

# Procedural Digest

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## Business

### 17.01 Motion to suspend standing orders regarding comments by private member

On Tuesday, 2 February, the Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing moved to suspend standing orders to allow him to move a motion calling on the Prime Minister to condemn comments made by the Member for Hughes. The mover and seconder were both closed on division and the debate was closed on division. The question on the suspension motion was put and, a division having been called for, the division was deferred in accordance with standing order 133. The motion was later disagreed to.

*Hansard: 2 February 2021, 3-10; 76-8*  
*Votes and Proceedings: 2020/1557-60; 1563-4*

**SOs 47, 133**

### 17.02 Statement by Leader of the Opposition on traffic accident

Following question time on 2 February, the Leader of the Opposition made a statement, by indulgence of the chair, concerning his recent traffic accident. He thanked the emergency services personnel and others who had assisted him at the scene and in hospital. The Prime Minister also spoke by indulgence, saying he was pleased to see the Leader of the Opposition looking well.

*Hansard: 2 February 2021, 60*

### 17.03 Statements regarding Western Australia bushfires

Just prior to question time on 3 February, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition both made statements by indulgence concerning bushfires in Western Australia.

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*Hansard: 3 February 2021, 234-6*

## 17.04 Statements concerning remarks by private member

Following question time on 3 February, the Prime Minister made a statement by indulgence in response to public remarks made by the Member for Hughes in relation to COVID-19. The Prime Minister noted that the views expressed by the member did not align with his views or with the advice of the Chief Medical Officer. He presented a statement issued by the member earlier that day. The Leader of the Opposition also made a statement by indulgence on the matter.

*Hansard:* 3 February 2021, 249-50  
**SO 199**

## 17.05 Motion to suspend standing orders concerning Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry

On 4 February, the Shadow Treasurer moved to suspend standing orders to allow him to move a motion calling on the Prime Minister to implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry. The mover and seconder were closed on division and the debate was closed on division. The suspension motion was disagreed to on division.

*Hansard:* 4 February 2021, 360-8  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2020/1591-5  
**SO 47**

# Documents

## 17.06 Revised ministry and shadow ministry lists

Prior to question time on 2 February, the Prime Minister presented a revised ministry list and the Leader of the Opposition presented a revised shadow ministry list. The lists were incorporated in *Hansard*.

*Hansard:* 2 February 2021, 37-44  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2021/1561  
**SO 199**

# Motions

## 17.07 Condolence motion for former Governor-General, Major General the Hon Philip (Michael) Jeffery AC AO (Mil) CVO MC

On the first sitting of the year, the Prime Minister moved that the House acknowledge the death of former Governor-General, Major General the Honourable Philip (Michael) Jeffery and place on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service. The Leader of the Opposition seconded the motion and all members present rose in silence as a mark of respect. The motion was then referred to the Federation Chamber. [\[Watch\]](#)

The following day, the motion was debated in the Federation Chamber and carried in the House, with all members again rising in silence.

*Hansard:* 2 February 2021, 34-7

3 February 2021, 228; 325-33

*Votes and Proceedings:* 2021/1560-1; 1583, 1587

**SOs 49, 183**

### 17.08 Condolence motion for former member, the Right Honourable John Douglas (Doug) Anthony AC CH

On 3 February, the Prime Minister moved a condolence motion in relation to the death of the Right Honourable John Douglas (Doug) Anthony, Australia's longest serving Deputy Prime Minister and Member for Richmond from 1957 to 1984. The Leader of the Opposition seconded the motion and the Deputy Prime Minister spoke in support. All members present then rose in silence as a mark of respect. The motion was referred to the Federation Chamber, where it was debated the following day. [\[Watch\]](#)

*Hansard:* 3 February 2021, 228-34

4 February 2021, 469-79

*Votes and Proceedings:* 2021/1584; 1607

**SOs 49, 183**

## Questions

### 17.09 Questions ruled out of order

During question time on 2 February, the Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing asked the Prime Minister if he would condemn remarks made by the Member for Hughes. The Speaker ruled the question out of order, noting that the Prime Minister was not responsible for comments made by private members.

The following day, another two questions to the Prime Minister concerning the Member for Hughes were ruled out of order. The Speaker explained that, under the standing orders, ministers could only be asked about matters for which they have direct ministerial responsibility. Further, questions could not reflect on or be critical of the character or conduct of a member. He added that there were other opportunities for members to raise such matters in the House.

*Hansard:* 2 February 2021; 56-9

3 February 2021, 244; 248

**SOs 98, 100**

### 17.10 Question to committee chair

On 3 February, an opposition member asked the Member for Hughes a question without notice in his capacity as chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement. The question asked when the committee's report on law enforcement during COVID-19 would be tabled and referred to recent public statements made by the member.

The Speaker noted that questions to committee chairs during question time were limited to matters of timing and procedure and directed the chair to respond to those aspects of the question.

*During question time, a member may ask a question (limited in scope) of a member who is not a minister. The question must relate to a bill, motion or other business of the House or of a committee, for which the member asked is responsible. Such questions are uncommon.*

*Hansard: 3 February 2021; 245-7*

**SO 99**

## Offensive words<sup>#</sup>

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'It's a bloody disgrace!'	3 February 2021	178

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<sup>#</sup> List of unparliamentary expressions recorded in *Hansard*.