 sessional orders, and in order to formalise a number of sessional orders which have been in operation for a number of years, we have recommended that they be adopted as permanent standing orders. This has a number of benefits, including the formalisation of longstanding Assembly practices, and limiting the number of temporary sessional orders to a more manageable number.

While a significant portion of the sessional orders recommended to be formalised have been in use for several parliaments now, some of the more recently adopted sessional orders have also worked very well, and the Committee considers they should also be adopted as the permanent practice of the Assembly. This includes an updated procedure for the conducting of divisions which arose from the need to ensure social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic (and consequential changes to other standing orders to provide for this altered procedure). The Matter of Public Importance and Motion Accorded Priority procedures are replaced by one Public Interest Debate procedure. The House is also now recommended to adjourn each day at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements, rather than at the conclusion of Community Recognition Statements. Procedures regarding ePetitions, and the petition debate in the House, have also been recommended to be made permanent.

As part of its ongoing examination of ways to modernise and improve the Assembly's procedures, the Committee will continue to look at the operation of the remaining sessional orders with a view to recommending any further adoption of sessional orders as standing orders later in the Parliament. We are also proceeding to consider the operation of some of the more complex standing orders to assess whether improvements can be made, and I look forward to reporting more on this to the House in due course.

I thank the members of the Committee for their contribution to the efforts to review and consolidate the standing and sessional orders of the Legislative Assembly.



**The Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP**  
Chair



# Recommendations

Recommendation 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 1

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

# Chapter One – Changes to the Standing Orders

- 1.1 As part of the inquiry into the modernisation and reform of practices and procedures, the Committee has examined the current sessional orders and considers that a significant number should be formalised as permanent standing orders by the House.
- 1.2 These recommended changes to the standing orders resulting from the formalisation of sessional orders are summarised in Table 1, with the detail of each change provided in Table 2.
- 1.3 In some cases there are minor additional changes to the standing orders recommended, often as a consequence of other alterations, and in these cases these are detailed in the table below.

## Recommendation 1

**That the House adopt the proposed changes to the Standing Orders.**

**Table 1 – Summary of proposed changes to the Standing Orders**

Standing Order	Brief summary of proposed changes
<p><b>SO 35</b> Bells</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order, with one further change – the removal of the reference to doors being locked after the bell in a division.</p> <p>Changes the times for the commencement of each sitting day, and the specific length of bells to be rung for different matters. Removes references to Friday sittings. Removes the reference to the doors being locked after the bell in a division, as a consequence of the changed division procedure in SO 180.</p>
<p><b>SO 46</b> Adjournment without motion</p>	<p>The standing order is recommended to be changed to reflect that, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall adjourn without motion moved at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements.</p> <p>The current sessional order provides that the House shall adjourn at the conclusion of Community Recognition Statements, however following a resolution agreed to on 8 June 2021, in late June 2021 the House</p>

Standing Order	Brief summary of proposed changes
	successfully trialled adjournment after Private Members' Statements.
<b>SO 49A</b> Speaker has discretion to pause the timing clock	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>This will be a new standing order.</p>
<b>SO 63</b> Inaugural or Valedictory Speech	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Inserts reference to valedictory speeches, and provides for 20 minute speeches rather than 15 minutes with a 5 minute extension.</p>
<b>SO 66</b> Reply	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes bill terminology so that the 'second reading' and 'third reading' references are used.</p>
<b>SO 85</b> Maximum time limits	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order, with one error corrected.</p> <p>Amends debate time limits as a consequence of changes to other standing orders. Times for procedures no longer used, including the MPI, the MAP, and on press accommodation, have been removed. Changes bill terminology so that the 'second reading' and 'third reading' references are used.</p> <p>Current standing order 85 includes a reference that four other members can speak to a Censure of the Speaker motion for 10 minutes, while the relevant Censure of the Speaker standing order (115) provides for 5 minutes for four other members. This error in 85 will be corrected to show 5 minutes for four other members.</p> <p>In the 2007 updates to the Standing Orders the four other members time limit provided for in the Censure of the Speaker standing order was changed from 10 minutes to 5 minutes.</p>

Standing Order	Brief summary of proposed changes
<b>SO 86</b> Motion "That the question be put"	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Provides that the closure cannot be moved before 10 am, rather than 10.30 am.</p>
<b>SO 90</b> Closure – allocation of time for discussion	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes bill terminology and procedure so that the 'second reading' and 'third reading' are used.</p>
<b>SO 92</b> Matters of Privilege not suddenly arising	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Removes reference to Friday sittings.</p>
<b>SO 97</b> Routine of Business	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order, with the addition of changes to ensure the House will adjourn at the end of Private Members' Statements.</p> <p>The routine of business changes as a consequence of changes to other standing orders, and removes Friday sittings and moves Committee take note debates to Wednesdays.</p> <p>It is also recommended that 97 be amended to formalise that the House shall adjourn at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements, rather than after Community Recognition Statements – this change was successfully trialled by the House by resolution agreed to on 8 June 2021.</p> <p>A reference to the Speaker leaving the Chair at 1.15pm on Thursdays has been included for consistency with the routine on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.</p>
<b>SO 98</b> Friday sittings	<p>The current sessional order suspending this standing order is recommended to be formalised.</p> <p>This standing order will be repealed.</p>
<b>SO 101</b> Establishing program for General Business Days	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p>

Standing Order	Brief summary of proposed changes
	<p>Removes reference to the reordering of General Business Notices of Motion (a consequential change following the removal of the procedure for General Business Notices of Motions to be reordered under 106).</p>
<p><b>SO 105</b> Precedence and lapsing of General Business</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order, with additional removal of a now unnecessary reference to the reordering of General Business Notices of Motion, which is no longer provided for under 106.</p> <p>Provides that interrupted General Business shall only have precedence of all other notices and orders except orders accorded precedence for that day under 106.</p> <p>Also changes the timeframe for General Business not commenced or completed to lapse from 12 months to 6 months for bills and 3 months for notices.</p>
<p><b>SO 106</b> Re-Ordering General Business Orders of the Day (For Bills)</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Removes the procedure for General Business Notices of Motions to be reordered, and changes the speaking time limits from 5 to 3 minutes for statements, on and in reply to, a reordering of a General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills).</p>
<p><b>SO 107</b> Debate on General Business Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day (not being Bills)</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Amended to remove the specified time for commencement (being 11:45 am) and replacing it with 'at the time listed in the Routine of Business'. Also amended to decrease speaking time limits from 10 minutes for the mover and Member next speaking to 7 minutes, and 5 minutes for four other Members and for the reply to 4 minutes.</p>

Standing Order	Brief summary of proposed changes
<p><b>SO 108</b> Private Members' Statements</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Provides for up to 75 Private Members' Statements (PMS) per sitting week, provides 1 minute Ministerial reply rather than 2 minutes, removes references to specific times for PMS to be given and instead refers to the 'time allocated in the routine of business', removes reference to the House adjourning at the end of PMS on Thursday and Friday.</p>
<p><b>SO 108A</b> Community Recognition Statements</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order, with an additional amendment to increase the amount of written Community Recognition Statements (CRS) that Members can submit per day from two to four.</p> <p>This will be a new standing order.</p> <p>Provides a procedure for the giving of CRS, including written CRS.</p>
<p><b>SO 109</b> Public Interest Debates</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Replaces the procedure for the Motion Accorded Priority with the procedure for the Public Interest Debate.</p>
<p><b>SO 110</b> Matters of Public Importance</p>	<p>The current sessional order suspending this standing order is recommended to be formalised.</p> <p>This standing order will be repealed.</p>
<p><b>SO 119</b> Lodgement of paper petitions</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Inserts the term 'paper' before petitions.</p>
<p><b>SO 119A</b> Lodgement of electronic petitions</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>This will be a new standing order.</p>

Standing Order	Brief summary of proposed changes
	Provides for the lodgement of electronic petitions.
<b>SO 120</b> Clerk's certificate – Paper petitions	The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.  Inserts the term 'paper' before petitions.
<b>SO 120A</b> Conformity with the Standing Orders – Electronic petitions	The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.  This will be a new standing order.  Provides that an electronic petition is in conformity with the standing orders when it is open for signatures.
<b>SO 121</b> Contents of paper petitions	The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.  Inserts the term 'paper' before petitions.
<b>SO 121A</b> Contents of electronic petitions	The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order, with an additional amendment to increase the time frame that electronic petitions can be open for signature – for three, twelve, or twenty-four weeks.  This will be a new standing order.  Provides a list of requirements for electronic petitions.
<b>SO 122</b> Petitions must not contain	The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.  Amended to specifically refer to both paper and electronic petitions.
<b>SO 123</b> Procedure for lodgement and presentation of paper petitions	The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.  Inserts the term 'paper' before petitions.
<b>SO 123A</b> Procedure for lodgement and presentation of electronic petitions	The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.  This will be a new standing order.

Standing Order	Brief summary of proposed changes
	Provides procedures for the lodging and presentation of electronic petitions.
<b>SO 124</b> Petitions deemed to have been received	The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.  Amended to specifically refer to both paper and electronic petitions and to remove the reference to Friday sitting days.
<b>SO 125</b> Referral to Minister and response	The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.  Amended to specifically refer to both paper and electronic petitions.
<b>SO 125A</b> Debate on petitions signed by 10,000 or more persons	The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.  This will be a new standing order.  Allows, and provides a procedure for, a debate on paper petitions signed by 10,000 or more persons, and electronic petitions signed by 20,000 or more persons.
<b>SO 131</b> Question Time (oral questions)	The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.  As 49A provides that the Speaker can pause the timing clock at any time, the reference to the Speaker being able to pause the clock during a Minister's answer in Question Time has been removed.
<b>SO 133</b> Notices of motions	The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.  Removes reference to the reordering of General Business Notices of Motion, and provides that giving of General Notices must not exceed 30 seconds, and the period of giving General Notices is maximum 15 minutes, with the Speaker having discretion to allow the period to exceed 15 minutes.
<b>SO 141</b> Postponement or withdrawal of notices of motions	The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.



Standing Order	Brief summary of proposed changes
	Allows the Speaker to have discretion to postpone any notice if the Member is absent from the Chamber.
<b>SO 149</b> Previous question	<p>The current sessional order suspending this standing order is recommended to be formalised.</p> <p>This standing order will be repealed.</p>
<b>SO 150</b> Previous question on series of resolutions	<p>The current sessional order suspending this standing order is recommended to be formalised.</p> <p>This standing order will be repealed.</p>
<b>SO 178</b> Entitlement to vote	<p>This standing order is recommended to be amended as a consequence of the recommendation to adopt the new division procedure in SO 180.</p> <p>Changes the requirement for a Member to only be entitled to vote if they are present in the House after the doors are locked to if they were present in the House during the conduct of the division.</p>
<b>SO 179</b> Vote disallowed on motion	<p>This standing order is recommended to be amended as a consequence of the recommendation to adopt the new division procedure in SO 180.</p> <p>Changes the grounds for a motion to be moved for Member's vote to be disallowed from 'the Member was not present in the House after the doors were locked' to 'the Member was not present in the House during the conduct of the division'.</p>
<b>SO 180</b> Procedure for division	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order, with additional changes to provide that the division bells be rung for 4 minutes, with a further 6 minutes allowed for all Members to reach the Chamber.</p> <p>Changes process to vote from sitting to the right and left of the chair to entering the left and right doors to the Chamber from Speaker's Square. Speaker also has discretion to extend the time for a division if</p>

Standing Order	Brief summary of proposed changes
	Members are still arriving to vote at the end of 10 minutes.
<b>SO 185</b> Successive divisions	<p>This standing order is recommended to be amended as a consequence of the recommendation to adopt the new division procedure in SO 180.</p> <p>Removes the reference to the doors being ordered to be locked.</p>
<b>SO 188</b> Introduction of bills	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes wording and bill terminology so that the 'second reading' reference is used. Specifies that the motion to introduce a bill may be moved on the same day notice is given.</p>
<b>SO 189</b> Procedure for urgent bills	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes wording and bill terminology so that the 'second reading' reference is used.</p>
<b>SO 193</b> Procedure for cognate bills	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes wording and bill terminology so that the 'second reading' and 'third reading' references are used.</p>
<b>SO 194</b> Second and third reading of cognate bills	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes wording and bill terminology so that the 'second reading' and 'third reading' references are used.</p>
<b>SO 195</b> Separate questions	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes wording and bill terminology so that the 'second reading' and 'third reading' references are used.</p>
<b>SO 198</b> Amendment - referral to committee	The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.

Standing Order	Brief summary of proposed changes
	Changes wording and bill terminology so that the 'second reading' reference is used.
<b>SO 199</b> Disposal of bill	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes wording and bill terminology so that the 'second reading' reference is used.</p>
<b>SO 200</b> Amendment – deferral of question	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes bill terminology so that the 'second reading' reference is used.</p>
<b>SO 202</b> Discharge of order and introduction of second bill	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes bill terminology so that the 'second reading' and 'third reading' references are used.</p>
<b>SO 203</b> Proceedings after the second reading	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes bill terminology so that the 'second reading' and 'third reading' references are used.</p> <p>Also provides for the practice of, once a bill is read a second time, the member with carriage needing to move that 'that this bill be read a third time'.</p> <p>This differs from the procedure provided for in current standing order 203, which provides that unless a bill is considered in detail immediately or at a later time, or a motion is moved, without notice or debate, and agreed to 'that this bill be not passed', the Speaker shall declare the bill to have passed the House.</p>
<b>SO 204</b> Pro forma consideration in detail	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes bill terminology so that the 'second reading' reference is used.</p>

Standing Order	Brief summary of proposed changes
<p><b>SO 217</b> Reconsideration in whole or part</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes bill terminology so that the 'third reading' reference is used.</p>
<p><b>SO 218</b> Bill passes</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes wording and bill terminology so that the 'third reading' reference is used.</p>
<p><b>SO 220</b> Clerk's certificate</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes bill terminology so that the 'third reading' reference is used.</p>
<p><b>SO 229</b> Procedure in the Assembly for Council bills</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes wording and bill terminology so that the 'second reading' reference is used. Specifies that Council private members' bills can only be called when called on in accordance with the routine of business.</p>
<p><b>SO 238</b> Proceedings after consideration in detail</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes bill terminology so that the 'third reading' references is used.</p>
<p><b>SO 246</b> Estimates Committees</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes bill terminology so that the 'second reading' reference is used.</p>
<p><b>SO 249A</b> Member removed from the Chamber</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Allows the Speaker to remove a Member who is grossly disorderly for up to three hours.</p>
<p><b>SO 273A</b> Substitute Committee Members</p>	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p>

Standing Order	Brief summary of proposed changes
	Provides for a procedure for substitute members to act on Portfolio Committees.
<b>SO 282</b> Election of Chair and Deputy Chair	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Provides that both a Chair and Deputy Chair shall be elected by a committee if a vacancy occurs.</p>
<b>SO 306</b> Committee reports, tabling in the House and debate	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Provides that committee reports are to be debated on Wednesdays rather than Fridays. Decreases time limits for the take note debate from 10 minutes to 6 minutes for the member tabling, 5 minutes to 4 minutes for any another Member, and 30 minutes to 22 minutes for the whole debate. Removes the standing order provision that committee reports listed as orders of the day shall lapse after 12 months.</p>
<b>SO 323</b> Legislation Committees	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes bill terminology so that the 'second reading' reference is used.</p>
<b>SO 358</b> Private bills procedure	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes wording and bill terminology so that the 'first reading' references is used, removes duplicated words in (1).</p>
<b>SO 360</b> Private bills – special rules	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Changes bill terminology so that the 'second reading' reference is used.</p>
<b>SO 366</b> Parliamentary Secretaries	<p>The current sessional order is recommended to be formalised as a standing order.</p> <p>Removes reference to '251(1) Suspension of Member' from the list of orders under which Parliamentary Secretaries cannot act on behalf of Ministers. Removes reference to the Matter of Public Importance.</p>

## Detail of proposed new Standing Orders

Table 2 – Detail of changes to the Standing Orders

### 35 BELLS

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order, with the additional change of the removal of reference to doors being locked in divisions.
<p><b>35.</b> The timing for bells is as follows:</p> <p><u>Tuesdays</u> (Government Business Day – First sitting day of the week) Bells are rung at 12.45 p.m. 12.56 p.m. 12.58 p.m. and at 2.13 p.m.</p> <p><u>Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays</u> Bells are rung at 9.45 a.m. 9.56 a.m. and at 9.58 a.m.</p> <p><u>After lunch</u> Bells are rung at 2.00 p.m. and at 2.13 p.m.</p> <p><u>Division</u> First bell 10 seconds, pause 10 seconds; second bell 10 seconds, pause 10 seconds; third bell 20 seconds. The doors are locked four minutes after the bells are first rung.</p> <p><u>Quorum</u> One long continuous bell (for up to four minutes until a quorum is present in the Chamber).</p> <p><u>House adjournment</u> Two short bells.</p> <p><u>One long bell</u> A continuous bell rung at the discretion of the Chair.</p>	<p><b>35.</b> The timing for bells is as follows:</p> <p><u>Tuesdays</u> Bells are rung at 11.45 a.m. for 20 seconds and at 11.58 a.m. for 60 seconds.</p> <p><u>Wednesdays</u> Bells are rung at 9.15 a.m. for 20 seconds and at 9.28 a.m. for 60 seconds.</p> <p><u>Thursdays</u> Bells are rung at 9.15 a.m. for 20 seconds and at 9.28 a.m. for 60 seconds.</p> <p><u>After lunch</u> Bells are rung at 2.00 p.m. for 20 seconds and at 2.13 p.m. for 60 seconds.</p> <p><u>Division</u> One continuous bell for four minutes.</p> <p><u>Quorum</u> One long continuous bell (for up to four minutes until a quorum is present in the Chamber).</p> <p><u>House adjournment</u> Two short bells.</p> <p><u>One long bell</u> A continuous bell rung at the discretion of the Chair.</p>

**46. ADJOURNMENT WITHOUT MOTION**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order provides for adjournment after Community Recognition Statements; this is changed to Private Members' Statements, and proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order.
<p><b>46.</b> Unless otherwise ordered, the House shall be adjourned without motion moved at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday (or at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance if before 7.30 p.m.); at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday (or at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements if before 6.30 p.m.); and at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements on Friday.</p>	<p><b>46.</b> Unless otherwise ordered, the House shall be adjourned without motion moved at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements.</p>

**49A. SPEAKER HAS DIRECTION TO PAUSE THE TIMING CLOCK**

No current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
	<p><b>49A.</b> The Speaker has discretion at any time to pause the timing clock to maintain order in the House.</p>

**63. INAUGURAL OR VALEDICTORY SPEECH**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inaugural speech</b></p> <p><b>63.</b></p> <p>(1) 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 a Member to make an inaugural speech without a question being before the House. Any interrupted business shall be</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inaugural speech or valedictory speech</b></p> <p><b>63.</b></p> <p>(1) A motion may be moved without notice, amendment or debate for the business to be interrupted at a specified time (but not so as to interrupt a Member speaking) to permit a Member to make an inaugural speech or a valedictory speech without a question being before the House. Any interrupted</p>

<p>resumed on completion of the speech.</p> <p>(2) The time limit for inaugural speeches will be 15 minutes with a 5 minute extension.</p>	<p>business shall be resumed on the completion of the speech.</p> <p>(2) The time limit for inaugural speeches or valedictory speeches will be 20 minutes.</p>
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**66. REPLY**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>66.</b> A Member may speak in reply if the Member has moved:</p> <p>(1) a substantive motion or</p> <p>(2) a motion “<b>That this bill be now agreed to in principle</b>” or</p> <p>(3) a motion “<b>That this bill be now passed</b>”.</p>	<p><b>66.</b> A Member may speak in reply if the Member has moved:</p> <p>(1) a substantive motion or</p> <p>(2) a motion “<b>That this bill be now read a second time</b>” or</p> <p>(3) a motion “<b>That this bill be now read a third time</b>”.</p>

**85. MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order, with one error in reference to 115 corrected (four other members time limit is 5, rather than 10 minutes)																				
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<p>(Question being put after 30 minutes)</p> <p><b><u>Days and times of meeting (SO 34)</u></b></p> <p>Mover - 5 Minutes          Three other Members - 5 Minutes          Reply - 5 Minutes</p> <p><b><u>Motion Accorded Priority (SO 109)</u></b></p> <p>Mover - 7 Minutes          Member next speaking - 7 minutes          Other Members (limited to two) - 5 Minutes          Reply - 5 Minutes</p> <p><b><u>Debates not otherwise provided for</u></b></p> <p>All Members - 20 Minutes*</p> <p><b><u>Expulsion of a Member (SO 254)</u></b></p> <p>Mover - 30 minutes*          Member next speaking - 30 minutes*          Any other Member - 20 minutes*          Member in response - 20 minutes*          Reply - 20 minutes*</p> <p><b><u>General Business notices of motions or orders of the day (not for bills) (SO 107)</u></b></p> <p>In each debate:          Mover - 10 minutes          Member next speaking - 10 minutes          Four Members - 5 minutes each          Reply - 5 minutes</p> <p><b><u>Inaugural Speech (SO 63)</u></b></p> <p>Member making inaugural speech - 15 minutes†</p> <p><b><u>Matters of Public Importance (SO 110)</u></b></p> <p>Mover - 7 minutes</p>	<p><b><u>Community Recognition Statements (SO 108A)</u></b></p> <p>Member making statement - 1 Minute each</p> <p><b><u>Days and times of meeting (SO 34)</u></b></p> <p>Mover - 5 Minutes          Three other Members - 5 Minutes          Reply - 5 Minutes</p> <p><b><u>Public Interest Debate (SO 109)</u></b></p> <p>Mover - 7 Minutes          Six other Members - 5 Minutes          Reply - 3 Minutes</p> <p><b><u>Debates not otherwise provided for</u></b></p> <p>All Members - 20 Minutes*</p> <p><b><u>Expulsion of a Member (SO 254)</u></b></p> <p>Mover - 30 minutes*          Member next speaking - 30 minutes*          Any other Member - 20 minutes*          Member in response - 20 minutes*          Reply - 20 minutes*</p> <p><b><u>General Business notices of motions or orders of the day (not for bills) (SO 107)</u></b></p> <p>In each debate:          Mover - 7 minutes          Member next speaking - 7 minutes          Four Members - 4 minutes each          Reply - 4 minutes</p> <p><b><u>Inaugural Speech or Valedictory Speech (SO 63)</u></b></p> <p>Member making inaugural speech or valedictory speech - 20 minutes</p>
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<p>Member next speaking - 7 minutes</p> <p>One other Member - 5 minutes</p> <p>Reply - 5 minutes</p>	
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<p>Response by Member leading debate in opposition to the motion - 10 minutes Mover in reply - 10 minutes</p> <p><b><u>Papers, printing of (SO 266)</u></b></p> <p>All Members, including reply - 3 minutes</p> <p>(The Speaker may call the Minister in reply if debate exceeds 30 minutes)</p> <p><b><u>Press, accommodation (SO 263)</u></b></p> <p>All members - 10 minutes</p> <p>(The Speaker shall be entitled to put the question after 30 minutes of debate)</p> <p><b><u>Private Members' Statements (SO 108)</u></b></p> <p>Up to sixteen Members - 5 minutes Replies by Ministers - 2 minutes</p> <p><b><u>Privilege/Contempt (suddenly arising in House) (SO 91)</u></b></p> <p>The Member may speak for 10 minutes to establish a prima facie case</p> <p><b><u>Proceedings after consideration in detail</u></b></p> <p>All Members - 20 minutes*</p> <p><b><u>Re-ordering General Business (SO 106)</u></b></p> <p>Member in charge of the bill or notice of motion - 5 minutes One other Member - 5 minutes</p> <p><b><u>Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker, election of (SO 10, 13 and 14)</u></b></p> <p>All Members - 10 minutes</p> <p><b><u>Speaker's ruling, dissent (SO 95)</u></b></p>	<p>debate in opposition to the motion Mover in reply - 10 minutes</p> <p><b><u>Papers, printing of (SO 266)</u></b></p> <p>All Members, including reply - 3 minutes</p> <p>(The Speaker may call the Minister in reply if debate exceeds 30 minutes)</p> <p><b><u>Petitions signed by 10,000 or more persons (SO 125A)</u></b></p> <p>First Speaker - 5 minutes Four other Members - 5 minutes each Response by Minister - 3 minutes First speaker in reply - 2 minutes Total - 30 minutes</p> <p><b><u>Private Members' Statements (SO 108)</u></b></p> <p>Member making statement - 5 minutes Replies by Ministers - 1 minute</p> <p><b><u>Privilege/Contempt (suddenly arising in House) (SO 91)</u></b></p> <p>The Member may speak for 10 minutes to establish a prima facie case</p> <p><b><u>Proceedings after consideration in detail</u></b></p> <p>All Members - 20 minutes*</p> <p><b><u>Re-ordering General Business (SO 106)</u></b></p> <p>Member in charge of the bill - 3 minutes One other Member - 3 minutes</p> <p><b><u>Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speaker, election of (SO 10, 13, 14)</u></b></p> <p>All Members - 10 minutes</p> <p><b><u>Speaker's ruling, dissent (SO 95)</u></b></p>
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**86. MOTION "THAT THE QUESTION BE PUT"**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>86.</b> A motion may be made by any Member, <b>"That the question be now put"</b>. Such motion:</p> <p>(1) May be moved whilst another Member is addressing the House;</p> <p>(2) Shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate;</p>	<p><b>86.</b> A motion may be made by any Member, <b>"That the question be now put"</b>. Such motion:</p> <p>(1) May be moved whilst another Member is addressing the House;</p> <p>(2) Shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate;</p>

<p>(3) Must be carried by at least 30 Members in the affirmative; and                  (4) May not be moved before 10.30 a.m. on any day when the House meets at an earlier time.</p>	<p>(3) Must be carried by at least 30 Members in the affirmative; and                  (4) May not be moved before 10.00 a.m. on any day when the House meets at an earlier time.</p>
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**90. CLOSURE – ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR DISCUSSION**

<b>Current Standing Order</b>	<b>Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order</b>
<p><b>90.</b> The Premier, or a Minister acting on the Premier’s behalf, may at any time state in the House the intention of the Government to deal with any business to a certain stage at a specified time at the next or a subsequent sitting.</p> <p>Written notification must subsequently be given to the Speaker and the Party Leaders and the notice shall be published in the Business Paper.</p> <p>To give effect to the notification a Member shall move at the specified time on the date given or at a later time at the same sitting the motion “That the question be now put”.</p> <p>The carrying of this question is an instruction to the Speaker to put to the vote every question necessary to give effect to the notification. No further debate, amendment or reply is permitted.</p> <p>After the carrying of the closure, the Speaker shall put to the vote any amendments proposed by a Minister provided that the amendments were lodged with the Clerk and printed and circulated by the Clerk at least 2 hours before the specified time.</p> <p>The closure may not be moved on any question contained in a notification of allocation of time under this Standing Order.</p> <p>If the closure under this Standing Order is agreed to during the agreement in principle</p>	<p><b>90.</b> The Premier, or a Minister acting on the Premier’s behalf, may at any time state in the House the intention of the Government to deal with any business to a certain stage at a specified time at the next or a subsequent sitting.</p> <p>Written notification must subsequently be given to the Speaker and the Party Leaders and the notice shall be published in the Business Paper.</p> <p>To give effect to the notification a Member shall move at the specified time on the date given or at a later time at the same sitting the motion “That the question be now put”.</p> <p>The carrying of this question is an instruction to the Speaker to put to the vote every question necessary to give effect to the notification. No further debate, amendment or reply is permitted.</p> <p>After the carrying of the closure, the Speaker shall put to the vote any amendments proposed by a Minister provided that the amendments were lodged with the Clerk and printed and circulated by the Clerk at least 2 hours before the specified time.</p> <p>The closure may not be moved on any question contained in a notification of allocation of time under this Standing Order.</p> <p>If the closure under this Standing Order is agreed to during the second reading stage</p>

<p>stage and there have been no Minister’s amendments circulated, the Speaker shall forthwith put to the vote the question on the agreement in principle and, if passed, the Speaker shall declare the bill to have passed the House.</p>	<p>and there have been no Minister’s amendments circulated, the Speaker shall forthwith put to the vote the third reading of the Bill.</p>
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**92. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE NOT SUDDENLY ARISING**

<p><b>Current Standing Order</b></p>	<p><b>Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order</b></p>
<p><b>92.</b> Except as provided in Standing Order 91 and in paragraph (5) of this Standing Order, a matter of privilege or contempt shall be brought before the House as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A Member desiring to raise a matter of privilege or contempt must inform the Speaker of the details in writing.</li> <li>(2) The Speaker must consider the matter within 14 days and decide whether a motion to refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics (the Committee) is to take precedence under the Standing Orders. The Speaker must notify this decision in writing to the Member.</li> <li>(3) While a matter is being considered by the Speaker, a Member must not take any action or refer to the matter in the House.</li> <li>(4) If the Speaker decides that a motion for referral should take precedence, the Member may, at any time when there is no business before the House, give notice of a motion to refer the matter to the Committee. The notice must take precedence under Standing Order 118 on the</li> </ol>	<p><b>92.</b> Except as provided in Standing Order 91 and in paragraph (5) of this Standing Order, a matter of privilege or contempt shall be brought before the House as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A Member desiring to raise a matter of privilege or contempt must inform the Speaker of the details in writing.</li> <li>(2) The Speaker must consider the matter within 14 days and decide whether a motion to refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics (the Committee) is to take precedence under the Standing Orders. The Speaker must notify this decision in writing to the Member.</li> <li>(3) While a matter is being considered by the Speaker, a Member must not take any action or refer to the matter in the House.</li> <li>(4) If the Speaker decides that a motion for referral should take precedence, the Member may, at any time when there is no business before the House, give notice of a motion to refer the matter to the Committee. The notice must take precedence under Standing Order 118 on the next sitting day.</li> </ol>

<p>next sitting day (unless the next sitting day is a Friday sitting).</p> <p>(5) If the Speaker decides that the matter should not be the subject of a notice of referral, a Member is not prevented from giving a notice of motion in relation to the matter. Such notice shall not have precedence.</p> <p>(6) If notice of a motion is given under paragraph (4), but the House is not expected to meet on the day following the giving of the notice or the next sitting day is a Friday sitting, with the leave of the House, the motion may be moved at a later hour of the sitting at which the notice is given.</p>	<p>(5) If the Speaker decides that the matter should not be the subject of a notice of referral, a Member is not prevented from giving a notice of motion in relation to the matter. Such notice shall not have precedence.</p> <p>(6) If notice of a motion is given under paragraph (4), but the House is not expected to meet on the day following the giving of the notice, with the leave of the House, the motion may be moved at a later hour of the sitting at which the notice is given.</p>
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**97. ROUTINE OF BUSINESS**

<b>Current Standing Order</b>	<b>Proposed Change, reflecting current sessional order and a change to provide for adjournment at the end of Private Members' Statements. Also updated to provide the Speaker leaving the Chair at 1.15pm on Thursdays.</b>
<p><b>97.</b> The House shall conduct its business in the following routine:</p> <p><u>Tuesdays</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At 1.00 p.m. (Speaker takes Chair)</li> <li>2. General Business Notices of Motions and Private Members' Statements</li> <li>3. At 2.15 p.m. (Speaker resumes Chair)</li> <li>4. Ministerial Statements</li> <li>5. Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence)</li> <li>6. Notices of Motion to be Accorded Priority</li> <li>7. Question Time</li> </ol>	<p><b>97.</b> The House shall conduct its business in the following routine:</p> <p><u>Tuesdays</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At 12.00 noon the Speaker takes the Chair</li> <li>2. Giving of General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices), up to 15 minutes</li> <li>3. Government Business up to 1.15 p.m., then the Speaker leaves the Chair</li> <li>4. At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair</li> <li>5. Ministerial Statements</li> </ol>



<p>8. Ministerial Statements</p> <p>9. Papers</p> <p>10. Committee Reports – Tabling of reports and notification of inquiries</p> <p>11. Petitions</p> <p>12. Announcement of Matter of Public Importance</p> <p>13. Placing or Disposal of Business</p> <p>14. Motion Accorded Priority</p> <p>15. Business with Precedence</p> <p>16. Government Business</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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> <p><u>Wednesdays</u></p> <p>1. At 10.00 a.m. (Speaker takes Chair)</p> <p>2. General Business Notices of Motions</p> <p>3. Government Business concluding at 1.30 p.m. Any interrupted item of Government Business shall stand as an order of the day for a later hour of the day. If at the time of interruption a division is in progress, that division shall be completed.</p> <p>4. At 2.15 p.m. (Speaker resumes Chair)</p> <p>5. Ministerial Statements</p> <p>6. Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence and notices to be the subject of a motion to re-order later in the sitting)</p> <p>7. Notices of Motion to be Accorded Priority</p>	<p>6. Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118)</p> <p>7. Question Time</p> <p>8. Ministerial Statements</p> <p>9. Papers</p> <p>10. Committees – Tabling of reports and announcements</p> <p>11. Petitions</p> <p>12. Placing or Disposal of Business</p> <p>13. Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118, if any</p> <p>14. Government Business (if completed, proceed to Community Recognition Statements for up to 30 minutes, followed by Private Members' Statements if required)</p> <p>15. At 5.00 p.m., Public Interest Debate</p> <p>16. Government Business (if required)</p> <p>17. Community Recognition Statements (if completed, proceed to Private Members' Statements)</p> <p>18. Private Members' Statements, after which the House shall adjourn without motion until the next sitting day.</p> <p><u>Wednesdays</u></p> <p>1. At 9.30 a.m. the Speaker takes the Chair</p> <p>2. Giving of General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices), up to 15 minutes</p> <p>3. Government Business</p> <p>4. At 12.45 p.m., Committee Reports – Take note debates, for up to 30 minutes, then the Speaker leaves the Chair</p> <p>5. At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair</p> <p>6. Ministerial Statements</p> <p>7. Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business</p>
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<p>8. Question Time</p> <p>9. Ministerial Statements</p> <p>10. Papers</p> <p>11. Committee Reports –Tabling of reports and notification of inquiries</p> <p>12. Petitions</p> <p>13. Announcement of Matter of Public Importance</p> <p>14. Re-ordering of General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills) and General Business (Notices of Motions)</p> <p>15. Placing or Disposal of Business</p> <p>16. Motion Accorded Priority</p> <p>17. Business with Precedence</p> <p>18. Government Business</p> <p>19. At 5.45 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.</p> <p>20. At 7.00 p.m. business before the House is interrupted for the Matter of Public Importance.</p> <p>21. Adjournment at 7.30 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance, if concluded before 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Thursdays</u></p> <p>1. At 10.00 a.m. (Speaker takes Chair)</p> <p>2. General Business Notices of Motions</p> <p>3. Government Business until 11.45 a.m. 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.</p>	<p>with Precedence under Standing Order 118)</p> <p>8. Question Time</p> <p>9. Ministerial Statements</p> <p>10. Papers</p> <p>11. Committees – Tabling of reports and announcements</p> <p>12. Petitions</p> <p>13. Placing or Disposal of Business</p> <p>14. Re-ordering of General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills)</p> <p>15. Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118, if any</p> <p>16. Government Business (if completed, proceed to Community Recognition Statements for up to 30 minutes, followed by Private Members' Statements if required)</p> <p>17. At 5.00 p.m., Public Interest Debate</p> <p>18. Government Business (if required)</p> <p>19. Community Recognition Statements (if completed, proceed to Private Members' Statements)</p> <p>20. Private Members' Statements, after which the House shall adjourn without motion until the next sitting day.</p> <p><u>Thursdays</u></p> <p>1. At 9.30 a.m. the Speaker takes the Chair</p> <p>2. Giving of General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices), up to 15 minutes</p> <p>3. Government Business for up to 30 minutes</p> <p>4. General Business Notices of Motions for Bills for up to 20 minutes</p> <p>5. General Business Orders of the Day for Bills for up to 90 minutes</p> <p>6. General Business Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day (not being Bills), up to 1.15 p.m., then the Speaker leaves the Chair.</p>
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. General Business Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day (not being Bills) concluding at 1.30 p.m. Any interrupted business shall stand as an Order of the Day for tomorrow with precedence of other General Business (not for Bills). If at the time of interruption a division is in progress that division and any other division(s) to determine the matter shall be completed.</li> <li>5. At 2.15 p.m. (Speaker resumes Chair)</li> <li>6. Ministerial Statements</li> <li>7. Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence)</li> <li>8. Notices of Motion to be Accorded Priority</li> <li>9. Question Time</li> <li>10. Ministerial Statements</li> <li>11. Papers</li> <li>12. Committee Reports –Tabling of reports and notification of inquiries</li> <li>13. Petitions</li> <li>14. Placing or Disposal of Business</li> <li>15. Motion Accorded Priority</li> <li>16. Business with Precedence</li> <li>17. At 4.30 p.m. business before the House is interrupted for General Business Orders of the Day for Bills. Any interrupted business lapses except when the House is considering Business with Precedence which will stand as an Order of the Day for tomorrow.</li> <li>18. At 5.30 p.m. Private Members' Statements. Any interrupted business shall stand as an Order of the Day for tomorrow with precedence of other General Business Orders of the Day for Bills.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair</li> <li>8. Ministerial Statements</li> <li>9. Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118)</li> <li>10. Question Time</li> <li>11. Ministerial Statements</li> <li>12. Papers</li> <li>13. Committees – Tabling of reports and announcements</li> <li>14. Petitions</li> <li>15. Placing or Disposal of Business</li> <li>16. Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118, if any</li> <li>17. Community Recognition Statements for up to 30 minutes (followed by Private Members' Statements if required)</li> <li>18. At 4.00 p.m., Petition Debate</li> <li>19. Community Recognition Statements (if completed, proceed to Private Members' Statements)</li> <li>20. Private Members' Statements, after which the House shall adjourn without motion until the next sitting day.</li> </ol>
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19. Adjournment at 6.30 p.m. or at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements, if before 6.30 p.m.	
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**SITTING DAY SCHEDULE (ROUTINE OF BUSINESS)**

	TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY
		9.30 a.m.	Notices of Motion (General Business) (up to 15 minutes)	9.30 a.m.	Notices of Motions (General Business) (up to 15 minutes)
			Government Business		Government Business (up to 30 minutes)
12.00 p.m.	Notices of Motion (General Business) (up to 15 minutes)				General Business Notices of Motion for Bills (up to 20 minutes)
	Government Business	12.45 p.m.	Committee Reports (Take Note Debate) (up to 30 mins)		General Business Orders of the Day for Bills (up to 90 mins)
					General Business Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day (not being Bills)
1.15 p.m.	Lunch	1.15 p.m.	Lunch	1.15 p.m.	Lunch
2.15 p.m.	Question Time and Routine of Business	2.15 p.m.	Question Time and Routine of Business	2.15 p.m.	Question Time and Routine of Business
	Government Business (if completed, Community Recognition Statements for up to 30 minutes, followed by Private Members' Statements if required)		Government Business (if completed, Community Recognition Statements for up to 30 minutes, followed by Private Members' Statements if required)	At 4.00 p.m.	Community Recognition Statements for up to 30 minutes, followed by Private Members' Statements if required)
					Petition Debate
					Community Recognition Statements (if completed, proceed to Private Members' Statements)
5.00 p.m.	Public Interest Debate	5.00 p.m.	Public Interest Debate		Private Members' Statements
Approx. 5.45 p.m.	Community Recognition Statements (if completed, proceed to Private Members' Statements)	Approx. 5.45 p.m.	Community Recognition Statements (if completed, proceed to Private Members' Statements)		Adjournment at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements
	Private Members' Statements		Private Members' Statements		
	Adjournment at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements		Adjournment at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements		

**98. FRIDAY SITTINGS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>98.</b> On any Friday upon which the House sits, whether as a continuation of the sitting of the previous day or as a separate sitting day the following Routine of Business will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Notices of Motions for Government Business</li> <li>(2) Notices of Motions (General Notices)</li> <li>(3) Petitions</li> <li>(4) General Business Notices of Motions for Bills (concluding not later than 10.30 a.m.)</li> <li>(5) From 10.30 a.m. Government Business shall have precedence of all other business in the Routine of Business.</li> <li>(6) No quorums shall be called and any divisions called shall be deferred, set down as orders of the day for the next sitting day and determined after Question Time.</li> <li>(7) At 1.00 p.m. Business before the House is interrupted for consideration of committee reports presented or the next item of business shall be called. Any interrupted item of Government Business shall stand as an order of the day for tomorrow.</li> <li>(8) At 1.30 p.m. Private Members' Statements, after which the House shall adjourn without motion moved until the next sitting day.</li> </ul>	<p>This Standing Order is repealed.</p>

**101. ESTABLISHING PROGRAM FOR GENERAL BUSINESS DAYS**

<b>Current Standing Order</b>	<b>Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order</b>
<p><b>101.</b> The procedure for establishing the program for General Business Days is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) On Wednesdays, Members shall advise the Clerk in writing by 12.00 noon which General Business Notices of Motions for Bills, Orders of the Day for Bills, or Notices of Motions (not for Bills) standing in their name on the Business Paper are to be postponed. Party Whips may also advise the Clerk in writing of which items of General Business standing in the name of Members of their party are to be postponed.</li> <li>(2) The first ten notices on the Business Paper, not advised to be postponed by 12.00 noon on the day preceding a General Business Day, will be deemed to be proceeding. Any General Business Order of the Day for Bills or General Business Notice of Motion re-ordered by the House to have precedence in accordance with Standing Orders 97 and 106 will retain such precedence.</li> <li>(3) On any day when General Business is being considered by the House, a Member may, without debate:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) withdraw or postpone any notice of motion standing in their name on the Business Paper for that day.</li> <li>(b) postpone, or on motion, discharge an Order of the Day standing in their name of the Business Paper for that day.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><b>101.</b> The procedure for establishing the program for General Business Days is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) On Wednesdays, Members shall advise the Clerk in writing by 12.00 noon which General Business Notices of Motions for Bills, Orders of the Day for Bills, or Notices of Motions (not for Bills) standing in their name on the Business Paper are to be postponed. Party Whips may also advise the Clerk in writing of which items of General Business standing in the name of Members of their party are to be postponed.</li> <li>(2) The first ten notices on the Business Paper, not advised to be postponed by 12.00 noon on the day preceding a General Business Day, will be deemed to be proceeding. Any General Business Order of the Day for Bills re-ordered by the House to have precedence in accordance with Standing Orders 97 and 106 will retain such precedence.</li> <li>(3) On any day when General Business is being considered by the House, a Member may, without debate:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) withdraw or postpone any notice of motion standing in their name on the Business Paper for that day.</li> <li>(b) postpone, or on motion, discharge an Order of the Day standing in their name on the Business Paper for that day.</li> <li>(c) discharge an Order of the Day for a Bill on motion without debate or amendment, "That the Order of the Day be discharged and the Bill withdrawn".</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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**105. PRECEDENCE AND LAPSING OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

<b>Current Standing Order</b>	<b>Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order, with the additional removal of an unnecessary reference to Notice of Motion in (2)</b>
<p><b>105.</b></p> <p>(1) General Business Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day shall retain their relative places on the Business Paper and be considered in the order in which they are given or set down.</p> <p>(2) General Business interrupted by the operation of the Routine of Business shall stand adjourned and be set down as an order of the day for a later time with precedence of other notices and orders.</p> <p>(3) General Business Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day not commenced or completed 12 months from the date given shall lapse.</p>	<p><b>105.</b></p> <p>(1) General Business Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day shall retain their relative places on the Business Paper and be considered in the order in which they are given or set down.</p> <p>(2) General Business interrupted by the operation of the Routine of Business shall stand adjourned and be set down as an Order of the Day for tomorrow with precedence of all other notices and orders, except any General Business Order of the Day accorded precedence for that day in accordance with Standing Order 106.</p> <p>(3) General Business Notices of Motions (for bills) and Orders of the Day (for bills) not commenced or completed 6 months from the date given shall lapse.</p> <p>(4) General Business Notices of Motions (not being bills) and Orders of the Day (not being bills) not commenced or completed 3 months from the date given shall lapse.</p>



**106. RE-ORDERING GENERAL BUSINESS ORDERS OF THE DAY (FOR BILLS)**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>106.</b> At the re-ordering of General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills) and General Business (Notices of Motions) in the Routine of Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Any two Private Members may move to re-order their order of the day for resumption of the debate on their bill to be granted precedence of other orders of the day on the following sitting day.</li> <li>(2) Any two Private Members may move to re-order the Member’s general business notice of motion to be granted precedence of other notices on the following sitting day.</li> <li>(3) The carrying of one motion in (1) or (2) above prevents another Member moving a subsequent motion.</li> <li>(4) On a motion for re-ordering, the Member in charge of the bill or notice of motion shall be permitted to make a statement of up to 5 minutes and one other Member may reply for up to 5 minutes.</li> </ol>	<p><b>106.</b> At the re-ordering of General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills) in the Routine of Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Any two Private Members may move to re-order an Order of the Day for a bill of which they have carriage, to give precedence to the resumption of the debate over other Orders of the Day listed for the following sitting day.</li> <li>(2) The carrying of one motion in (1) above prevents another Member moving a subsequent motion.</li> <li>(3) On a motion for re-ordering, the Member in charge of the bill shall be permitted to make a statement of up to 3 minutes and one other Member may reply for up to 3 minutes.</li> </ol>

**107. DEBATE ON GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICES OF MOTIONS OR ORDERS OF THE DAY (NOT BEING BILLS)**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>107.</b></p> <p>(1) On General Business Days, from 11.45 a.m., the House shall consider General Business Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day (not being Bills).</p> <p>(2) In each debate the following time limits shall apply:</p> <p>Mover - 10 minutes</p> <p>Member next speaking - 10 minutes</p> <p>Four Members - 5 minutes each</p> <p>Reply - 5 minutes</p>	<p><b>107.</b></p> <p>(1) At the time listed in the Routine of Business, the House will consider General Business Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day (not being Bills).</p> <p>(2) In each debate the following time limits shall apply:</p> <p>Mover - 7 minutes</p> <p>Member next speaking - 7 minutes</p> <p>Four Members - 4 minutes each</p> <p>Reply - 4 minutes</p>

**108. PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>108.</b> The procedure for General Business Notices of Motions and Private Members' Statements is as follows:</p> <p>(1) At the commencement of the sittings on Tuesday, Private Members' Statements will follow the giving of General Business Notices of Motions.</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>(a) At 5.45 p.m. on Wednesday, at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday and at 1.30 p.m. on Friday, the business before the House shall be interrupted for the taking of Private Members' Statements.</p> <p>(b) The interrupted business shall stand as an order of the day for tomorrow.</p>	<p><b>108.</b> The procedure for Private Members' Statements is as follows:</p> <p>(1) In accordance with the Routine of Business, the Speaker shall ask if there are any Private Members' Statements.</p> <p>(2) Up to 75 Private Members' Statements may be made over any one sitting week, within the time allocated in the Routine of Business, for up to 5 minutes each and replies by Ministers shall be limited to 1 minute each.</p> <p>(3) Private Members' Statements may be taken between items of business with the leave of the House for a specified period or a specified</p>

<p>(c) If at the time of interruption a division is in progress – that division shall be completed.</p> <p>(3) The Speaker shall ask if there are any Private Members’ Statements.</p> <p>(4) Up to 16 Members may speak for up to 5 minutes each and replies by Ministers shall be limited to 2 minutes each.</p> <p>(5) Private Members’ Statements may be taken between items of business with the leave of the House for a specified period or a specified number of Members or until certain business is to be conducted as notified by the Minister in charge of the House at that time.</p> <p>(6) A division on any question or quorum call shall not be permitted during Private Members’ Statements.</p> <p>(7) At the conclusion of Private Members’ Statements on Thursday and Friday or at the time for adjournment the House shall adjourn without motion moved until the next sitting day.</p>	<p>number of Members or until certain business is to be conducted as notified by the Minister in charge of the House at that time.</p> <p>(4) A division on any question or quorum call shall not be permitted during Private Members’ Statements.</p>
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**108A. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION STATEMENTS**

<p><b>No current Standing Order</b></p>	<p><b>Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order, with an additional amendment allowing for each Member to make four written CRS each sitting day, increased from two</b></p>
	<p><b>108A.</b> The procedure for Community Recognition Statements is as follows:</p> <p>(1) Community Recognition Statements must not contain:</p> <p>(a) Matters of policy;</p> <p>(b) Requests for the Government or the House, or another body to</p>

	<p>take some form of action or not; or</p> <p>(c) Criticisms or negative reflections on any person, including Members, Office Holders, the Government, the Opposition or a third party.</p> <p><b>Written Statements</b></p> <p>(2) Each Member can make four written Community Recognition Statements each sitting day.</p> <p>(3) Statements must be lodged electronically with the Table Office by 12.00 noon on a sitting day for publication in Hansard that day.</p> <p>(4) Written statements must not exceed 200 words.</p> <p>(5) A statement not conforming with the rules or with the practice of the House can:</p> <p>(a) Under the authority of the Speaker, be amended by the Clerk.</p> <p>(b) Be ordered by the Speaker not to be included in Hansard.</p> <p><b>Statements given in the House</b></p> <p>(6) In accordance with the Routine of Business, the Speaker will ask if there are any Community Recognition Statements.</p> <p>(7) Members may not give consecutive Community Recognition Statements.</p> <p>(8) Members may make Community Recognition Statements for up to 1 minute each, for a total of 30 minutes.</p> <p>(9) Community Recognition Statements may be taken between items of business with the leave of the House for a specified period or a specified number of Members or until certain business is to be conducted as</p>
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	notified by the Minister in charge of the House at that time.
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**109. PUBLIC INTEREST DEBATES (FORMERLY MOTIONS ACCORDED PRIORITY)**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order								
<p><b>109.</b> The procedure for consideration of Motions Accorded Priority shall be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(2) No more than two notices shall be accepted at any one sitting of the House.</li> <li>(3) The notices shall be set down for consideration later in the sitting in accordance with the Routine of Business.</li> <li>(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 <b>“That the motion of the Member for ... be accorded priority”</b>.</li> <li>(c) If this motion is carried the Member may proceed.</li> <li>(d) If the motion is not carried the question <b>“That the motion of the Member for ...be accorded priority”</b> is then put on the next motion.</li> <li>(5) When the motion for priority is determined and the motion is</li> </ol>	<p><b>109.</b> The procedure for the consideration of Public Interest Debates shall be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The notice of motion for debate must be submitted to the Speaker by 12.00 noon on the day of the debate.</li> <li>(2) The motion will be submitted by:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Government – sitting day Tuesdays</li> <li>(b) Opposition – first and second sitting day Wednesdays</li> <li>(c) Cross bench – third sitting day Wednesdays</li> </ol> </li> <li>(3) The Speaker will determine whether the notice is in order.</li> <li>(4) By 1.45 p.m., the Speaker will publish the notice of motion.</li> <li>(5) The Speaker will announce the subject matter of the notice of motion in the House prior to Question Time.</li> <li>(6) The following time limits shall apply to the debate:               <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Mover</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 7 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Six other Members</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 5 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reply</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 3 minutes each</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 40 minutes</td> </tr> </table> </li> <li>(7) At least one Member speaking in the debate must be from the cross bench</li> </ol>	Mover	- 7 minutes	Six other Members	- 5 minutes	Reply	- 3 minutes each	Total	- 40 minutes
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Total	- 40 minutes								

<p>moved, the following time limits shall apply:</p> <p>Mover - 7 minutes</p> <p>Member next speaking - 7 minutes</p> <p>Other Members (limited to two) - 5 minutes</p> <p>Reply - 5 minutes</p> <p>Total - 29 minutes</p>	
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**110. MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>110.</b> The procedure for Matters of Public Importance is as follows:</p> <p>(1) The matter, which must be definite, shall be handed in writing to the Speaker no later than 12.00 noon on days when the House discusses a Matter of Public Importance and immediately published.</p> <p>(2) The Speaker, in the event that more than one matter is submitted, shall determine which matter is of the greatest public importance.</p> <p>(3) At least 30 minutes prior to the time for Question Time –</p> <p>(a) the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the responsible Minister in the House, Members submitting matters and the Independent Members shall be informed in writing by the Speaker of the matter determined by the Speaker to be discussed.</p> <p>(b) the Speaker, by placing a notice on notice boards, shall inform Members of the matter.</p> <p>(4) If the Speaker decides that any matter proposed is in order it shall</p>	<p>This Standing Order is repealed.</p>

<p>be announced to the House by the Speaker.</p> <p>(5) As provided in the Routine of Business the Speaker shall call the Member concerned to proceed with the matter. The matter cannot be amended.</p> <p>(6) The following time limit shall apply:</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Member submitting matter</td> <td>- 7 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member next speaking</td> <td>- 7 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One other Member</td> <td>- 5 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reply</td> <td>- 5 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>- 24 minutes</td> </tr> </table> <p>(7) At the conclusion of the discussion no question shall be put.</p> <p>(8) There shall be no dissent from the ruling of the Speaker in relation to the operation of this Standing Order.</p> <p>(9) A division on any question or quorum call shall not be permitted during Matters of Public Importance.</p>	Member submitting matter	- 7 minutes	Member next speaking	- 7 minutes	One other Member	- 5 minutes	Reply	- 5 minutes	Total	- 24 minutes	
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Total	- 24 minutes										

**119. LODGEMENT OF PAPER PETITIONS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>119.</b> A petition must be lodged with the Clerk by 12 noon on the day it is to be reported to the House.</p>	<p><b>119.</b> A paper petition must be lodged with the Clerk by 12.00 noon on the day it is to be reported to the House.</p>

**119A. LODGEMENT OF ELECTRONIC PETITIONS**

No Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
	<p><b>119A.</b> An electronic petition is considered to be lodged with the Clerk once the petition is</p>

	no longer open for signatures.
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**120. CLERK'S CERTIFICATE – PAPER PETITIONS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<b>120.</b> A petition must bear the Clerk's certification that it is in conformity with the Standing Orders.	<b>120.</b> A paper petition must bear the Clerk's certification that it is in conformity with the Standing Orders.

**120A. CONFORMITY WITH THE STANDING ORDERS – ELECTRONIC PETITIONS**

No Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
	<b>120A.</b> An electronic petition is in conformity with the Standing Orders when it is open for signatures.

**121. CONTENTS OF PAPER PETITIONS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<b>121.</b> A petition must: (1) Be legible and contain no alterations. (2) Be in English or be accompanied by a translation certified to be correct by the lodging Member. (3) Contain the request of the petitioner(s). (4) Contain the names and addresses of the petitioner(s) and their own original signatures on sheets containing the petition or the request and they must not be pasted	<b>121.</b> A paper petition must: (1) Be legible and contain no alterations. (2) Be in English or be accompanied by a translation certified to be correct by the lodging Member. (3) Contain the request of the petitioner(s). (4) Contain the names and addresses of the petitioner(s) and their own original signatures on sheets containing the petition or the request and they must not be pasted



<p>on or otherwise transferred to the petition.</p> <p>A petitioner unable to write may affix their mark in the presence of a witness who shall list their own name and address as well as the name and address of the petitioner.</p> <p>(5) Contain at least one signature on the same sheet as the request.</p> <p>(6) Be respectful, decorous, and temperate in its language, and not contain irrelevant statements.</p> <p>(7) If from a corporation, be made under its common seal.</p> <p>(8) Be received only as the petition of the parties signing the same.</p>	<p>on or otherwise transferred to the petition.</p> <p>A petitioner unable to write may affix their mark in the presence of a witness who shall list their own name and address as well as the name and address of the petitioner.</p> <p>(5) Contain at least one signature on the same sheet as the request.</p> <p>(6) Be respectful, decorous, and temperate in its language, and not contain irrelevant statements.</p> <p>(7) If from a corporation, be made under its common seal.</p> <p>(8) Be received only as the petition of the parties signing the same.</p>
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**121A. CONTENTS OF ELECTRONIC PETITIONS**

<p><b>No Current Standing Order</b></p>	<p><b>Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order, with an amendment to provide ePetitions be open for three, twelve or twenty four weeks.</b></p>
	<p><b>121A.</b> An electronic petition must:</p> <p>(1) Be in English.</p> <p>(2) Contain the request of the petitioner expressed in no more than 250 words.</p> <p>(3) Be respectful, decorous, and temperate in its language, and not contain irrelevant statements.</p> <p>(4) Be supported by at least five people before it is open to the public for signatures, with the petitioner and all signatories residents of New South Wales.</p> <p>(5) Be open for signatures for a period of three, twelve or twenty four weeks.</p> <p>(6) Be received only as the petition of the parties signing the same.</p>

**122. PETITIONS MUST NOT CONTAIN**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>122.</b> A petition must not:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Have letters, affidavits, or other documents attached to it, except if it is a petition for a private bill.</li> <li>(2) Make reference to any debate in Parliament.</li> <li>(3) Be lodged by a Member who has signed the petition as a petitioner.</li> <li>(4) Contain language disrespectful to either House or the Governor.</li> </ol>	<p><b>122.</b> A paper petition or electronic petition must not:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Have letters, affidavits, or other documents attached to it, except if it is a petition for a private bill.</li> <li>(2) Make reference to any debate in Parliament.</li> <li>(3) Be lodged by a Member who has signed the paper petition as a petitioner.</li> <li>(4) Contain language disrespectful to either House or the Governor.</li> </ol>

**123. PROCEDURE FOR LODDEMENT AND PRESENTATION OF PAPER PETITIONS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>123.</b> The procedure for the lodging and presentation of a petition is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Member must be acquainted with the contents of the petition.</li> <li>(2) The Member must ensure that the petition is in conformity with the Standing Orders.</li> <li>(3) The Member must sign the front sheet and, if applicable, certify that the petition has been signed by 500 or more persons.</li> <li>(4) The petition may be lodged for presentation with the Clerk.</li> <li>(5) In the House the Clerk shall announce that petitions have been received.</li> </ol>	<p><b>123.</b> The procedure for the lodging and presentation of a paper petition is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Member must be acquainted with the contents of the paper petition.</li> <li>(2) The Member must ensure that the paper petition is in conformity with the Standing Orders.</li> <li>(3) The Member must sign the front sheet and, if applicable, certify that the paper petition has been signed by 500 or more persons.</li> <li>(4) The paper petition may be lodged for presentation with the Clerk.</li> </ol>

<p>(6) The terms of the petition presented shall be printed in Hansard and in the Votes and Proceedings.</p> <p>(7) No discussion upon the subject matter of a petition shall be allowed, except by way of substantive motion.</p>	<p>(5) In the House the Clerk shall announce that paper petitions have been received.</p> <p>(6) The terms of the paper petition presented shall be printed in Hansard and in the Votes and Proceedings.</p> <p>(7) No discussion upon the subject matter of a paper petition shall be allowed, except in accordance with Standing Order 125A or by way of substantive motion.</p>
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**123A. PROCEDURE FOR LODGEMENT AND PRESENTATION OF ELECTRONIC PETITIONS**

No Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
	<p><b>123A.</b> The procedure for the lodging and presentation of an electronic petition is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Member must be acquainted with the contents of the electronic petition.</li> <li>(2) The Member must agree to present the electronic petition.</li> <li>(3) The electronic petition is considered presented after it is no longer open for signatures.</li> <li>(4) In the House the Clerk shall announce that electronic petitions have been received.</li> <li>(5) The terms of the electronic petition presented shall be printed in Hansard and in the Votes and Proceedings.</li> <li>(6) No discussion upon the subject matter of an electronic petition shall be allowed, except in accordance with Standing Order 125A or by way of substantive motion.</li> </ol>

**124. PETITIONS DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>124.</b> Petitions shall be deemed to be received by the House unless a motion, moved on the next sitting day (not being a Friday), is agreed to, without debate or amendment, that a petition be not received.</p>	<p><b>124.</b> Paper petitions and electronic petitions shall be deemed to be received by the House unless a motion, moved on the next sitting day, is agreed to, without debate or amendment, that a petition be not received.</p>

**125. REFERRAL TO MINISTER AND RESPONSE**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>125.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A copy of every petition lodged with the Clerk and received by the House shall be referred to the Minister responsible for the administration of the matter which is the subject of the petition.</li> <li>(2) The Minister must lodge a response with the Clerk within 35 calendar days of a petition being received by the House if that petition has been signed by 500 or more persons.</li> <li>(3) The receipt of the response shall be reported to the House by the Clerk and a copy of the response sent to the Member who lodged the petition. The response shall also be published.</li> </ol>	<p><b>125.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A copy of every paper petition and electronic petition lodged with the Clerk and received by the House shall be referred to the Minister responsible for the administration of the matter which is the subject of the petition or electronic petition.</li> <li>(2) The Minister must lodge a response with the Clerk within 35 calendar days of a paper petition or electronic petition being received by the House if that paper petition or electronic petition has been signed by 500 or more persons.</li> <li>(3) The receipt of the response shall be reported to the House by the Clerk and a copy of the response sent to the Member who lodged the paper petition or electronic petition. The response shall also be published.</li> </ol>

**125A. DEBATE ON PETITIONS SIGNED BY 10,000 OR MORE PERSONS**

No Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order										
	<p><b>125A.</b></p> <p>(1) The subject matter of every paper petition or electronic petition received by the House and certified by a Member and announced by the Speaker as having been signed by 10,000 or more persons, 20,000 or more persons for electronic petitions, shall be automatically set down as an Order of the Day "That the House take note of the petition".</p> <p>(2) The Order of the Day shall take place at 4.00 p.m. on the Thursday of the next sitting week.</p> <p>(3) Any further paper or electronic petitions received before the first Order of the Day is disposed of shall be set down on succeeding Thursdays in the order in which they are presented.</p> <p>(4) The following time limits shall apply:</p> <table data-bbox="906 1458 1348 1697"> <tr> <td>First speaker</td> <td>- 5 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Four other members</td> <td>- 5 minutes each</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Response by Minister</td> <td>- 3 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First speaker in reply</td> <td>- 2 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>- 30 minutes</td> </tr> </table> <p>(5) If a Member does not seek the call when the Order of the Day is called on, the Order of the Day will lapse.</p>	First speaker	- 5 minutes	Four other members	- 5 minutes each	Response by Minister	- 3 minutes	First speaker in reply	- 2 minutes	Total	- 30 minutes
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**131. QUESTION TIME (ORAL QUESTIONS)**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>131.</b> The procedure for Question Time is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Questions are asked orally and may be read and are subject to the same rules as written questions but shall not be recorded in the Questions and Answers Paper.</li> <li>(2) An answer to a question must not exceed five minutes.</li> <li>(3) At the conclusion of the Minister's answer to a question, the Member who asked the question may, at the discretion of the Speaker, seek additional information from the Minister. The Minister's response on the additional information must not exceed two minutes.</li> <li>(4) The Speaker has discretion at any time during a Minister's answer to order that the timing clock be paused.</li> <li>(5) No question shall be asked after 45 minutes from the Speaker calling on questions or the answering of 10 questions whichever is the longer.</li> <li>(6) One supplementary question per Question Time may be asked immediately by the Member asking the original question. The answer shall count as one of the 10 answers.</li> <li>(7) The Leader of the Opposition is entitled to be called first by the Speaker at the commencement of Question Time.</li> <li>(8) Ministers seeking to provide additional information to questions</li> </ol>	<p><b>131.</b> The procedure for Question Time is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Questions are asked orally and may be read and are subject to the same rules as written questions but shall not be recorded in the Questions and Answers Paper.</li> <li>(2) An answer to a question must not exceed five minutes.</li> <li>(3) At the conclusion of the Minister's answer to a question, the member who asked the question may, at the discretion of the Speaker, seek additional information from the Minister. The Minister's response on the additional information must not exceed two minutes.</li> <li>(4) No question shall be asked after 45 minutes from the Speaker calling on questions or the answering of 10 questions whichever is the longer.</li> <li>(5) One supplementary question per Question Time may be asked immediately by the Member asking the original question. The answer shall count as one of the 10 answers.</li> <li>(6) The Leader of the Opposition is entitled to be called first by the Speaker at the commencement of Question Time.</li> <li>(7) Ministers seeking to provide additional information to questions already answered at the current or a previous sitting shall do so at the conclusion of Question Time.</li> </ol>

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**133. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>133.</b></p> <p>(1) A notice of motion for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) A bill;</li> <li>(b) Government Business;</li> <li>(c) No confidence in the Government, Minister or Speaker, or censure of Member or Speaker;</li> <li>(d) Business with Precedence, (SO 118) with the exception of motions of condolence and the printing of papers; and</li> <li>(e) A General Notice to be the subject of a motion for reordering must be given verbally at the time prescribed in the Routine of Business and show the date for moving the motion.</li> </ul> <p>(2) Notices of Motions (General Notices) may only be given when called for at the commencement of the sitting each day.</p>	<p><b>133.</b></p> <p>(1) A notice of motion for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) A bill;</li> <li>(b) Government Business;</li> <li>(c) No confidence in the Government, Minister or Speaker, or censure of Member or Speaker; and</li> <li>(d) Business with precedence (SO 118) with the exception of motions of condolence and the printing of papers must be given verbally at the time prescribed in the Routine of Business.</li> </ul> <p>(2) General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) May only be given when called for at the time prescribed in the Routine of Business each day;</li> <li>(b) The period for giving a General Business Notice of Motion (General Notice) must not exceed thirty seconds;</li> <li>(c) The period for the giving of General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) is limited to a maximum of 15 minutes. The Speaker has discretion to allow the giving of notices to exceed this 15 minute period.</li> </ul>

**141. POSTPONEMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>141.</b> A notice of motion shall be postponed or withdrawn at the direction of the Member who gave the notice, or by another Member with the written authority of that Member, during the placing or disposal of business or when called on.</p>	<p><b>141.</b></p> <p>(1) A notice of motion shall be postponed or withdrawn at the direction of the Member who gave the notice, or by another Member with the written authority of that Member, during the placing or disposal of business or when called on.</p> <p>(2) On any day when General Business is being considered by the House the Speaker has discretion to postpone any notice of motion if the Member is absent from the Chamber.</p>

**149. PREVIOUS QUESTION**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>149.</b> Any question may be superseded by a motion “<b>That the question be not now put</b>”. If this motion is carried in the affirmative the next item of business shall be called on and if negatived the question shall be put immediately (with no reply from the mover).</p>	<p>This Standing Order is repealed.</p>

**150. PREVIOUS QUESTION ON SERIES OF RESOLUTIONS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>150.</b> If the previous question is moved on the first of a series of separate questions to be put seriatim the decision on the first question shall be conclusive as regards the other questions.</p>	<p>This Standing Order is repealed.</p>



**178. ENTITLEMENT TO VOTE**

Current Standing Order	Change consequential to the adoption of current Sessional Order 180 as a Standing Order
<p><b>178.</b> A Member shall only be entitled to vote in a division if present in the House after the doors are locked.</p>	<p><b>178.</b> A Member shall only be entitled to vote in a division if present in the House during the conduct of the division.</p>

**179. VOTE DISALLOWED ON MOTION**

Current Standing Order	Change consequential to the adoption of current Sessional Order 180 as a Standing Order
<p><b>179.</b> A Member’s vote may be disallowed, by way of substantive motion moved without notice after the division is completed, on the grounds that the Member was not present in the House after the doors were locked.</p>	<p><b>179.</b> A Member’s vote may be disallowed, by way of substantive motion moved without notice after the division is completed, on the grounds that the Member was not present in the House during the conduct of the division.</p>

**180. PROCEDURE FOR DIVISION**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order, with the additional amendment that the division bells are to be rung for 4 minutes, with a further 6 minutes.
<p><b>180.</b> When a division has been called for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Speaker shall order the division bells to be rung for 4 minutes.</li> <li>(2) Members present shall be seated – Ayes to the right and Noes to the left of the Chair.</li> <li>(3) After the time has expired the Speaker shall order the doors to be locked.</li> <li>(4) The Speaker shall put the question.</li> <li>(5) The Speaker shall appoint two tellers for each side.</li> </ol>	<p><b>180.</b> When a division has been called for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Speaker shall state the question and appoint two tellers for each side.</li> <li>(2) Tellers may not decline to be appointed unless excused by the Speaker.</li> <li>(3) The Speaker shall order the division bells to be rung for 4 minutes and will allow a further 6 minutes for all Members voting in the division to reach the Chamber.</li> </ol>

<p>(6) Tellers may not decline to be appointed unless excused by the Speaker.</p> <p>(7) In the event of the tellers not agreeing, other tellers shall be appointed until there is agreement.</p> <p>(8) After counting the votes the tellers shall hand up the lists, signed by them, to the Speaker who shall declare the result of the division.</p> <p>(9) No Member shall enter or leave the Chamber until after the doors are unlocked.</p>	<p>(4) Members shall present themselves by entering the left and right doors to the Chamber from Speaker’s Square– Ayes to the right and Noes to the left of the Chair.</p> <p>(5) After registering their vote with the tellers, each Member will exit via the Chamber side doors to the Speaker’s corridor and the Wentworth Room.</p> <p>(6) If, after the 10 minutes allocated for Members to proceed to the Chamber, Members are still arriving to vote, the duration of the time allocated for the division may be extended at the Speaker’s discretion.</p>
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**185. SUCCESSIVE DIVISIONS**

Current Standing Order	Change consequential to the adoption of current Sessional Order 180 as a Standing Order
<p><b>185.</b> If a second division is called for and the bells rung following limited or no intervening debate after an earlier division and sufficient time has elapsed after the division bell has been rung, the Speaker may, with the leave of the House, order the doors to be locked and the vote taken.</p>	<p><b>185.</b> If a second division is called for and the bells rung following limited or no intervening debate after an earlier division and sufficient time has elapsed after the division bell has been rung, the Speaker may, with the leave of the House, order the vote taken.</p>

**188. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>188.</b> The procedure for the introduction and the passage of a bill up to its agreement in principle is as follows:</p> <p>(1) The title of a bill must agree with the notice of intention to present it, and every clause must come within the title. It shall not be necessary to</p>	<p><b>188.</b> The procedure for the introduction and the passage of a bill up to the mover’s second reading speech is as follows:</p> <p>(1) The title of a bill must agree with the notice of intention to present it, and every clause must come within the title. It shall not be necessary to</p>

<p>specify in the long title every Act which it is proposed to amend.</p> <p>(2) A notice of motion to introduce is given. It is sufficient for the mover to read the short title.</p> <p>(3) The motion to introduce the bill shall include the long title.</p> <p>(4) The question “<b>That this bill be now introduced</b>” shall be put without debate or amendment.</p> <p>(5) The bill as introduced shall correspond with the notice of motion.</p> <p>(6) 3 copies of the bill shall be handed to the Clerk.</p> <p>(7) The bill shall be printed, with an explanatory note if applicable, without motion put.</p> <p>(8) The motion “<b>That this bill be now agreed to in principle</b>” may be moved forthwith or set down for a later time.</p> <p>(9) Immediately following the mover’s speech the debate shall be adjourned.</p> <p>(10) The mover shall ask the Speaker to fix the resumption of the debate as an Order of the Day for a future day which shall be at least five clear days ahead.</p> <p>(11) On the reading of the Order of the Day a motion may be moved “<b>That this bill be now agreed to in principle</b>” or that the order be postponed or, on motion without notice, that the order be discharged. A further motion may be moved that the bill be withdrawn.</p>	<p>specify in the long title every Act which it is proposed to amend.</p> <p>(2) A notice of motion shall be given: “<b>I give notice of motion to introduce the [short title of the bill]</b>”. It is sufficient for the mover to read the short title.</p> <p>(3) The motion to introduce the bill may be moved on the same day notice is given and shall include the long title.</p> <p>(4) The question “<b>That this bill be now introduced</b>” shall be put without debate or amendment and the bill shall be taken as read a first time without question put.</p> <p>(5) The bill as introduced shall correspond with the notice of motion.</p> <p>(6) Three copies of the bill shall be handed to the Clerk.</p> <p>(7) The bill shall be printed, with an explanatory note if applicable, without motion put.</p> <p>(8) The motion “<b>That this bill be now read a second time</b>” may be moved forthwith or set down for a later time.</p> <p>(9) Immediately following the mover’s second reading speech the debate shall be adjourned.</p> <p>(10) The mover shall ask the Speaker to fix the resumption of the debate as an Order of the Day for a future day which shall be at least five clear days ahead.</p> <p>(11) On the reading of the Order of the Day a motion may be moved “<b>That this bill be now read a second time</b>”, or “<b>That the order be postponed</b>” or, on a motion without notice, “<b>That the order be discharged and the bill be withdrawn</b>”.</p>
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**189. PROCEDURE FOR URGENT BILLS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>189.</b> The procedure for the consideration of a bill as an urgent bill is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Sufficient copies being available to Members, the Member in charge of the bill, after making an agreement in principle speech, may declare a bill to be an urgent bill.</li> <li>(2) The question “<b>That the bill be considered an urgent bill</b>” is put forthwith, no debate or amendment being allowed.</li> <li>(3) If agreed to, the debate in principle and other stages may be proceeded with forthwith or at any time during that or any future sitting of the House.</li> </ol>	<p><b>189.</b> The procedure for the consideration of a bill as an urgent bill is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Sufficient copies being available to Members, the Member in charge of the bill, after making a second reading speech, may declare a bill to be an urgent bill.</li> <li>(2) The question “<b>That the bill be considered an urgent bill</b>” is put forthwith, no debate or amendment being allowed.</li> <li>(3) If agreed to, the second reading debate and other stages may be proceeded with forthwith or at any time during that or any future sitting of the House.</li> </ol>

**193. PROCEDURE FOR COGNATE BILLS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>193.</b> The procedure for two or more bills to be dealt with as cognate bills is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The notice of motion for the bills shall state that the bills are cognate.</li> <li>(2) One motion may be moved and one question put in regard to, respectively, the introduction, the agreement in principle, the consideration in detail and the passing of the bills together.</li> <li>(3) The bills may be considered in detail together.</li> </ol>	<p><b>193.</b> The procedure for two or more bills to be dealt with as cognate bills is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The notice of motion for the bills shall state that the bills are cognate.</li> <li>(2) One motion may be moved and one question put in regard to, respectively, the introduction, the second reading, the consideration in detail stage and the third reading of the bills together.</li> <li>(3) The bills may be considered together in detail.</li> </ol>

**194. SECOND AND THIRD READING OF COGNATE BILLS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>194.</b> An amendment may be moved to a question to agree to bills in principle or to a question on the passing of cognate bills, to leave out one or more of the bills from the question.</p>	<p><b>194.</b> An amendment may be moved to a question on the second or third reading of cognate bills to leave out one or more of the bills from the question.</p>

**195. SEPARATE QUESTIONS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>195.</b> In respect of cognate bills, a Member may move a motion for the question to be put on the agreement in principle or the passing of cognate bills as separate questions.</p>	<p><b>195.</b> In respect of cognate bills, a Member may move a motion for the question to be put on the second or third reading of cognate bills as separate questions.</p>

**198. AMENDMENT - REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>198.</b> Amendments may be moved to the question “That this bill be now agreed to in principle” to leave out all words after the word “That” and adding words to refer the bill to a committee (as specified).</p>	<p><b>198.</b> Amendments may be moved to the question “That this bill be now read a second time” to leave out all words after the word “That” and adding words to refer the bill to a committee (as specified).</p>

**199. DISPOSAL OF BILL**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>199.</b> An amendment may be moved to the question “That this bill be now agreed to in principle” to leave out all words after “That” and adding “this bill be disposed of”. No</p>	<p><b>199.</b> An amendment may be moved to the question “That this bill be now read a second time” to leave out all words after “That” and adding “this bill be disposed of”. No</p>

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**200. AMENDMENT - DEFERRAL OF QUESTION**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<b>200.</b> An amendment may be moved to the question “That this bill be now agreed to in principle” to leave out the word “now” and adding a later time.	<b>200.</b> An amendment may be moved to the question “That this bill be now read a second time” to leave out the word “now” and adding a later time.

**202. DISCHARGE OF ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF SECOND BILL**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<b>202.</b> An Order of the Day for the agreement in principle (or any subsequent stage of a bill) having been discharged and the bill ordered to be withdrawn, the House may direct on motion for another bill to be brought in.	<b>202.</b> An Order of the Day for the second reading (or any subsequent stage of a bill) having been discharged and the bill withdrawn, the House may direct on motion for another bill to be brought in.

**203. PROCEEDINGS AFTER THE SECOND READING**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<b>203.</b> After agreement in principle, unless: (1) A Member requests consideration of the bill in detail; or (2) The Member in charge of the bill: (a) moves a motion for consideration in detail pro forma; or (b) requests the Speaker to set down consideration of the bill in detail as an Order of the Day for a later time; or	<b>203.</b> After the second reading, the Member in charge of the bill shall move forthwith, without debate or amendment, “ <b>That this bill be now read a third time</b> ” unless: (1) A Member requests consideration of the bill in detail; or (2) The Member in charge of the Bill: (a) moves a motion for consideration in detail pro forma; or (b) requests the Speaker to set down consideration of the bill in detail

<p>(3) A motion is moved, without notice or debate, and agreed to <b>“That this bill be not passed”</b>. The Speaker shall declare the bill to have passed the House.</p>	<p>as an Order of the Day for a later time.</p>
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**204. PRO FORMA CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>204.</b> The procedure for dealing with a pro forma consideration in detail is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) After agreement in principle the member in charge of the bill shall move <b>“That the House consider the bill in detail pro forma”</b>. This question shall be put without amendment or debate.</li> <li>(2) The proposed amendments, which have been previously printed, shall be put in one question, without amendment or debate, <b>“That the amendments as printed be inserted in the bill”</b>.</li> <li>(3) If the motion is agreed to the bill shall be reprinted in its amended form, set down for reconsideration and, on reconsideration, be dealt with as if considered for the first time.</li> <li>(4) If the question for the pro forma consideration, or for the inclusion of the amendments is negated, the bill shall be proceeded with in consideration in detail in the usual manner.</li> </ol>	<p><b>204.</b> The procedure for dealing with a pro forma consideration in detail is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) After the second reading, the Member in charge of the bill shall move <b>“That the House consider the bill in detail pro forma”</b>. The question shall be put without amendment or debate.</li> <li>(2) The proposed amendments, which have been previously printed, shall be put in one question, without amendment or debate, <b>“That the amendments as printed be inserted in the bill”</b>.</li> <li>(3) If the motion is agreed to the bill shall be reprinted in its amended form, set down for reconsideration and, on reconsideration, be dealt with as if considered for the first time.</li> <li>(4) If the question for the pro forma consideration, or for the inclusion of the amendments is negated, the bill shall be proceeded with in consideration in detail in the usual manner.</li> </ol>

**217. RECONSIDERATION IN WHOLE OR PART**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>217.</b> After consideration in detail a bill may be reconsidered in whole or in part by amendment to the motion <b>“That this bill be now passed”</b>.</p>	<p><b>217.</b> After consideration in detail a bill may be reconsidered in whole or in part by amendment to the motion <b>“That this bill be now read a third time”</b>.</p>

**218. BILL PASSES**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>218.</b> After the motion <b>“That this bill be now passed”</b> has been agreed to after consideration in detail no further question shall be put.</p>	<p><b>218.</b> After the third reading no further question shall be put, and the bill shall have passed the House.</p>

**220. CLERK’S CERTIFICATE**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>220.</b> A bill having passed the House, the Clerk shall certify, at the top of the first page <b>“This public [or private] bill, originated in the Legislative Assembly and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.”</b></p>	<p><b>220.</b> A bill having been read a third time, the Clerk shall certify, at the top of the first page <b>“That this public [or private] bill, originated in the Legislative Assembly and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.”</b></p>

**229. PROCEDURE IN THE ASSEMBLY FOR COUNCIL BILLS**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>229.</b>                      (1) When the message from the Council forwarding a bill for concurrence is reported, the bill shall be introduced without motion put.</p>	<p><b>229.</b>                      (1) When the message from the Council forwarding a bill for concurrence is reported, the bill shall be introduced</p>



<p>(2) A message forwarding a private member’s public bill or a private bill from the Council cannot be reported until the Speaker is advised which Member of the Assembly will have carriage of the bill.</p> <p>(3) A motion “<b>That this bill be now agreed to in principle</b>” may be moved forthwith or made an Order of the Day for a later time.</p> <p>(4) A truncated agreement in principle speech may be given if the bill is received in the same form as introduced into the Council.</p> <p>(5) Immediately following the mover’s agreement in principle speech, the debate may be adjourned or proceeded with forthwith.</p> <p>(6) If adjourned, the resumption of the debate shall be set down as an Order of the Day for a later time.</p> <p>(7) The bill shall then be proceeded with in the same manner as a bill originating in the Assembly.</p>	<p>and read a first time without motion put.</p> <p>(2) A message forwarding a private member’s public bill or a private bill from the Council cannot be reported until the Speaker is advised which Member of the Assembly will have carriage of the bill. Once reported the bill will be set down as an Order of the Day.</p> <p>(3) A motion “<b>That this bill be now read a second time</b>” may be moved forthwith or made an Order of the Day for a later time. Except in the case of a private member’s bill which can only be moved when it is called on in accordance with the Routine of Business.</p> <p>(4) A truncated second reading speech may be given if the bill is received in the same form as introduced into the Council.</p> <p>(5) Immediately following the mover’s second reading speech, the debate may be adjourned or proceeded with forthwith.</p> <p>(6) If adjourned, the resumption of the debate shall be set down as an Order of the Day for a later time.</p> <p>(7) The bill shall then be proceeded with in the same manner as a bill originating in the Assembly.</p>
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**238. PROCEEDINGS AFTER CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>238.</b> After consideration in detail the Member in charge of the Bill may:</p> <p>(1) Request the Speaker to set down the motion “<b>That this bill be now</b></p>	<p><b>238.</b> After consideration in detail, the Member in charge of the bill may:</p> <p>(1) Request the Speaker to set down the motion “<b>That this bill be now</b></p>

<p><b>passed</b>” as an order of the day for a later time; or</p> <p>(2) Move the motion “<b>That this bill be now passed</b>” forthwith.</p>	<p><b>read a third time</b>” as an order of the day for a later time; or</p> <p>(2) Move the motion “<b>That this bill be now read a third time</b>” forthwith.</p>
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**246. ESTIMATES COMMITTEES**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>246.</b></p> <p>(1) On a motion of a Minister, during the agreement in principle debate on the Appropriation Bill, the House may appoint Estimates Committees.</p> <p>(2) The Estimates Committees shall examine and report on proposed expenditures from the Consolidated Fund for each organisational unit for each Minister listed in the tabled Estimates, and the corresponding clauses and Schedules of the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill which shall stand referred to the appropriate committee.</p> <p>(3) The report of each Estimates Committee shall state whether the votes of each organisational unit in the Estimates and the corresponding clauses and schedules in the Appropriation Bill are recommended or otherwise.</p> <p>The failure of an Estimates Committee to report on any part of the votes shall be deemed to be a report recommending the proposed expenditure.</p> <p>(4) The Chair of each Committee or a Member deputed by the Chair shall, after the committee has concluded its deliberations and after the question on the agreement in</p>	<p><b>246.</b></p> <p>(1) On a motion of a Minister, during the second reading debate on the Appropriation Bill, the House may appoint Estimates Committees.</p> <p>(2) The Estimates Committees shall examine and report on proposed expenditures from the Consolidated Fund for each organisational unit for each Minister listed in the Tabled Estimates, and the corresponding clauses and schedules in the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill which shall stand referred to the appropriate committee.</p> <p>(3) The report of each Estimates Committee shall state whether the votes of each organisational unit in the Estimates and the corresponding clauses and schedules in the Appropriation Bill are recommended or otherwise.</p> <p>The failure of an Estimates Committee to report on any part of the votes shall be deemed to be a report recommending the proposed expenditure.</p> <p>(4) The Chair of each Committee or a Member deputed by the Chair shall, after the committee has concluded its deliberations and after the question on the second reading of</p>

<p>principle of the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill has been agreed to, present the Committee's report to the Speaker in the House.</p> <p>The Speaker shall set down consideration of the reports in detail with the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill respectively as an Order of the Day.</p> <p>(5) Consideration of a report in detail shall be deemed to be consideration of those clauses and schedules of the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill referred to that Estimates Committee.</p> <p>(6) When considering a report in detail:</p> <p>(a) The Speaker shall put the question in respect of each Committee report, "That the report of the (name of the Committee) be adopted".</p> <p>(b) A Member may speak for a maximum of 5 minutes and the Minister in reply may speak for a maximum of 15 minutes on each of the questions.</p> <p>(c) Those clauses and schedules of the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill not referred to an Estimates Committee shall be considered as one question, "That the remaining clauses and schedules of the Bill be agreed to".</p>	<p>the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill has been agreed to, present the Committee's report to the Speaker in the House.</p> <p>The Speaker shall set down consideration of the reports in detail with the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill respectively as an Order of the Day.</p> <p>(5) Consideration of a report in detail shall be deemed to be consideration of those clauses and schedules of the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill referred to that Estimates Committee.</p> <p>(6) When considering a report in detail:</p> <p>(a) The Speaker shall put the question in respect of each Committee report, "That the report of the (name of the Committee) be adopted".</p> <p>(b) A Member may speak for a maximum of 5 minutes and the Minister in reply may speak for a maximum of 15 minutes on each of the questions.</p> <p>(c) Those clauses and schedules of the Appropriation Bill and the Parliamentary Appropriation Bill not referred to an Estimates Committee shall be considered as one question, "That the remaining clauses and schedules of the Bill be agreed to".</p>
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**249A. MEMBER REMOVED FROM THE CHAMBER**

No current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
	<p><b>249A.</b> The Speaker may direct a Member who is grossly disorderly to leave the Chamber for up to three hours. The direction shall not be open to debate or dissent.</p>

**273A. SUBSTITUTE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

No current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
	<p><b>273A.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Where a member of a Portfolio or a Specialist Standing Committee finds they are unable to continue to sit on the Committee temporarily they may stand down for a period of time, or for a particular inquiry, and a member may be appointed by the House as their substitute for the period concerned.</li> <li>(2) If the House is not sitting, the member unable to attend a meeting of the Committee may, in writing to the Chair of the Committee, nominate a member to act as a substitute member at that meeting.</li> <li>(3) If the member is incapacitated or unavailable, a letter to the Chair of the Committee nominating a member to act as a substitute member of the Committee may be signed on behalf of the member by the office holders responsible for nominating members to the Committee.</li> <li>(4) The substitute member has all the rights of a Committee member, including to participate in all Committee proceedings and to vote</li> </ol>

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**282. ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>282.</b></p> <p>(1) At the first meeting of a committee a Chair and Deputy Chair shall be elected.</p> <p>(2) The Speaker, upon being advised, shall report the appointments of a committee Chair and a Deputy Chair to the House.</p>	<p><b>282.</b></p> <p>(1) At the first meeting of a committee, or if a vacancy occurs, a Chair and Deputy Chair shall be elected.</p> <p>(2) The Speaker, upon being advised, shall report the appointments of a committee Chair and a Deputy Chair to the House.</p>

**306. COMMITTEE REPORTS, TABLING IN THE HOUSE AND DEBATE**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>306.</b></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 <b>“That the document be printed”</b>. 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</p>	<p><b>306.</b></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 <b>“That the document be printed”</b>. 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</p>

<p>adjournment) as Orders of the Day <b>“That the House take note of the Report”</b>.</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 <b>“That the House take note of the Report”</b> 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>	<p>adjournment) as Orders of the Day <b>“That the House take note of the Report”</b>.</p> <p>(4) Such Orders of the Day may be considered at the time allocated in the Routine of Business on Wednesday for a period of up to 30 minutes. 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 Wednesday 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 6 minutes and any other Member may speak for up to 4 minutes to the question <b>“That the House take note of the Report”</b> with the question being put after 22 minutes. No reply is permitted.</p>
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**323. LEGISLATION COMMITTEES**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>323.</b></p> <p>(1) Immediately after a motion for a bill to be agreed to in principle has been agreed to, any Member may move without notice <b>“That the (name of the bill) be referred to a legislation committee for consideration and report”</b>.</p> <p>(2) A legislation committee shall consider and report to the House on amendments to the clauses and schedules of the bill which it considers could be proposed for consideration in detail, together with a schedule of amendments which should be proposed.</p> <p>(3) A committee shall have a maximum of six Members – three shall be Members representing the Government and three shall be non-Government Members.</p> <p>(4) The Chair and Deputy Chair shall be elected by the committee and shall be Government Members.</p> <p>(5) A quorum shall be four Members.</p> <p>(6) The Chair shall exercise a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote.</p> <p>(7) A committee may meet during the sittings or any adjournment of the House and shall have power to take evidence and call for persons, papers, exhibits and things and to report from time to time.</p> <p>(8) In all other respects a committee shall be conducted in accordance with the general provisions relating to Committees.</p> <p>(9) A committee shall not travel.</p>	<p><b>323.</b></p> <p>(1) Immediately after a motion for a bill to be read a second time has been agreed to, any Member may move without notice <b>“That the (name of the bill) be referred to a legislation committee for consideration and report”</b>.</p> <p>(2) A legislation committee shall consider and report to the House on amendments to the clauses and schedules of the bill which it considers could be proposed for consideration in detail, together with a schedule of amendments which should be proposed.</p> <p>(3) A committee shall have a maximum of six Members – three shall be Members representing the Government and three shall be non-Government Members.</p> <p>(4) The Chair and Deputy Chair shall be elected by the committee and shall be Government Members.</p> <p>(5) A quorum shall be four Members.</p> <p>(6) The Chair shall exercise a deliberative vote, and in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote.</p> <p>(7) A committee may meet during the sittings or any adjournment of the House and shall have power to take evidence and call for persons, papers, exhibits and things and to report from time to time.</p> <p>(8) In all other respects a committee shall be conducted in accordance with the general provisions relating to committees.</p> <p>(9) A committee shall not travel.</p>

<p>(10) The Minister having portfolio responsibility for the bill shall provide the committee with such drafting and support services as requested by the committee.</p> <p>(11) A committee shall table its final report no later than 6 months from the date of the committee's establishment.</p> <p>(12) When the Chair tables the final report of a committee the Speaker shall set down its consideration in detail as an Order of the Day with the bill.</p> <p>(13) If the House is not sitting at the time of report the chair shall forward such report to the Clerk for report at the next sitting of the House.</p>	<p>(10) The Minister having portfolio responsibility for the bill shall provide the committee with such drafting and support services as requested by the committee.</p> <p>(11) A committee shall table its final report no later than 6 months from the date of the committee's establishment.</p> <p>(12) When the Chair tables the final report of a committee the Speaker shall set down its consideration in detail as an Order of the Day with the bill.</p> <p>(13) If the House is not sitting at the time of report the Chair shall forward such report to the Clerk for report at the next sitting of the House.</p>
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**358. PRIVATE BILLS PROCEDURE**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>358.</b> The procedure for the passage of a private bill on petition is as follows:</p> <p>(1) At least 3 months prior to the presentation of the petition, a notice of intention to introduce a bill containing a true statement of the general objects of the bill shall be published once a week for 4 consecutive weeks in the Government Gazette, in at least one major newspaper published in Sydney and in the district affected by the bill of the intention to petition the House to introduce a private bill.</p> <p>(2) The petition, with a printed copy of the proposed bill attached and signed by one or more of the parties applying for the bill shall be</p>	<p><b>358.</b> The procedure for the passage of a private bill on petition is as follows:</p> <p>(1) At least 3 months prior to the presentation of the petition, a notice of intention to introduce a bill containing a true statement of the general objects of the bill shall be published once a week for 4 consecutive weeks in the Government Gazette, in at least one major newspaper published in Sydney and in the district affected by the bill.</p> <p>(2) The petition, with a printed copy of the proposed bill attached and signed by one or more of the parties applying for the bill shall be presented and received by the House.</p>



<p>presented and received by the House.</p> <p>(3) The petition must contain:</p> <p>(a) Proof of the publication of the notice in the Government Gazette and the newspapers.</p> <p>(b) A true statement of the general objects of the bill.</p> <p>(c) A request to introduce the bill.</p> <p>(4) When the petition has been received, notice of motion for the introduction of the bill shall be given, and such bill shall be brought in within 30 days.</p> <p>(5) The motion for the introduction of a private bill cannot be objected to and the motion cannot be amended or debated.</p> <p>(6) Before being introduced, the bill shall be printed and sufficient copies shall be delivered to the Clerk.</p> <p>(7) Before being introduced, and from time to time thereafter, the Clerk shall be entitled to claim such expenses from the promoters of the bill as the Clerk deems reasonable.</p> <p>(8) After being introduced, the bill by motion on notice shall be referred to a select committee.</p>	<p>(3) The petition must contain:</p> <p>(a) proof of the publication of the notice in the Government Gazette and the newspapers.</p> <p>(b) a true statement of the general objects of the bill.</p> <p>(c) a request to introduce the bill.</p> <p>(4) When the petition has been received, notice of motion for the introduction of the bill shall be given, and such bill shall be brought in within 30 days.</p> <p>(5) The motion for the introduction of the bill cannot be objected to and the motion cannot be amended or debated.</p> <p>(6) Before being introduced and read a first time, the bill shall be printed and sufficient copies shall be delivered to the Clerk.</p> <p>(7) Before being introduced and read a first time, and from time to time thereafter, the Clerk shall be entitled to claim such expenses from the promoters of the bill as the Clerk deems reasonable.</p> <p>(8) After the first reading, the bill by motion on notice shall be referred to a select committee.</p>
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**360. PRIVATE BILLS – SPECIAL RULES**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>360.</b> In the select committee:</p> <p>(1) The committee shall require proof of the allegations contained in the preamble.</p> <p>(2) The Chair shall have a deliberative and a casting vote.</p>	<p><b>360.</b> In the select committee:</p> <p>(1) The committee shall require proof of the allegations contained in the preamble.</p> <p>(2) The Chair shall have a deliberative and a casting vote.</p>

<p>(3) Every petition in reference to the bill shall be deemed to be referred to the committee.</p> <p>(4) After taking evidence a question shall be put from the Chair – <b>“That the preamble be agreed to”</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) If the question passes in the negative, the committee shall not proceed further with the bill and report accordingly.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) If the question is resolved in the affirmative the committee shall consider the clauses of the bill and any amendments may be proposed.</p> <p>(5) The committee having reported in favour of the bill, it shall be proceeded with as in the case of public bills, and a later time set down for the bill to be agreed to in principle.</p>	<p>(3) Every petition in reference to the bill shall be deemed to be referred to the committee.</p> <p>(4) After taking evidence a question shall be put from the Chair – <b>“That the preamble be agreed to”</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) If the question passes in the negative, the committee shall not proceed further with the bill and report accordingly.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) If the question is resolved in the affirmative the committee shall consider the clauses of the bill and any amendments may be proposed.</p> <p>(5) The committee having reported in favour of the bill, it shall be proceeded with as in the case of public bills, and a later time set down for the second reading.</p>
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**366. PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES**

Current Standing Order	Current Sessional Order proposed to be adopted as a Standing Order
<p><b>366.</b> Parliamentary Secretaries may act on behalf of Ministers and references to Ministers in the standing and Sessional Orders shall be taken to include references to Parliamentary Secretaries except in respect of the following Standing Orders::</p> <p>2(9) Inform the House when the Governor will give reasons for opening of Parliament</p> <p>11(3) Inform the House when the Governor will receive the House with its new Speaker</p> <p>26 Front bench reserved for Ministers</p> <p>34 Days and hours of sitting</p> <p>46 Adjournment of the House</p> <p>90 Issue a notification for the allocation of time</p>	<p><b>366.</b> Parliamentary Secretaries may act on behalf of Ministers and references to Ministers in the Standing and Sessional Orders shall be taken to include references to Parliamentary Secretaries except in respect of the following Standing Orders:</p> <p>2(9) Inform the House when the Governor will give reasons for opening of Parliament</p> <p>11(3) Inform the House when the Governor will receive the House with its new Speaker</p> <p>26 Front bench reserved for Ministers</p> <p>34 Days and hours of sitting</p> <p>46 Adjournment of the House</p> <p>90 Issue a notification for the allocation of time</p>

UPDATES TO THE STANDING ORDERS

Changes to the Standing Orders

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110(3)	Matters of Public Importance	112	No confidence in a Minister
112	No confidence in a Minister	125	Petitions
125	Petitions	126	Questions to Ministers
126	Questions to Ministers	131(5)	Oral Questions
131 (5)	Oral Questions	132	Time for lodging answers to written questions
132	Time for lodging answers to written questions	189	Declare a bill urgent
189	Declare a bill urgent	190,	Governor's message not
190,	Governor's message not	243	required for Appropriation and taxing bills introduced by a Minister
243	required for Appropriation and taxing bills introduced by a Minister	246(1)	Estimates committees
246(1)	Estimates committees	269	Order for papers
251(1)	Suspension of Member	323(10)	Legislation Committees
269	Order for papers	365(4)	Suspension of Standing Orders (response to motion)
323(10)	Legislation Committees		
365(4)	Suspension of Standing Orders (response to motion)		

# Appendix One – Extracts from Minutes

## **Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee Meeting No. 20 (57<sup>th</sup> Parliament)**

12:00 noon, Thursday 25 March 2021

Jubilee Room, Parliament House

### **Members present:**

The Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP, Speaker (Chair)

The Hon. Mark Speakman MP

Mr Greg Piper MP

Mr Lee Evans MP

Mr Ryan Park MP

Mr Michael Daley MP

Mr Adam Crouch MP

Mr David Mehan MP (on behalf of Ms Anna Watson MP)

### **Officers in attendance:**

Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk

Ms Carly Maxwell, Clerk-Assistant, House and Procedure

Mr Simon Johnston, Director, House and Procedure

Mr John Young, Director, House and Procedure

Mr Ben Foxe, Manager, House and Procedure

### **Other attendees (by previous resolution of the Committee)**

Mr Paul Blanch, Office of the Speaker

Ms Georgia Luk, Office of the Speaker

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:07 pm.

### **1. Apologies**

Ms Steph Cooke MP, Mr Mark Coure MP, Ms Anna Watson MP and the Hon. Leslie Williams MP.

The Committee resolved, on the motion of Mr Daley: That, pursuant to Standing Order 295(1), Mr David Mehan MP, Deputy Opposition Whip, be authorised to attend the meeting.

### **2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The Committee resolved, on the motion of Mr Piper, seconded by The Speaker: That the draft Minutes of Meeting No. 19 be confirmed.

3. ...

4. ...

5. ...

**6. Inquiry – Modernisation and reform of Legislative Assembly practices and procedures, and the operation of the House and its committees**

The Committee discussed the inquiry and the scope and resources required for a full rewrite of the Standing Orders.

The Committee agreed that at the next meeting the Clerk would provide a briefing paper identifying:

- The sessional orders that could be directly incorporated into the standing orders; and
- A priority list of the standing orders requiring review.

**7. ...**

**8. Next meeting**

Proposed for the next sitting in May 2021.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:02pm.

**Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee Meeting No. 21 (57<sup>th</sup> Parliament)**

12:00 noon, Thursday 13 May 2021

Jubilee Room, Parliament House

**Members present:**

The Hon. Leslie Williams MP

Ms Steph Cooke MP

Mr Mark Coure MP

Mr Adam Crouch MP

Mr Lee Evans MP

Mr Ryan Park MP

Mr Greg Piper MP

The Hon. Mark Speakman MP

**Officers in attendance:**

Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk

Ms Carly Maxwell, Clerk-Assistant, House and Procedure

Mr Simon Johnston, Director, House and Procedure

Mr John Young, Director, House and Procedure

Mr Ben Foxe, Manager, House and Procedure

Ms Jenny Whight, Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms, House and Procedure

**Other attendees (by previous resolution of the Committee)**

Mr Paul Blanch, Office of the Speaker

Ms Georgia Luk, Office of the Speaker

Mr Alexander Gibson, Office of the Leader of the House

Ms Williams opened the meeting at 12:08 pm.

**1. Apologies**

The Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP, Speaker, Ms Anna Watson MP and Mr Michael Daley MP.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The Committee resolved, on the motion of Mr Evans, seconded by Mr Park: That the draft Minutes of Meeting No. 20 be confirmed.

3. ...

4. ...

**5. Inquiry – Modernisation and reform of Legislative Assembly practices and procedures, and the operation of the House and its committees**

The Deputy Speaker referred the Committee to the briefing papers regarding the Sessional and Standing Orders, included with the meeting papers.

The Committee discussed Sessional Orders that could be directly incorporated into the Standing Orders.

Mr Speakman stated that Sessional Order 180 should be considered for adoption as a Standing Order.

The Clerk noted that the Committee may wish to further consider the content of Sessional Order 85, prior to adopting the Sessional Order as a Standing Order.

Discussion ensued.

The Committee agreed that the list of Sessional Orders in the briefing paper should be considered further for adoption as Standing Orders, with the addition of Sessional Order 180.

The Committee resolved, on the motion of Mr Crouch, seconded by Mr Speakman: That the Clerk draft a report of the Committee proposing to the House that it adopt as Standing Orders those Sessional Orders agreed to by the Committee at this meeting.

The Committee discussed the briefing note concerning Standing Orders needing priority review.

The Committee resolved, on the motion of Ms Cooke, seconded by Mr Piper: That, the Clerk prepare briefing papers for the Committee on Standing Orders 10, 95, 264 to 271, and Sessional Order 47A.

6. ...

7. ...

**8. Next meeting**

Proposed for the June 2021 sitting weeks.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 12:44pm.

**Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee Meeting No. 22 (57<sup>th</sup> Parliament)**

1:00 pm, Friday 23 July 2021

Held via Webex videoconferencing

**Members present (all by Webex):**

The Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP  
 The Hon. Leslie Williams MP  
 Ms Steph Cooke MP  
 Mr Mark Coure MP  
 Mr Adam Crouch MP  
 Mr Michael Daley MP (from 1.21pm)  
 Mr Lee Evans MP  
 Mr Ron Hoenig MP  
 Mr Greg Piper MP  
 The Hon. Mark Speakman MP  
 Ms Anna Watson MP

**Officers in attendance (all by Webex):**

Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk  
 Ms Carly Maxwell, Deputy Clerk  
 Mr Simon Johnston, A/Clerk-Assistant, House and Procedure  
 Mr John Young, Director, House and Procedure  
 Mr Ben Foxe, Manager, House and Procedure

**Other attendees (by previous resolution of the Committee, and all by Webex)**

Ms Georgia Luk, Office of the Speaker  
 Mr Amer Nasr, Office of the Leader of the House  
 Mr Ben Sheath, Office of the Government Whip  
 Mr Dylan Parker, for Office of the Manager of Opposition Business

Mr Speaker opened the meeting at 1:02 pm.

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

The Committee resolved, on the motion of Mr Coure, seconded by Mr Crouch: That the draft Minutes of Meeting No. 21 be confirmed.

The Chair advised the Committee that, on 23 June 2021, Mr Hoenig had been appointed to serve on the Committee in place of Mr Park.

2. ...

3. ...

**4. Inquiry – Modernisation and reform of Legislative Assembly practices and procedures, and the operation of the House and its committees**

...

*Outcome of the trial of adjournment after Private Members' Statements rather than Community Recognition Statements*

The Committee noted that the trial of the adjournment after Private Members' Statements rather than Community Recognition Statements in June had been successful, and should be reflected in the Standing Orders.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Crouch, seconded by Mr Daley: That, the Committee recommend to the House in report 4/57 that Standing Orders be amended to provide for the adjournment of the House at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements.

*Procedure for and operation of divisions in the House*

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Speakman, seconded by Mr Crouch, That, the Committee recommend to the House in report 4/57 that Standing Orders be amended to provide the procedure for divisions in Sessional Order 180, including necessary consequential changes.

*Adoption of sessional orders as standing orders, and consideration of draft committee report*

The Speaker referred the Committee to the draft committee report 4/57, covering the sessional orders previously agreed by the Committee to be formalised as standing orders.

Following a suggestion from Mr Coure, the Committee agreed that the number of written Community Recognition statements able to be submitted by members each sitting day be increased from two to four, and that the required amendments be made to the report.

The Committee agreed to defer the further consideration of the report to the next meeting.

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**8. Next meeting**

Proposed for the end of August 2021.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2:03pm.

**Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee Meeting No. 23 (57<sup>th</sup> Parliament)**

11:30 am, Tuesday 24 August 2021  
Held via Webex videoconferencing



**Members present (all by Webex):**

The Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP  
 The Hon. Leslie Williams MP  
 Ms Steph Cooke MP (from 12:27 pm)  
 Mr Mark Coure MP  
 Mr Adam Crouch MP  
 Mr Michael Daley MP  
 Mr Lee Evans MP  
 Mr Ron Hoenig MP  
 Mr Greg Piper MP  
 The Hon. Mark Speakman MP  
 Ms Anna Watson MP

**Officers in attendance (all by Webex):**

Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk  
 Ms Carly Maxwell, Deputy Clerk  
 Mr Simon Johnston, A/Clerk-Assistant, House and Procedure  
 Mr John Young, Director, House and Procedure  
 Mr Ben Foxe, Director, House and Procedure  
 Ms Jenny Whight, Senior Parliamentary Officer, House and Procedure

**Other attendees (by previous resolution of the Committee, and all by Webex)**

Mr Paul Blanch, Office of the Speaker  
 Ms Georgia Luk, Office of the Speaker  
 Mr Amer Nasr, Office of the Leader of the House  
 Mr Ben Sheath, Office of the Government Whip

By concurrence of the Committee, Mr Scott Fuller, Senior Program Manager, Digital Transformation, Department of Parliamentary Services, attended the meeting for item three.

Mr Speaker opened the meeting at 11:32 am.

**1. Apologies**

Mr Crouch advised Ms Cooke would be an apology.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The Committee resolved, on the motion of Mr Piper, seconded by Mr Coure: That, the draft Minutes of Meeting No. 22 be confirmed.

**3. ...**

**4. ...**

**5. Inquiry – Modernisation and reform of Legislative Assembly practices and procedures, and the operation of the House and its committees**

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*Adoption of sessional orders as standing orders, and consideration of draft committee report*

The Speaker referred the Committee to the draft Committee report.

Discussion on the draft Committee report resumed from previous meeting.

The Speaker noted that at the previous meeting the Committee agreed for changes to be made to the report to provide for four written community recognition statements per sitting day, increased from the current two.

Mr Hoenig requested that the Committee consider further in detail whether the procedure for the re-ordering of General Business Notices of Motions should be retained in the Standing Orders.

Mr Daley requested that the Committee consider further in detail whether the procedures for the Matter of Public Importance and the Motion Accorded Priority should be retained in the Standing Orders.

The Committee agreed that these matters would be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding Sessional Order 180, Procedure for Divisions, and the times provided under 180 for the House to conduct a division.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Speakman, seconded by Mr Crouch: That, the report be amended to provide that for the procedure for divisions, the division bells should be rung for six minutes, with a further four minutes allowed for all Members to reach the chamber (a total of ten minutes for a division), with the Speaker retaining discretion to further extend the time allocated for the division.

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**10. Next meeting**

Proposed for mid September 2021.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:01 pm.

**Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee Meeting No. 24 (57<sup>th</sup> Parliament)**

12 pm, Thursday 23 September 2021  
Held via Webex videoconferencing

**Members present (all by Webex):**

The Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP  
The Hon. Leslie Williams MP  
Ms Steph Cooke MP  
Mr Mark Coure MP  
Mr Adam Crouch MP  
Mr Michael Daley MP  
Mr Lee Evans MP  
Mr Ron Hoenig MP  
Mr Greg Piper MP  
The Hon. Mark Speakman MP

**Officers in attendance (all by Webex):**

Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk  
Ms Carly Maxwell, Deputy Clerk  
Mr Simon Johnston, A/Clerk-Assistant, House and Procedure  
Mr John Young, Director, House and Procedure  
Mr Ben Foxe, Director, House and Procedure  
Ms Amanda Alam, Manager, House and Procedure

**Other attendees (by previous resolution of the Committee, and all by Webex)**

Mr Paul Blanch, Office of the Speaker  
Ms Georgia Luk, Office of the Speaker  
Mr Amer Nasr, Office of the Leader of the House  
Mr Ben Sheath, Office of the Government Whip

By concurrence of the Committee, Mr Scott Fuller, Senior Program Manager, Digital Transformation, Department of Parliamentary Services, attended the meeting to speak to item six.

Mr Speaker opened the meeting at 12:04 pm.

**1. Apologies**

Ms Anna Watson MP.

The Committee agreed that, pursuant to Standing Order 295(1), Mr David Mehan MP, Deputy Opposition Whip, be authorised to attend the meeting.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The Committee resolved, on the motion of Mr Piper, seconded by Mr Speakman: That, the draft Minutes of Meeting No. 23 be confirmed.

**3. ...**

**4. Inquiry – Modernisation and reform of Legislative Assembly practices and procedures, and the operation of the House and its committees**

...

*Review of the ePetitions process*

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Mr Coure moved, seconded by Mrs Williams: That, the draft report concerning the formalisation of Sessional Orders to Standing Orders be amended to recommend that the petition sessional orders be formalised as standing orders.

Discussion ensued.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Cooke, Coure, Crouch, Evans, O'Dea, Speakman, Williams.

Noes: Daley, Hoenig, Piper.

Mr Mehan advised that he agreed with those members voting in the negative.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

*Adoption of sessional orders as standing orders, and consideration of draft committee report*

Discussion on the draft Committee report, as circulated, resumed from previous meeting.

The Speaker noted that at the previous meeting the Committee agreed to discuss in further detail whether the procedures for the re-ordering of General Business Notices of Motions (S.O. 106), the Matter of Public Importance (109) and the Motion Accorded Priority (110) should be retained in the Standing Orders.

At the request of the Committee, the Clerk confirmed that the current 5 pm time for the Public Interest Debate is set within the Routine of Business Sessional Order (97).

Discussion ensued.

Mr Hoenig moved: That, the report be amended to include an amendment to Standing Order 97 to allow for the Public Interest Debate to be held immediately after Question Time and the consideration of Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118, if any, on Tuesday sitting days, and immediately after the Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118, if any, and the reordering of General Business Notices of Motion on Wednesday sitting days.

Discussion ensued.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Daley, Hoenig, Piper.

Noes: Cooke, Coure, Crouch, Evans, O'Dea, Speakman, Williams.

Mr Mehan advised that he agreed with those members voting in the affirmative.

Question resolved in the negative.

Mr Hoenig moved, seconded by Mr Daley: That, the report be amended to recommend that Sessional Order 106 be revoked, and Standing Order 106 be reinstated, in order to provide for the reordering of General Business Notices of Motion.

Discussion ensued.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Daley, Hoenig.

Noes: Cooke, Coure, Crouch, Evans, O'Dea, Piper, Speakman, Williams.

Mr Mehan advised that he agreed with those members voting in the affirmative.

Question resolved in the negative.

The Committee agreed that the secretariat would redraft the Chair's draft report to reflect the amendments agreed to by the Committee, and that the amended Chair's draft report would be reconsidered by the Committee at a future meeting.

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**7. Next meeting**

Proposed for 30 September 2021.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:45 pm.

**Unconfirmed Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee Meeting No. 25 (57<sup>th</sup> Parliament)**

12 pm, Thursday 30 September 2021

Held via Webex videoconferencing

**Members present (all by Webex):**

The Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP

The Hon. Leslie Williams MP

Ms Steph Cooke MP

Mr Mark Coure MP

Mr Adam Crouch MP

Mr Michael Daley MP

Mr Lee Evans MP

Mr Ron Hoenig MP

Mr Greg Piper MP

The Hon. Mark Speakman MP

Ms Anna Watson MP

**Officers in attendance (all by Webex):**

Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk

Ms Carly Maxwell, Deputy Clerk

Mr Simon Johnston, A/Clerk-Assistant, House and Procedure

Mr John Young, Director, House and Procedure

Mr Ben Foxe, Director, House and Procedure

Ms Amanda Alam, Manager, House and Procedure

**Other attendees (by previous resolution of the Committee, and all by Webex)**

Mr Paul Blanch, Office of the Speaker

Ms Georgia Luk, Office of the Speaker

Mr Amer Nasr, Office of the Leader of the House

Mr Ben Sheath, Office of the Government Whip

Mr Speaker opened the meeting at 12:03 pm.

**9. Apologies**

None.

**10. Minutes of previous meeting**

The Committee resolved, on the motion of Ms Watson, seconded by Mr Crouch: That, the draft Minutes of Meeting No. 24 be confirmed.

**11. ...**

**12. Inquiry – Modernisation and reform of Legislative Assembly practices and procedures, and the operation of the House and its committees**

*Adoption of Chair's draft report into adoption of sessional orders as standing orders*

The Speaker referred the Committee to the Chair's draft report, as circulated, and noted that in addition to the amendments agreed upon by the Committee at its prior meetings, a consequential change was made to SO 185 (Successive Divisions), to remove the reference to the doors being locked when a successive division is conducted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Piper, seconded by Mr Evans: That,

- a) The Chair's draft report, including the consequential change to Standing Order 185, be adopted as the report of the Committee;
- b) The Chair and Committee staff be permitted to correct stylistic, typographical, consequential and grammatical errors; and
- c) The report be signed by the Chair and presented to the House and that once tabled, be published on the Committee's website.

The Speaker noted that once the report is tabled, the Leader of the House is able to move a motion after Question Time that the amendments to the Standing Orders as recommended in the report be agreed to. After any debate, and should the House agree to the motion, the amendments to the Standing Orders will be conveyed to the Governor for approval.

**13. ...**

**14. ...**

**15. ...**

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:47 pm.