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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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Membership

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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.

Speaker's foreword

When I was elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly earlier this year, I promised Members and the people of New South Wales to pursue meaningful reforms to improve the way in which the Assembly works. I share with the Premier a genuine desire to see reform and higher standards – not just for the 57th Parliament but for the long term.

The proposed sessional orders in this interim report will make significant changes to the way in which the Assembly works. The changes preserve the important scrutiny, representative and legislative functions of the Assembly, while streamlining them and bringing them closer into line with community expectations.

This interim report contains a 'first stage' of changes; later this year the Committee will finalise further changes that require more time to implement. Key among future action is to reform Question Time, something the community deserves and which I am determined to deliver.

The first stage of changes include:

- Earlier start times for sitting days to permit more time to consider Government legislation and to bring about a more predictable day, allowing Members to meet family and community obligations.
- More time for Members to consider and decide on legislation introduced that is not part of the Government's legislative agenda (Private Members' bills) – ninety minutes per week instead of the current sixty minutes. Members will have the ability to bring on a vote on their bill before it lapses.
- More time for Members to raise issues of concern to their electorates – including more opportunities to give community recognition statements (both in writing and verbally).
- A public interest debate at 5pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with subjects for debate provided by the Government, the Opposition and the Cross-bench in rotation. The debate will replace a number of items of business that are not working as effectively as they should - the motion accorded priority; the matter of public importance; and the re-ordering of general business debate.
- Changes to the existing petition discussion for petitions with more than 10,000 signatures to allow for a more comprehensive debate on the issue raised by the petitioners. The petition debate will be held at 4pm on Thursdays.
- Moving the time for debate on Committee reports from Thursday afternoons to Wednesdays before the lunch break.
- Confirmation that the Speaker can 'stop the clock' at any time to maintain order and standards in the House.

- Changes to allow members to introduce more issues for debate (fifteen minutes per day instead of ten minutes for 'general business notices of motions'). The notices will lapse after three months instead of six months, to keep issues more relevant.

The changes proposed in this interim report will be carefully observed and reviewed.

The Committee's reforms will continue. The Committee's next report will see more changes to Question Time to make it more relevant to the people of New South Wales; the introduction of ePetitions; and changes to the way in which Committee reports are required to be responded to by the Government.

I thank members of the Committee from all parties for their collaborative approach to these reforms. I look forward to a more dynamic and responsive Legislative Assembly that demonstrates its continuing importance and relevance to the people of New South Wales.



The Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP

Chair

Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION 1

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

Chapter One – Changes to the Sessional Orders

Routine of Business

<i>Standing Order</i>	<i>Current sessional order</i>	<i>New sessional order</i>
<p>Routine of Business 97. The House shall conduct its business in the following routine: Tuesdays 1. At 1.00 p.m. (Speaker takes Chair) 2. General Business Notices of Motions and Private Members' Statements 3. At 2.15 p.m. (Speaker resumes Chair) 4. Ministerial Statements 5. Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence) 6. Notices of Motion to be Accorded Priority 7. Question Time 8. Ministerial Statements 9. Papers 10. Committee Reports – Tabling of reports and notification of inquiries 11. Petitions 12. Announcement of Matter of Public Importance 13. Placing or Disposal of Business 14. Motion Accorded Priority 15. Business with Precedence 16. Government Business 17. At 7.00 p.m. business before the House is interrupted for the Matter of Public Importance. Any interrupted item of</p>	<p>Routine of Business That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 97 shall read as follows: 97. The House shall conduct its business in the following routine: Tuesdays 1. At 12.00 noon the Speaker takes the Chair 2. Giving of General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) 3. Private Members' Statements up to 1.15 p.m. 4. Community Recognition Statements for up to 30 minutes, then the Speaker leaves the Chair 5. At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair 6. Ministerial Statements 7. Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118) 8. Giving of Notices of Motion to be Accorded Priority 9. Question Time 10. Ministerial Statements 11. Papers 12. Committees – Tabling of reports and announcements 13. Petitions</p>	<p>Routine of Business That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 97 shall read as follows: 97. The House shall conduct its business in the following routine: Tuesdays 1. At 12.00 noon the Speaker takes the Chair 2. Giving of General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices), up to 15 minutes 3. Government Business up to 1.15 p.m., then the Speaker leaves the Chair 4. At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair 5. Ministerial Statements 6. Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118) 7. Question Time 8. Ministerial Statements 9. Papers 10. Committees – Tabling of reports and announcements 11. Petitions</p>

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<p>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>Wednesdays</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At 10.00 a.m. (Speaker takes Chair) 2. General Business Notices of Motions 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. 4. At 2.15 p.m. (Speaker resumes Chair) 5. Ministerial Statements 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) 7. Notices of Motion to be Accorded Priority 8. Question Time 9. Ministerial Statements 10. Papers 11. Committee Reports –Tabling of reports and notification of inquiries 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Placing or Disposal of Business 15. Motion Accorded Priority 16. Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118, if any 17. Government Business 18. Private Members’ Statements, after which the House shall adjourn without motion until the next sitting day. <p>Wednesdays</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At 10.00 a.m. the Speaker takes the Chair 2. Giving of General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) 3. Government Business up to 1.15 p.m. 4. Community Recognition Statements for up to 30 minutes, then the Speaker leaves the Chair 5. At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair 6. Ministerial Statements 7. Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118, and General Business Notices of Motion to be the subject of a motion to re-order later in the sitting) 8. Giving of Notices of Motion to be Accorded Priority 9. Question Time 10. Ministerial Statements 11. Papers 12. Committees – Tabling of reports and announcements 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Placing or Disposal of Business 13. Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118, if any 14. Government Business (if completed, proceed to Private Members' Statements) 15. At 5 p.m., Public Interest Debate 16. Government Business (if required) 17. Private Members' Statements 18. Community Recognition Statements for up to 30 minutes after which the House shall adjourn without motion until the next sitting day. <p>Wednesdays</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At 9.30 a.m. the Speaker takes the Chair 2. Giving of General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) up to 15 minutes 3. Government Business 4. At 12.45 p.m., Committee Reports – Take note debates, for up to 30 minutes, then the Speaker leaves the Chair 5. At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair 6. Ministerial Statements 7. Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business

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<p>16. Business with Precedence</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>19. Adjournment at 6.30 p.m. or at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements, if before 6.30 p.m.</p>	<p>9. Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118)</p> <p>10. Question Time</p> <p>11. Ministerial Statements</p> <p>12. Papers</p> <p>13. Committees – Tabling of reports and announcements</p> <p>14. Petitions</p> <p>15. Placing or Disposal of Business</p> <p>16. Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118, if any</p> <p>17. Committee Reports – Take note debates for a period of up to 30 minutes</p> <p>18. Matter of Public Importance</p> <p>19. Community Recognition Statements</p> <p>20. At 4.30 p.m., Business of the House – Petitions</p> <p>21. Community Recognition Statements (if not completed)</p> <p>22. Private Members' Statements, after which the House shall adjourn without motion until the next sitting day.</p> <p>Friday sittings That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 98 shall be suspended.</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.</p> <p>7. At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker resumes the Chair</p> <p>8. Ministerial Statements</p> <p>9. Giving of Notices of Motions (Government Business, Bills, Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118)</p> <p>10. Question Time</p> <p>11. Ministerial Statements</p> <p>12. Papers</p> <p>13. Committees – Tabling of reports and announcements</p> <p>14. Petitions</p> <p>15. Placing or Disposal of Business</p> <p>16. Business with Precedence under Standing Order 118, if any</p> <p>17. Private Members' Statements</p> <p>18. At 4.00 p.m., Petition Debate</p> <p>19. Private Members' Statements</p> <p>20. Community Recognition Statements for up to 30 minutes after which the House</p>

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		<p>shall adjourn without motion until the next sitting day.</p> <p>Friday sittings That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 98 shall be suspended.</p>
<p>Bells 35. The timing for bells is as follows: <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. <u>Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays</u> Bells are rung at 9.45 a.m. 9.56 a.m. and at 9.58 a.m. <u>After lunch</u> Bells are rung at 2.00 p.m. and at 2.13 p.m. <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. <u>Quorum</u> One long continuous bell (for up to four minutes until a quorum is present in the Chamber). <u>House adjournment</u> Two short bells.</p>	<p>Bells That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 35 shall read as follows: 35. The timing for bells is as follows: <u>Tuesdays</u> Bells are rung at 11.45 a.m. for 20 seconds and at 11.58 a.m. for 60 seconds. <u>Wednesdays</u> Bells are rung at 9.45 a.m. for 20 seconds and at 9.58 a.m. for 60 seconds. <u>Thursdays</u> Bells are rung at 9.45 a.m. for 20 seconds and at 9.58 a.m. for 60 seconds. <u>After lunch</u> Bells are rung at 2.00 p.m. for 20 seconds and at 2.13 p.m. for 60 seconds. <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>Bells That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 35 shall read as follows: 35. The timing for bells is as follows: <u>Tuesdays</u> Bells are rung at 11.45 a.m. for 20 seconds and at 11.58 a.m. for 60 seconds. <u>Wednesdays</u> Bells are rung at 9.45 a.m. for 20 seconds and at 9.58 a.m. for 60 seconds. Bells are rung at 9.15 a.m. for 20 seconds and at 9.28 a.m. for 60 seconds. <u>Thursdays</u> Bells are rung at 9.45 a.m. for 20 seconds and at 9.58 a.m. for 60 seconds. Bells are rung at 9.15 a.m. for 20 seconds and at 9.28 a.m. for 60 seconds. <u>After lunch</u> Bells are rung at 2.00 p.m. for 20 seconds and at 2.13 p.m. for 60 seconds. <u>Division</u></p>

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<p><u>One long bell</u> A continuous bell rung at the discretion of the Chair.</p>	<p><u>Quorum</u> One long continuous bell (for up to four minutes until a quorum is present in the Chamber). <u>House adjournment</u> Two short bells. <u>One long bell</u> A continuous bell rung at the discretion of the Chair.</p>	<p>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. One continuous bell for four minutes, after which the doors are locked. <u>Quorum</u> One long continuous bell (for up to four minutes until a quorum is present in the Chamber). <u>House adjournment</u> Two short bells. <u>One long bell</u> A continuous bell rung at the discretion of the Chair.</p>
<p>Adjournment and next meeting 46. 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>Adjournment and next meeting That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 46 shall read as follows: 46. Unless otherwise ordered, the House shall be adjourned without motion moved at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements.</p>	<p>Adjournment and next meeting That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 46 shall read as follows: 46. Unless otherwise ordered, the House shall be adjourned without motion moved at the conclusion of Private Members' Statements Community Recognition Statements.</p>
<p>Notices of Motion 133. (1) A notice of motion for:</p>	<p>Notices of Motion 133.</p>	<p>Notices of Motion 133.</p>

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<p>(a) A bill; (b) Government Business; (c) No confidence in the Government, Minister or Speaker, or censure of Member or Speaker; (d) Business with Precedence, (SO 118) with the exception of motions of condolence and the printing of papers; and (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. (2) Notices of Motions (General Notices) may only be given when called for at the commencement of the sitting each day.</p>	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 133 shall read as follows: 133. (1) A notice of motion for: (a) A bill; (b) Government Business; (c) No confidence in the Government, Minister or Speaker, or censure of Member or Speaker; (d) Business with precedence (SO 118) with the exception of motions of condolence and the printing of papers; and (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. (2) General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices): (a) May only be given when called for at the time prescribed in the Routine of Business each day; (b) The period for giving General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) is limited to a maximum of 10 minutes. The Speaker has discretion to allow the giving of notices to exceed this 10 minutes period.</p>	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 133 shall read as follows: 133. (1) A notice of motion for: (a) A bill; (b) Government Business; (c) No confidence in the Government, Minister or Speaker, or censure of Member or Speaker; (d) Business with precedence (SO 118) with the exception of motions of condolence and the printing of papers; and (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. (2) General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices): (a) May only be given when called for at the time prescribed in the Routine of Business each day; (b) The period for giving General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) is limited to a maximum of 10 15 minutes. The Speaker has discretion to allow the giving of notices to exceed this 10 15 minutes period.</p>
<p>Restrictions on divisions 187. (1) The House shall not conduct a division on any question before 10.30 a.m. on days when the House meets at an earlier time, or during</p>	<p>Restrictions on divisions That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 187 shall read as follows:</p>	<p>Restrictions on divisions That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 187 shall read as follows:</p>

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<p>Private Members' Statements. If a division is called prior to 10.30 a.m. on such days, the division shall be deferred and conducted at 10.30 a.m. and any business then before the House shall be interrupted and recommenced after the division(s).</p> <p>(2) On any Friday when the House sits, whether as a continuation of the sitting of the previous day or as a separate sitting day any divisions called shall be deferred, set down as orders of the day for the next sitting day and determined after Question Time.</p>	<p>187. The House shall not conduct a division on any question before 10.30 a.m. on days when the House meets at an earlier time, or before 10.10 a.m. on Thursday, during Private Members' Statements, Community Recognition Statements, Matters of Public Importance, or the discussion on a petition signed by 10,000 or more persons. If a division is called prior to 10.30 a.m. on such days, the division shall be deferred and conducted at 10.30 a.m. and any business then before the House shall be interrupted and recommenced after the division(s).</p>	<p>187. The House shall not conduct a division on any question before 10.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. on days when the House meets at an earlier time, during Private Members' Statements, Community Recognition Statements, Matters of Public Importance, or the discussion debate on a petition signed by 10,000 or more persons. If a division is called prior to 10.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. on such days, the division shall be deferred and conducted at 10.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. and any business then before the House shall be interrupted and recommenced after the division(s).</p>
<p>Closure 86. A motion may be made by any Member, "That the question be now put". Such motion: (1) May be moved whilst another Member is addressing the House; (2) Shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate; (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>N/A</p>	<p>Closure That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 86 shall read as follows: 86. A motion may be made by any Member, "That the question be now put". Such motion: (1) May be moved whilst another Member is addressing the House; (2) Shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate; (3) Must be carried by at least 30 Members in the affirmative; and (4) May not be moved before 10.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. on any day when the House meets at an earlier time.</p>

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

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<p>the Day is called on at that subsequent sitting and is not proceeded with, the question shall be put.</p> <p>(7) If a committee has more than one report on the Business Paper, the Chair or Member who tabled the report may move a motion without notice, amendment or debate to facilitate the consideration of two or more of the committee’s reports together.</p> <p>(8) The Member tabling the report may speak for up to 10 minutes and any other Member may speak for up to 5 minutes to the question “That the House take note of the Report” with the question being put after 30 minutes. No reply is permitted.</p> <p>(9) Orders of the Day not commenced or not completed 12 months from the date of tabling shall lapse.</p>	<p>(6) When the Order of the Day is called on and not proceeded with, consideration of the report shall be postponed until the next Thursday sitting when reports are considered. If the Order of the Day is called on at that subsequent sitting and is not proceeded with, the question shall be put.</p> <p>(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 “That the House take note of the Report” with the question being put after 22 minutes. No reply is permitted.</p>	<p>(5) Debate on an Order of the Day may be adjourned and the resumption of the debate set down as an Order of the Day for tomorrow.</p> <p>(6) When the Order of the Day is called on and not proceeded with, consideration of the report shall be postponed until the next Thursday 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 “That the House take note of the Report” with the question being put after 22 minutes. No reply is permitted.</p>

Community Recognition Statements

<i>Standing Order</i>	<i>Current sessional order</i>	<i>New sessional order</i>
N/A.	That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, the following Sessional Order be adopted:	That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, the following Sessional Order be adopted:

<i>Standing Order</i>	<i>Current sessional order</i>	<i>New sessional order</i>
	<p>108A. The procedure for Community Recognition Statements is as follows:</p> <p>(1) In accordance with the Routine of Business, the Speaker will ask if there are any Community Recognition Statements.</p> <p>(2) Members may make Community Recognition Statements for up to 1 minute each, for a total of 30 minutes.</p> <p>(3) Members may not give consecutive Community Recognition Statements.</p> <p>(4) 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 notified by the Minister in charge of the House at that time.</p> <p>(5) 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 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>(6) A division on any question or quorum call shall not be permitted during Community Recognition Statements.</p>	<p>108A. 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 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>Written Statements</p> <p>(2) Each member can make one written Community Recognition Statement 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>

<i>Standing Order</i>	<i>Current sessional order</i>	<i>New sessional order</i>
		<p>(b) Be ordered by the Speaker not to be included in Hansard.</p> <p>Statements given in the House</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 make Community Recognition Statements for up to 1 minute each, for a total of 30 minutes.</p> <p>(8) Members may not give consecutive Community Recognition Statements.</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 notified by the Minister in charge of the House at that time.</p>

Public Interest Debate and removal of Re-ordering of General Business, Motion Accorded Priority (MAP), and Matter of Public Importance (MPI)

<i>Standing Order</i>	<i>Current sessional order</i>	<i>New sessional order</i>
<p>Restriction on quorum calls 45. Members shall not be permitted to call attention to the want of a quorum: (1) During Private Members’ Statements; (2) Before 10.30 a.m. on any sitting day; or (3) On Friday sittings.</p>	<p>Restriction on quorum calls That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 45 shall read as follows: 45. Members shall not be permitted to call attention to the want of a quorum: (1) During Private Members’ Statements or Community Recognition Statements; (2) During Matters of Public Importance or the Discussion on a Petition signed by 10,000 or more persons; (3) During the establishment of and debate on a Motion Accorded Priority; (4) During the take note debate on reports from committees; or (5) Before 10.30 a.m. on any sitting day, other than Thursday when a quorum call cannot be made before 10.10 a.m.</p>	<p>Restriction on quorum calls That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 45 shall read as follows: 45. Members shall not be permitted to call attention to the want of a quorum: (1) During Private Members’ Statements or Community Recognition Statements; (2) During Matters of Public Importance or the Discussion debate on a Petition signed by 10,000 or more persons; (3) During the establishment of and debate on a Motion Accorded Priority; (4)(3) During the take note debate on reports from committees; or (5)(4) Before 10.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. on any sitting day. other than Thursday when a quorum call cannot be made before 10.10 a.m.</p>
<p>Establishing the Program for General Business days 101. The procedure for establishing the program for General Business Days is as follows: *** (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</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Establishing the Program for General Business days 101. The procedure for establishing the program for General Business Days is as follows: *** (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</p>

Standing Order	Current sessional order	New sessional order
<p>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.</p> <p>***</p>		<p>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.</p> <p>***</p>
<p>Precedence and lapsing of General Business 105.</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>Precedence and lapsing of General Business</p> <p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 105 shall read as follows:</p> <p>105.</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 or Notice of Motion accorded precedence for that day in accordance with Standing Order 106.</p> <p>(3) General Business Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day not commenced or completed 6 months from the date given shall lapse.</p>	<p>Precedence and lapsing of General Business</p> <p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 105 shall read as follows:</p> <p>105.</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 or Notice of Motion 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>

<i>Standing Order</i>	<i>Current sessional order</i>	<i>New sessional order</i>
		(4) General Business Notices of Motions (not being bills) and Orders of the Day (not being bills) that have not commenced or completed 3 months from the date given shall lapse.
<p>Re-ordering General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills) and General Business (Notices of Motions)</p> <p>106. 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> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(3) The carrying of one motion in (1) or (2) above prevents another Member moving a subsequent motion.</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>Re-ordering General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills) and General Business (Notices of Motions)</p> <p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 106 shall read as follows:</p> <p>106. At the re-ordering of General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills) and General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) in the Routine of Business:</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(2) Any two Private Members may move to re-order a general business notice of motion standing in their name, to give the notice precedence over other notices on the following sitting day.</p> <p>(3) The carrying of one motion in (1) or (2) above prevents another Member moving a subsequent motion.</p> <p>(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 3</p>	<p>Re-ordering General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills) and General Business (Notices of Motions)</p> <p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 106 shall read as follows:</p> <p>106. At the re-ordering of General Business Orders of the Day (for Bills) and General Business Notices of Motions (General Notices) in the Routine of Business:</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(2) Any two Private Members may move to re-order a general business notice of motion standing in their name, to give the notice precedence over other notices on the following sitting day.</p> <p>(3)(2) The carrying of one motion in (1) or (2) above prevents another Member moving a subsequent motion.</p> <p>(4)(3) 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 3</p>

Standing Order	Current sessional order	New sessional order
	minutes and one other Member may reply for up to 3 minutes.	minutes and one other Member may reply for up to 3 minutes.
<p>Motions Accorded Priority 109. The procedure for consideration of Motions 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. (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. (4) (a) The Members giving the notices shall each be permitted to make statements of up to 5 minutes as to why their notice should be accorded priority. (b) At the conclusion of the 5 minute statements the Speaker shall put the question on the first notice “That the motion of the Member for ... be accorded priority”. (c) If this motion is carried the Member may proceed. (d) If the motion is not carried the question “That the motion of the Member for ...be accorded priority” is then put on the next motion.</p>	<p>Motions Accorded Priority That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 109 shall read as follows: 109. The procedure for consideration of Motions Accorded Priority shall be as follows: (1) Prior to Question Time on Tuesday and Wednesday, 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. (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 3 minutes as to why their notice should be accorded priority. No points of order regarding the scope or substance of the notice, or a quorum call will be entertained during the 3 minutes provided for the statement. (b) At the conclusion of the 3 minute statements the Speaker shall put the question on the first notice “That the motion of the Member for ... be accorded priority”. (c) If the motion to accord priority is carried the Member may proceed to move their motion.</p>	<p>Public Interest Debates 109. The procedure for the consideration of Public Interest Debates shall be as follows: (1) The notice of motion for debate must be submitted to the Speaker by 12.00 noon on the day of the debate. (2) The motion will be submitted by: (a) Government – sitting day Tuesdays (b) Opposition – first and second sitting day Wednesdays (c) Cross bench – third sitting day Wednesdays (3) The Speaker will determine whether the notice is in order. (4) By 1.45 p.m., the Speaker will publish the notice of motion. (5) The Speaker will announce the subject matter of the notice of motion in the House prior to Question Time. (6) The following time limits shall apply to the debate: Mover – 7 minutes 6 other members – 5 minutes Reply – 3 minutes Total – 40 minutes (7) At least one member speaking in the debate must be from the cross bench.</p>

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<p>(5) When the motion for priority is determined and the motion is moved, the following time limits shall apply:</p> <p>Mover - 7 minutes Member next speaking - 7 minutes Other Members (limited to two) - 5 minutes Reply - 5 minutes Total - 29 minutes</p>	<p>(d) If the first motion to accord priority is not carried, the Speaker will then put the question on the second motion “That the motion of the Member for ... be accorded priority”.</p> <p>(5) When the motion for priority is determined and the motion is moved, the following time limits shall apply:</p> <p>Mover – 5 minutes Member next speaking – 5 minutes Two other Members – 3 minutes Reply – 3 minutes Total – 19 minutes</p> <p>(6) No quorum call will be permitted during the time set aside for a Motion Accorded Priority.</p>	
<p>Matters of Public Importance 110. 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,</p>	<p>Matters of Public Importance That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 110 shall read as follows:</p> <p>110. The procedure for Matters of Public Importance within the daily Routine of Business, 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 and immediately published.</p> <p>(2) The Speaker shall determine whether the matter is in order. In the event that more than one matter is submitted, the Speaker shall determine which matter is of the greatest public importance.</p>	<p>Delete.</p>

Standing Order	Current sessional order	New sessional order
<p>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 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> <p>Member submitting matter - 7 minutes Member next speaking - 7 minutes One other Member - 5 minutes Reply - 5 minutes Total - 24 minutes</p> <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>	<p>(3) There shall be no dissent from the ruling of the Speaker in relation to the operation of this Standing Order.</p> <p>(4) 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 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>(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 limits shall apply:</p> <p>Member submitting matter – 5 minutes Member next speaking – 5 minutes One other Member – 3 minutes Reply – 3 minutes Total – 16 minutes</p> <p>(7) At the conclusion of the discussion no question shall be put.</p> <p>(8) A division on any question or quorum call shall not be permitted during Matters of Public Importance.</p>	
Debates and Speeches – Maximum Time Limits	Debates and Speeches – Maximum Time Limits	Public Interest Debate (SO 109)

<i>Standing Order</i>	<i>Current sessional order</i>	<i>New sessional order</i>
<p>85. The following maximum time limits shall apply for debates and speeches: ... Motion Accorded Priority (SO 109) Mover - 7 minutes Member next speaking - 7 minutes Other Members (limited to two) - 5 minutes Reply - 5 minutes ... Matters of Public Importance (SO 110) Mover - 7 minutes Member next speaking - 7 minutes One other Member - 5 minutes Reply - 5 minutes ... Re-ordering General Business (SO 106) Member in charge of the bill or notice of motion - 5 minutes One other Member - 5 minutes</p>	<p>That, during the current session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order 85 be amended in part as follows: ... Motion Accorded Priority (SO 109) Statement establishing priority - 3 minutes Debate: Mover - 5 minutes Member next speaking - 5 minutes Two other Members - 3 minutes each Reply - 3 minutes ... Matters of Public Importance (SO 110) Mover - 5 minutes Member next speaking - 5 minutes One other Member - 3 minutes Reply - 3 minutes ... Re-ordering General Business (SO 106) Member in charge of the bill or notice of motion - 3 minutes One other Member - 3 minutes</p>	<p>Mover – 7 minutes Six other Members – 5 minutes Reply – 3 minutes Motion Accorded Priority (SO 109) Statement establishing priority – 3 minutes Debate: Mover – 5 minutes Member next speaking – 5 minutes Two other Members – 3 minutes each Reply – 3 minutes ... Matters of Public Importance (SO 110) Mover – 5 minutes Member next speaking – 5 minutes One other Member – 3 minutes Reply – 3 minutes ... Re-ordering General Business (SO 106) Member in charge of the bill or notice of motion – 3 minutes One other Member – 3 minutes</p>

Petitions

<i>Standing Order</i>	<i>Current sessional order</i>	<i>New sessional order</i>
N/A	Discussion on petitions signed by 10,000 or more persons 125A.	Discussion Debate on petitions signed by 10,000 or more persons 125A.

<i>Standing Order</i>	<i>Current sessional order</i>	<i>New sessional order</i>
	<p>(1) The subject of every 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, shall be automatically set down as an Order of the Day for discussion on a future day.</p> <p>(2) The Order of the Day shall take place at 4.30 p.m. on the Thursday of the next sitting week.</p> <p>(3) Any further 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: First speaker – 5 minutes Member next speaking – 5 minutes Two other Members – 3 minutes Total – 16 minutes</p> <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> <p>(6) The Order of the Day cannot be amended and at the conclusion of the discussion no question shall be put.</p>	<p>(1) The subject of every 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, shall be automatically set down as an Order of the Day "That the House take note of the petition". for discussion on a future day.</p> <p>(2) The Order of the Day shall take place at 4.30 p.m. 4.00 p.m. on the Thursday of the next sitting week.</p> <p>(3) Any further 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: First speaker – 5 minutes Four other Members – 5 minutes Response by Minister – 3 minutes First speaker in reply – 2 minutes Total – 30 minutes</p> <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> <p>(6) The Order of the Day cannot be amended and at the conclusion of</p>

<i>Standing Order</i>	<i>Current sessional order</i>	<i>New sessional order</i>
	<p>(7) A division on any question or quorum call shall not be permitted during discussion of the Order of the Day.</p>	<p>the discussion no question shall be put. (7) A division on any question or quorum call shall not be permitted during discussion of the Order of the Day.</p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>Maximum time limits for debates and speeches 85. The following maximum time limits shall apply for debates and speeches: ... <u>Petitions signed by 10,000 or more persons (SO 125A)</u> First speaker – 5 minutes Member next speaking – 5 minutes Two other Members – 3 minutes each Total – 16 minutes</p>	<p>Maximum time limits for debates and speeches 85. The following maximum time limits shall apply for debates and speeches: ... <u>Petitions signed by 10,000 or more persons (SO 125A)</u> First speaker – 5 minutes Member next speaking – 5 minutes Four other Members – 5 minutes each Minister in reply – 3 minutes First speaker in reply – 2 minutes Total – 30 minutes</p>

Maintaining Order - stopping the clock

<i>Standing Order</i>	<i>Current sessional order</i>	<i>New sessional order</i>
<p>Question Time 131. The procedure for Question Time is as follows: *** (4) The Speaker has discretion at any time during a Minister's answer to order that the timing clock be paused.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Delete 131 (4). 131. The procedure for Question Time is as follows: *** (4) The Speaker has discretion at any time during a Minister's answer to order that the timing clock be paused.</p> <p>Insert SO 49A. The Speaker has discretion at any time to pause the timing clock to maintain order in the House.</p>

Appendix One – Extracts from Minutes

Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee Meeting No. 1 (57th Parliament)

4.30 pm, Thursday 9 May 2019
Speaker's Dining Room, Parliament House

Members present:

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

Ms Steph Cooke MP
Mr Nick Lulich MP
Mr Greg Piper MP
Mr Paul Lynch MP
Mr Adam Crouch MP
Mr Mark Coure MP
Mr Lee Evans MP
The Hon. Andrew Constance MP

Officers in attendance:

Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk
Ms Carly Maxwell, Clerk-Assistant, Table
Mr Jonathan Elliott, Director – Table and Chamber Services
Mr Simon Johnston, Director – Procedural Research and Protocol

The Chair opened the meeting at 4.35 pm.

1. Authorisation for other persons to attend the meeting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 295(1) it was agreed that Mr Angus McKenzie-Wills and Mr Paul Blanch be authorised to attend the meeting.

2. Apologies

Mr Michael Daley MP, Hon. Leslie Williams MP

3. Consideration of correspondence from the Premier received 6 May 2019

The Chair spoke to the correspondence, noting it had been previously circulated. Discussion ensued. The Committee agreed to undertake a review of the practices and procedures of the Legislative Assembly that would include the issues raised in the correspondence from the Premier and allow consideration of the modernisation and reform of Legislative Assembly practices and procedures, and the operation of the House and its committees.

i. Review process

The Committee agreed that correspondence be sent to all Legislative Assembly members advising them of the current inquiry and inviting them to contribute

their suggestions for measures to modernise and improve the function and efficiency of the Legislative Assembly, including through a review of the Standing and Sessional Orders, the routine of business and the role of committees.

The correspondence will request that suggestions be provided to a member of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee, with Committee members collating suggestions received and providing them to the secretariat of the Committee by Wednesday 22 May 2019 for consideration at a meeting on Monday 27 May 2019.

Following the meeting on Monday 27 May 2019, items will be identified for the development of specific proposals to be considered at a subsequent meeting, with the intention of reporting to the House on or before 30 June 2019.

4. General Business

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4.50 pm.

5. Next meeting

Monday 27 May, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, Speaker's Dining Room.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee Meeting No. 2 (57th Parliament)

10.30 am, Monday 27 May 2019

Speaker's Dining Room, Parliament House

Members present:

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

Ms Steph Cooke MP

Mr Greg Piper MP

Mr Paul Lynch MP

Mr Mark Coure MP

Mr Lee Evans MP

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP

Mr Michael Daley MP

Mr Adam Crouch MP (via teleconference)

Mrs Leslie Williams MP (via teleconference)

Officers in attendance:

Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk

Ms Carly Maxwell, Clerk-Assistant, Table

Mr Jonathan Elliott, Director – Table and Chamber Services

Mr Simon Johnston, Director – Procedural Research and Protocol

The Chair opened the meeting at 10.30 am.

1. Authorisation for other persons to attend the meeting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 295(1) it was agreed, on the motion of Mr Piper, seconded Mr Constance, that Mr Angus McKenzie-Wills, Ms Georgia Luk and Ms Rebecca Cartwright be authorised to attend the meeting.

2. Apologies

Mr Nick Lulich MP.

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

The Committee noted the submissions provided:

1. Speaker
2. Leader of the House
3. Shadow Leader of the House
4. Mr Greg Piper
5. Mrs Williams/Ms Felicity Wilson

The Committee considered the following issues and agreed to consider options for changes at its next meeting:

1. Changes to the routine of business
2. Changes to Question Time
3. Changes to Community Recognition Statements
4. Changes to voting processes
5. Changes to petitions (e-petitions)
6. Committees
7. Consideration of legislation
8. Administrative arrangements
9. Ethics training for Members

The Committee agreed that at its next meeting the following issues not discussed at this meeting would be considered:

1. Changes to the Motion Accorded Priority, Matter of Public Importance and Re-ordering of General Business

4. Review of Sessional Orders

Speaker noted that the overall review of the sessional orders would be considered at a later date.

5. General Business

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 12.30pm.

6. Next meeting

Wednesday 5 June 9am to 10am, Speaker's Dining Room.

**Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee Meeting No. 3
(57th Parliament)**

9.00 am, Wednesday 5 June 2019

McKell Room, Parliament House

Members present:

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

Mr Greg Piper MP

Mr Paul Lynch MP

Mr Mark Coure MP

Mr Lee Evans MP

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP

Mr Michael Daley MP

Mr Adam Crouch MP

Mrs Leslie Williams MP

Officers in attendance:

Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk

Ms Carly Maxwell, Clerk-Assistant, Table

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.03 am.

1. Authorisation for other persons to attend the meeting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 295(1) it was agreed, on the motion of Mr Crouch, seconded Mr Evans, that Mr Angus McKenzie-Wills, Mr Paul Blanch and Ms Rebecca Cartwright be authorised to attend the meeting.

2. Apologies

Ms Steph Cooke MP and Mr Nick Lalich MP.

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

The Committee considered the following matters and discussed options for reform:

- Routine of business
- Question Time
- Motion Accorded Priority
- Community Recognition Statements
- Voting processes
- Petitions
- Committees
- Private Members' Bills
- Administrative changes
- Ethics training.

The Committee agreed to further consider these matters at the next meeting.

4. Review of Sessional Orders

Speaker noted that the overall review of the sessional orders would be considered at a later date.

5. General Business

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 10.00 am.

6. Next meeting

Wednesday 12 June 11am to 12pm.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee Meeting No. 4 (57th Parliament)

11.00 am, Wednesday 12 June 2019

Speaker's Dining Room, Parliament House

Members present:

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

Mr Greg Piper MP

Mr Paul Lynch MP

Mr Lee Evans MP

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP

Mr Michael Daley MP

Mr Adam Crouch MP (via teleconference)

Officers in attendance:

Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk

Ms Carly Maxwell, Clerk-Assistant, Table

Mr Simon Johnston, Director, Procedural Research and Protocol

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.02 am.

1. Authorisation for other persons to attend the meeting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 295(1) it was agreed, on the motion of Mr Crouch, seconded Mr Evans, that:

- Mr Angus McKenzie-Wills, Ms Ellie Lang, Ms Georgia Luk, and Ms Rebecca Cartwright be authorised to attend the meeting
- a representative of the Office of the Speaker, the Office of the Leader of the House, the Office of the Government Whip be authorised to attend any future meeting of the Committee for the duration of the current inquiry.

2. Apologies

Ms Steph Cooke MP, Mr Mark Coure MP, Mrs Leslie Williams MP, Mr Nick Lulich MP.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed, on the motion of Mr Constance, seconded Mr Piper, that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

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

The Committee considered the following matters and discussed options for reform:

- Routine of business, including time limits for items of business
- Question Time
- Motion Accorded Priority/Matter of Public Importance/Re-ordering of General Business Notices of Motions
- E-petitions
- Proxy voting.

The Committee agreed to further consider these matters at the next meeting.

After discussion, the Speaker noted his intention to advise the House after the winter break that during divisions the chamber seating arrangements would be changed such that all members seated to the left of the Speaker are counted for the Noes; members seated to the right counted for the Ayes.

5. Response to correspondence from the Premier

The Committee discussed the response to the Premier's correspondence, agreeing that the Committee would write to the Premier outlining the proposed reforms by 30 June 2019, with a final report containing detail required for the implementation of the reforms to be tabled at a later date.

6. General Business

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 12.10 pm.

7. Next meeting

Wednesday 19 June 9.30 -10.00 am.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee Meeting No. 5 (57th Parliament)

9.30 am, Wednesday 19 June 2019

McKell Room, Parliament House

Members present:

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

Mr Greg Piper MP

Mr Paul Lynch MP

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP

Mr Michael Daley MP

Mr Adam Crouch MP

Ms Steph Cooke MP

Mrs Leslie Williams MP

Mr Lee Evans MP
Mr Nick Lalich MP

Officers in attendance:

Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk
Ms Carly Maxwell, Clerk-Assistant, Table
Mr Simon Johnston, Director, Procedural Research and Protocol

Other attendees (by previous resolution of the Committee)

Ellie Laing, Office of the Speaker
Angus McKenzie-Wills, Office of the Leader of the House
Rebecca Cartwright, Office of the Government Whip

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.32 am.

1. Apologies

Mr Mark Coure MP

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed, on the motion of Mr Piper, seconded Mr Crouch, that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

Agreed, on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded Mr Piper, that the minutes of meetings 1 and 2 be adopted.

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

The Committee considered the following matters and discussed options for reform:

- Routine of business, including time limits for items of business
- Question Time
 - Paper circulated by the Clerk for review
 - Comments to Clerk by end of week for consideration at next meeting.
- Petitions
- Committees

The Committee agreed to further consider these matters at the next meeting.

4. General Business

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 10.00 am.

5. Next meeting

Wednesday 26 June, 2.15-3pm in the Speaker's Dining Room.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee Meeting No. 6 (57th Parliament)

2.15 pm, Wednesday 26 June 2019
Speaker's Dining Room, Parliament House

Members present:

The Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP, Speaker (Chair)
 Mr Greg Piper MP
 Mr Paul Lynch MP
 The Hon. Andrew Constance MP
 Mr Michael Daley MP (via teleconference)
 Ms Steph Cooke MP (via teleconference)
 Mr Nick Lalich MP
 Mr Mark Coure MP
 Mr Lee Evans MP

Officers in attendance:

Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk
 Ms Carly Maxwell, Clerk-Assistant, Table
 Mr Simon Johnston, Director, Procedural Research and Protocol
 Mr Jonathan Elliott, Director, Table

Other attendees (by previous resolution of the Committee)

Ellie Laing and Paul Blanch, Office of the Speaker
 Angus McKenzie-Wills, Office of the Leader of the House
 Rebecca Cartwright, Office of the Government Whip

The Chair opened the meeting at 2.20 pm.

1. Apologies

Mrs Leslie Williams MP, Mr Adam Crouch MP

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed, on the motion of Mr Piper, seconded Mr Lalich, that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

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

The Committee considered the comments provided by members on the proposed public question (previously circulated). The following matters and options for reform were discussed:

- Petitions
- Committees
- Legislation (non-Government)
- Question Time – the public question
- Simplification of language
- Voting procedures
- Community recognition statements

The Committee agreed to consider proposed changes to the Standing and Sessional Orders required to give effect to the issues identified during discussion at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued on a number of other proposed areas of reform, as raised by the Speaker, including:

- A modest allowance for members transitioning out of Parliament, which had unanimous support, and related jurisdictional issues for the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal
- Ethics awareness and information for members
- Parliamentary compliance officer for low level complaints and entitlements issues
- The publication by the Independent Commission Against Corruption of statements in relation to adverse findings.

4. Progress reporting

The Committee reviewed draft correspondence from the Chair to the Premier (circulated at 1.23pm on 26 June 2019). The Committee agreed that the Speaker would respond to the Premier's correspondence of 9 May 2019 providing a summary of proposed reforms for comment, as per the attached table.

5. General Business

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3.23 pm.

6. Next meeting

Next meeting Wednesday 24 July at 10am, Speaker's Dining Room.

Unconfirmed Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee Meeting No. 7 (57th Parliament)

10.00am, Wednesday 24 July 2019

Speaker's Dining Room, Parliament House

Members present:

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

Mr Greg Piper MP

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP (via teleconference)

Ms Steph Cooke MP (via teleconference)

Mr Lee Evans MP

Mr Adam Crouch MP (via teleconference)

Officers in attendance:

Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk

Ms Carly Maxwell, Clerk-Assistant, Table

Mr Simon Johnston, Director, Procedural Research and Protocol

Mr Jonathan Elliott, Director, Table

Other attendees (by previous resolution of the Committee)

Ellie Laing and Paul Blanch, Office of the Speaker

Angus McKenzie-Wills, Office of the Leader of the House

Rebecca Cartwright, Office of the Government Whip

Other attendees (by resolution of the Committee)

Mr Ryan Park MP, Leader of Opposition Business
 Mr James Evans, Office of the Leader of the Opposition

The Chair opened the meeting at 10.00am.

1. Authorisation for other persons to attend the meeting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 295(1) it was agreed, on the motion of Mr Evans, seconded Mr Crouch, that Mr Ryan Park MP and Mr James Evans, Office of the Leader of the Opposition, be authorised to attend the meeting.

The Speaker noted that Mr Ryan Park MP and Ms Anna Watson MP would be replacing Mr Paul Lynch MP and Mr Nick Lalich MP on the Committee as a consequence of their election as Leader of Opposition Business and Opposition Whip respectively, with the change in membership to be formalised by the House.

2. Apologies

Mrs Leslie Williams MP, Mr Michael Daley MP, Mr Nick Lalich MP, Mr Paul Lynch MP and Mr Mark Coure MP.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed, on the motion of Mr Piper, seconded Mr Evans, that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

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

The Speaker advised the Committee that no response had yet been received from the Premier in relation to the correspondence sent following the previous meeting.

Meeting interrupted at approximately 10.20am by internal alarm. Committee agreed to reconvene at a later date.

5. Next meeting

Next meeting Wednesday 31 July at 4.30pm, Speaker's Dining Room.

Unconfirmed Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee Meeting No. 8 (57th Parliament)

4.40pm, Wednesday 31 July 2019

Speaker's Dining Room, Parliament House

Members present:

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

Mrs Leslie Williams MP

Mr Greg Piper MP

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP

Mr Lee Evans MP

Mr Adam Crouch MP

Mr Michael Daley MP
 Mr Ryan Park MP
 Ms Anna Watson MP
 Mr Mark Coure MP

Officers in attendance:

Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk
 Ms Carly Maxwell, Clerk-Assistant, Table
 Mr Simon Johnston, Director, Procedural Research and Protocol
 Mr Jonathan Elliott, Director, Table

Other attendees (by previous resolution of the Committee)

Mr Paul Blanch, Office of the Speaker
 Mr Angus McKenzie-Wills, Office of the Leader of the House
 Ms Rebecca Cartwright, Office of the Government Whip

Other attendees (by resolution of the Committee)

Mr James Evans, Office of the Leader of the Opposition
 Ms Ellie Laing, Office of the Speaker

The Chair opened the meeting at 4.40pm.

1. Authorisation for other persons to attend the meeting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 295(1) it was agreed, on the motion of Mr Piper, seconded Mrs Williams, that Mr James Evans, Office of the Leader of the Opposition, and an additional member of the Speaker's staff, be authorised to attend the meeting.

2. Apologies

Ms Steph Cooke MP.

3. Committee membership

The Speaker reported changes in membership of the Committee as recorded in the *Votes and Proceedings, no. 13 Tuesday 30 July 2019, entry 25*.

Mr Ryan Park MP and Ms Anna Watson MP appointed to serve on the Committee in place of Mr Paul Lynch MP and Mr Nick Lalich MP, discharged.

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

The Committee considered the following matters:

- Changes to Question Time
- Voting procedures
- Petitions
- Public interest debate
- Community recognition statements
- Changes to the routine of business

- Committee reports and responses

The Chair outlined a staged approach to reform, with Stage 1 reforms being put to the House on Thursday 1 August 2019 in an interim report, with a view to implementation the following sitting week.

In relation to the public interest debate, Mr Daley moved, seconded Ms Watson, that the public interest debate be held immediately after Question Time and not at 5pm as proposed.

Discussion ensued, question put.

The Committee divided.

Mr O'Dea was in the Chair and indicated that he would not be voting unless required to exercise his casting vote.

Ayes: Mr Daley, Ms Watson, Mr Piper

Noes: Mr Evans, Mr Coure, Mr Constance, Mrs Williams

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Constance, seconded Mr Daley, that the Committee's interim report proposing Stage 1 changes to the standing and sessional orders be tabled in the House on 1 August 2019.

The Committee agreed that a table comprising proposed sessional orders would be circulated to members for comment, and provided that there be no disagreement, the table to be included in the interim report, with the option for the Committee to reconvene if any concerns or issues were raised.

The Committee agreed that the Chair and committee staff be permitted to correct consequential, stylistic, typographical and grammatical errors.

The Leader of the House indicated his intention to move, on Thursday 1 August 2019, for the adoption by the House of the Stage 1 reforms to sessional orders.

5. General Business

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 5:40pm.

6. Next meeting

Next meeting 6pm Tuesday 20 August 2019, Speaker's Dining Room.