



The Hon. Jonathan O’Dea MP
Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly
Member for Davidson

MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday, 23 April 2020

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Yesterday afternoon I received a letter from the Leader of the House, The Hon. Andrew Constance MP, requesting that I recall the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Sessional Order 47A.

The correspondence outlined the Government’s view that the public interest requires the house to meet to consider urgent legislation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I agree that it is in the public interest to do so and therefore have agreed to the Government’s request for the Legislative Assembly to be recalled.

Today I have notified members that the House will meet on **Tuesday, 12 May 2020 at 12:00pm.**

ENDS

Background information:

Sessional Orders are temporary rules of the Legislative Assembly. They modify or replace certain Standing Orders for the duration of a parliamentary session and have the force of a Standing Order.

Sessional Order 47A was adopted on 24 March 2020.

47A.

(1) When the House is not sitting the Government, in the public interest, may in writing to the Speaker or, in the absence of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, request an alternative day or hour for the next meeting of the House. If satisfied, the Speaker shall:

a. Fix a day and time; and

b. Communicate the day and time to all Members.

(2) The Speaker’s notification to each Member may be by electronic means.

(3) This Sessional Order operates for the remainder of this session.