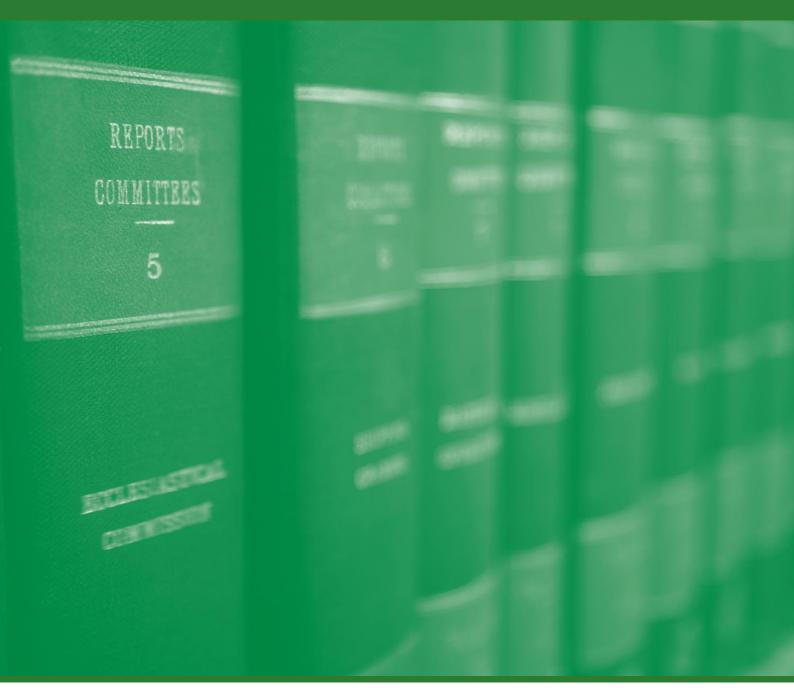


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The motto of the coat of arms for the state of New South Wales is "Orta recens quam pura nites". It is written in Latin and means "newly risen, how brightly you shine".

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Terms of reference

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

Speaker's foreword

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I commend the report and its recommendations to the House.

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The Hon. Shelly Hancock MP Chair

List of recommendations

RECOMMENDATION 1

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

Chapter One – Changes to the Standing Orders

TABLE: SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

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

SO 10: ELECTION OF SPEAKER

		Cui	rrent S	tanding Order				Propo	osed change
Election of Speaker		Elect	ion of	Speak	er				
10.					10.				
Elect 10.	ion of (1) (2) (3)	The S sittin wher The e accor Cons In ad abov	Speake g day of never t election rdance titution dition e men edure s At lea scheo to be nomi office preso after pledg nomi to th At th	r shall be elected on the first of a new Parliament or he office becomes vacant. In of Speaker shall be in with section 31B of the <i>n Act 1902</i> . to the provisions in the tioned section, the following shall apply: ast one week before the duled sitting all Members are enotified by the Clerk that inations will be called for the e of Speaker at the cribed time i.e. immediately Members have taken the ge. A sample copy of the ination form will be attached e notification. e prescribed time on the first of sitting the Clerk will: call for nominations to be delivered to the Clerk at the Table in a sealed envelope by the person nominated or by any other Member. ask the House if it is satisfied that reasonable opportunity has been given for the receipt of nominations. declare nominations to be closed.	Elect	ion of (1) (2) (3)	The sittin when The o acco Cons In ad abov	Speake og day never t electio rdance titutio Idition re men edure At le sche invit their offic the e the r At th	er shall be elected on the first of a new Parliament or the office becomes vacant. In of Speaker shall be in e with section 31B of the <i>n Act 1902</i> . to the provisions in the ationed section, the following shall apply: ast one week before the duled sitting the Clerk shall e all Members to submit nominations for the vacant e by 9.00 am on the day of election; and shall publish names of the nominees. The prescribed time on the first of sitting the Clerk will: announce the number of nominations received. if there is one valid nomination, declare that Member to be elected. if there is more than one valid nomination, announce the fact that a ballot will be required. have ballot papers prepared and initialled. order that the bells be rung as prescribed for the taking of a ballot. call each Member by order of electorate, with
			(iv)	if there is one valid nomination, declare that Member to be elected.					Members proceeding to the Table to collect a ballot paper. The names of
			(v)	if there is more than one valid nomination, announce the fact that a ballot will be required.					Members issued with ballot papers will be crossed off a list.

- (vi) have ballot papers prepared and initialled.
- (vii) order that the bells be rung as prescribed for the taking of a ballot.
- (viii) call each Member by order of electorate, with Members proceeding to the Table to collect a ballot paper. The names of Members issued with ballot papers will be crossed off a list.
- (c) Having received a ballot paper Members will:
 - proceed to the voting booths located at the western end of the Chamber to cast their vote in secret.
 - (ii) place their ballot paper in the locked ballot box on the Table and return to their seat.
- (d) When all Members present have been called, received a ballot paper, voted and placed a ballot paper in the ballot box the Clerk will ask if any Member has not voted and desires to do so. The Clerk will then ask the House if there is any objection to declaring the ballot closed.
- (e) The locked ballot box will then be brought to the Table by the Serjeant-at-Arms and unlocked by the Clerk. The votes will be counted by the Clerk and checked by the Deputy Clerk and Clerk-Assistant. When the counting is completed, the Clerk will report the result of the ballot and the House shall either proceed to further ballots or the Clerk will declare a Member to be elected.

Note: At no time during these proceedings will the Chamber be locked or the sitting suspended.

- (c) Having received a ballot paper Members will cast their vote in secret.
- (d) The Clerk will then declare the ballot closed.
- (e) The votes will be counted by the Clerks and the Clerk will declare a Member to be elected.

Note: At no time during these proceedings will the Chamber be locked or the sitting suspended.

SO 97: ROUTINE OF BUSINESS

	Current Standing Order		Proposed change
Routine of Business		Rout	ine of Business
	he House shall conduct its business in the		he House shall conduct its business in the
follo	wing routine:	follo	wing routine:
Tues	days	<u>Tues</u>	days
1.	At 1.00 p.m. (Speaker takes Chair)	1.	At 1.00 p.m. (Speaker takes Chair)
2.	General Business Notices of Motions and	2.	General Business Notices of Motions and
	Private Members' Statements		Private Members' Statements
3.	At 2.15 p.m. (Speaker resumes Chair)	3.	At 2.15 p.m. (Speaker resumes Chair)
4.	Ministerial Statements	4.	Ministerial Statements
5.	Notices of Motions (Government Business,	5.	Notices of Motions (Government Business,
	Bills, Business with Precedence)		Bills, Business with Precedence)
6.	Notices of Motions to be Accorded Priority	6.	Notices of Motions to be Accorded Priority
7.	Question Time	7.	Question Time
8.	Ministerial Statements	8.	Ministerial Statements
Э.	Papers	9.	Papers
10.	Committee Reports – Tabling of reports and	10.	Committee Reports – Tabling of reports and
	notification of inquiries		notification of inquiries
11.	Petitions	11.	Petitions
12.	Announcement of Matter of Public	12.	Announcement of Matter of Public
	Importance		Importance
13.	Placing or Disposal of Business	13.	Placing or Disposal of Business
14.	Motion Accorded Priority	14.	Motion Accorded Priority
15.	Business with Precedence	15.	Business with Precedence
16.	At 4.30 p.m. Business before the House is	16.	Government Business
	interrupted for Government Business. Any	17.	At 7.00 p.m. Business before the House is
	interrupted business lapses except when the		interrupted for the Matter of Public
	House is considering Business with		Importance. Any interrupted item of
	Precedence which will stand as an order of the		Government Business shall stand as an order
	day for tomorrow.		of the day for tomorrow. If at the time of
17.	At 7.00 p.m. Business before the House is		interruption a division is in progress, that
	interrupted for the Matter of Public	10	division shall be completed.
	Importance. Any interrupted item of Government Business shall stand as an order	18.	Adjournment at 7.30 p.m. or at the conclusic of the Matter of Public Importance, if
	of the day for tomorrow. If at the time of		concluded before 7.30 p.m.
	interruption a division is in progress, that		concidued before 7.50 p.m.
	division shall be completed.	\M/ad	nordays
18.	Adjournment at 7.30 p.m. or at the conclusion	<u>vveu</u> 1.	<u>nesdays</u> At 10.00 a.m. (Speaker takes Chair)
10.	of the Matter of Public Importance, if	1. 2.	General Business Notices of Motions.
	concluded before 7.30 p.m.	۷.	

Government Business concluding at 1.30 p.m.

Any interrupted item of Government Business

1.	At 10.00 a.m. (Speaker takes Chair)		Any interrupted item of Government Business
2.	General Business Notices of Motions.		shall stand as an order of the day for a later
3.	Government Business concluding at 1.30 p.m.		hour of the day. If at the time of interruption a
_	Any interrupted item of Government Business		division is in progress, that division shall be
	shall stand as an order of the day for a later		
	•		completed.
	hour of the day. If at the time of interruption a	4.	At 2.15 p.m. (Speaker resumes Chair)
	division is in progress, that division shall be	5.	Ministerial Statements
	completed.	6.	Notices of Motions (Government Business,
4.	At 2.15 p.m. (Speaker resumes Chair)		Bills, Business with Precedence and notices to
5.	Ministerial Statements		be the subject of a motion to re-order later in
6.	Notices of Motions (Government Business,		the sitting)
	Bills, Business with Precedence and notices to	7.	Notices of Motions to be Accorded Priority
	be the subject of a motion to re-order later in	8.	Question Time
	-		-
_	the sitting)	9.	Ministerial Statements
7.	Notices of Motions to be Accorded Priority	10.	Papers
8.	Question Time	11.	Committee Reports – Tabling of reports and
9.	Ministerial Statements		notification of inquiries
10.	Papers	12.	Petitions
11.	Committee Reports – Tabling of reports and	13.	Announcement of Matter of Public
	notification of inquiries		Importance
12.	Petitions	14.	Re-ordering of General Business Orders of the
13.	Announcement of Matter of Public	14.	Day (for Bills) and General Business (Notices of
15.			Motions)
1.4	Importance	15	
14.	Re-ordering of General Business Orders of the	15.	Placing or Disposal of Business
	Day (for Bills) and General Business (Notices of	16.	Motion Accorded Priority
	Motions)	17.	Business with Precedence
15.	Placing or Disposal of Business	18.	Government Business
16.	Motion Accorded Priority	19.	At 5.45 p.m. Business before the House is
17.	Business with Precedence		interrupted for Private Members' Statements.
18.	At 4.30 p.m. Business before the House is		Any interrupted item of Government Business
	interrupted for Government Business. Any		shall stand as an order of the day for
	interrupted business lapses except when the		tomorrow. If at the time of interruption a
	House is considering Business with		division is in progress, that division shall be
	Precedence which will stand as an order of the		completed.
		20.	•
10	day for tomorrow.	20.	At 7.00 p.m. Business before the House is
19.	At 5.45 p.m. Business before the House is		interrupted for the Matter of Public
	interrupted for Private Members' Statements.		Importance.
	Any interrupted item of Government Business	21.	Adjournment at 7.30 p.m. or at the conclusion
	shall stand as an order of the day for		of the Matter of Public Importance, if
	tomorrow. If at the time of interruption a		concluded before 7.30 p.m.
	division is in progress, that division shall be		
	completed.		
20.	At 7.00 p.m. Business before the House is		
	interrupted for the Matter of Public		
	•		
24	Importance.		
21.	Adjournment at 7.30 p.m. or at the conclusion		
	of the Matter of Public Importance, if		
	concluded before 7.30 p.m.		

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<u>Wednesdays</u>

1.

At 10.00 a.m. (Speaker takes Chair)

SO 109: MOTIONS ACCORDED PRIORITY

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

	Current Standing Order		Proposed change
306. (1)	The report and associated documents of any committee (not being a legislation committee) shall be presented at the time provided in the Routine of Business, or at any other time with	306. (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
(2)	the leave of the House. The Member presenting the report may move "That the document be printed" . This question shall be decided without debate or amendment.	(2)	provided in the Routine of Business, or at any other time with the leave of the House. The Member presenting the report may move "That the document be printed" . This question shall be decided without debate or
(3)	Reports from committees shall stand in the order in which they are presented (or reported by the Clerk when received during an adjournment) as Orders of the Day "That the House take note of the Report" .	(3)	amendment. 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
(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		when received during an adjournment) as Orders of the Day "That the House take note of the Report".
(5)	an Order of the Day for tomorrow. 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	(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.
(6)	tomorrow. When the Order of the Day is called on and not proceeded with, consideration of the report shall be postponed until the next Friday	(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.
	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.	(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
(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	(7)	Order of the Day is called on at that subsequent sitting and is not proceeded with, the question shall be put. If a committee has more than one report on
(8)	consideration of two or more of the committee's reports together. The Member tabling the report may speak for up to 10 minutes and any other Member may speak for up to 5 minutes to the question "That the House take note of the Report" with the question being put after 30 minutes. No reply is permitted.		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.

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

(9) Orders of the Day not commenced completed 12 months from the date shall lapse.		,
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Chapter Two – Changes to the Sessional Orders

TABLE: SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

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

SO 97: ROUTINE OF BUSINESS

	Current Sessional Order	Proposed change	
Routine of Business		Routine of Business	
	he House shall conduct its business in the wing routine:	97. The House shall conduct its business in the following routine:	
	days At 12.00 noon the Speaker takes the Chair Giving of General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) Private Members' Statements At 1.30 p.m. the Speaker leaves the Chair At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair Ministerial Statements Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence) Giving of Notices of Motions to be Accorded Priority Question Time Ministerial Statements Papers Committees – Tabling of reports and notification of inquiries Petitions Announcement of Matter of Public Importance Placing or Disposal of Business Motion Accorded Priority Business with Precedence At 4.00 p.m. Business before the House is interrupted for Government Business. Any interrupted business lapses except when the House is considering Business with Precedence which will stand as an order of the day for tomorrow. At 7.00 p.m. Business before the House is interrupted for Private Members' Statements. Any interrupted item of Government Business shall stand as an order of the day for tomorrow. If at the time of interruption a division is in progress, that division shall be	 Tuesdays At 12.00 noon the Speaker takes the Chair Giving of General Business Notices of Moti (General Notices) Private Members' Statements At 1.30 p.m. the Speaker leaves the Chair At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence) Giving of Notices of Motions to be Accorde Priority Question Time Ministerial Statements Papers Committees – Tabling of reports and notification of inquiries Petitions Announcement of Matter of Public Importance Placing or Disposal of Business Motion Accorded Priority Business with Precedence Government Business At 7.00 p.m. Business before the House is interrupted for Private Members' Stateme Any interrupted item of Government Busin 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. Matters of Public Importance Adjournment at 7.45 p.m. or at the conclus of the Matter of Public Importance, if concluded before 7.45 p.m. 	r ed nts. iess
20.	completed. Matters of Public Importance		

21.	Adjournment at 7.45 p.m. or at the conclusion	\M/od	nesdays
Z1.	of the Matter of Public Importance, if	<u>vveu</u> 1.	
	•	1. 2.	At 10.00 a.m. the Speaker takes the Chair
	concluded before 7.45 p.m.		Giving of Notices of Motions (General Notices)
,. <i>.</i> .	· · · · · · ·	3.	Government Business concluding at 1.15 p.m.
	nesdays		Any interrupted item of Government Business
1.	At 10.00 a.m. the Speaker takes the Chair		shall stand as an order of the day for a later
2.	Giving of Notices of Motions (General Notices)		hour of the day. If at the time of interruption a
3.	Government Business concluding at 1.15 p.m.		division is in progress, that division shall be
	Any interrupted item of Government Business		completed.
	shall stand as an order of the day for a later	4.	Community Recognition Statements
	hour of the day. If at the time of interruption a		concluding at 1.35 p.m.
	division is in progress, that division shall be	5.	At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair
	completed.	6.	Ministerial Statements
4.	Community Recognition Statements	7.	Giving of Notices of Motions (Government
	concluding at 1.35 p.m.		Business, Bills, Business with Precedence, and
5.	At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair		notices to be the subject of a motion to re-
6.	Ministerial Statements		order later in the sitting).
7.	Giving of Notices of Motions (Government	8.	Giving of Notices of Motions to be Accorded
	Business, Bills, Business with Precedence, and		Priority
	notices to be the subject of a motion to re-	9.	Question Time
	order later in the sitting).	10.	Ministerial Statements
8.	Giving of Notices of Motions to be Accorded	10.	
0.	-	11.	Papers
0	Priority	12.	Committees – Tabling of reports and
9.	Question Time	10	notification of inquiries
10.	Ministerial Statements	13.	Petitions
11.	Papers	14.	Announcement of Matter of Public
12.	Committees – Tabling of reports and		Importance
	notification of inquiries	15.	Re-ordering of General Business Orders of the
13.	Petitions		Day (for Bills) and General Business (Notices of
14.	Announcement of Matter of Public		Motions)
	Importance	16.	Placing or Disposal of Business
15.	Re-ordering of General Business Orders of the	17.	Motion Accorded Priority
	Day (for Bills) and General Business (Notices of	18.	Business with Precedence
	Motions)	19.	Government Business concluding at 7.00 p.m.
16.	Placing or Disposal of Business		Any interrupted item of Government Business
17.	Motion Accorded Priority		shall stand as an order of the day for a later
18.	Business with Precedence		time. If at the time of interruption a division is
19.	At 4.00 p.m. business before the House is		in progress, that division shall be
	interrupted for Government Business. Any		completed.
	interrupted business lapses except when the	20.	Private Members' Statements
	House is considering Business with	21.	Government Business concluding at 9.45 p.m.
	Precedence which shall stand as an order of		Any interrupted item of Government Business
	the day for tomorrow.		shall stand as an order of the day for
20.	At 6.30 p.m. the Speaker leaves the Chair. Any		tomorrow. If at the time of interruption a
	interrupted item of Government Business		division is in progress, that division shall be
	shall stand as an order of the day for a later		completed.
	time. If at the time of interruption a division is	22.	Matter of Public Importance
	in progress, that division shall be completed.	~~.	
21.	At 7.00 p.m. the Speaker resumes Chair.		
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 23. Government Business concluding at 9.45 p.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. 24. Matter of Public Importance 25. Adjournment at 10.00 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance if concluded before 10.00 p.m. 	s conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance, if concluded before 10.00 p.m.
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Routine of Business – Standing Order 97

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SO 109: MOTIONS ACCORDED PRIORITY

Current Sessional Order			Proposed change				
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	any v	vritten notices of m	otions to be accorded		any v	written notices of m	notions to be accorded
	prior	ity over the other b	usiness of the House.		prior	ity over the other b	ousiness of the House.
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		of up to 3 minutes	•			of up to 3 minute	•
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			notice, or a quorum				notice, or a quorum
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	(b)	At the conclusion	of the 2 minute		(b)	At the conclusion	of the 2 minute
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(5)	Whe	n the motion for pr	iority is determined	(5)	Whe	n the motion for pr	iority is determined
	and t	he motion is move	d, the following time		and t	the motion is move	d, the following time
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		ber next speaking	– 5 minutes			ber next speaking	– 5 minutes
		other Members	– 3 minutes			other Members	– 3 minutes
	Reply		– 3 minutes		Reply		– 3 minutes
	Total		– 19 minutes		Tota	l	– 19 minutes

(6)	No quorum call will be permitted during the time set aside for a Motion Accorded Priority.	(6)	No quorum call will be permitted during the time set aside for a Motion Accorded Priority.
(7)	The motion will lapse at the time for interruption unless a division is in progress whereupon that division and any other division(s) to determine the matter shall be completed.		

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

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

(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.
(8)	The Member tabling the report may speak for

- (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 "That the House take note of the Report" with the question being put after 22 minutes. No reply is permitted.
- (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.
- (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
 "That the House take note of the Report" with the question being put after 22 minutes. No reply is permitted.

Appendix One – Extracts from Minutes

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

Members present:

The Hon. Shelley Hancock, Speaker (Chair)

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

1. Apologies

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

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

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

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

3. Consideration of proposed changes to Standing and Sessional Orders

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

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

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

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

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

"That the changes to Standing and Sessional Orders, as adopted by the Committee, be the report of the Committee. That it be signed by the Chair and presented to the House; and that once tabled the report be published on the Committee's webpage.

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

4. ...

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

Chair

Clerk