

## **EXPLANATION OF CHANGES**

The June 2009 edition contains changes on the following matters, adopted by the Senate since the publication of the previous edition in September 2006.

### **Restructuring the committee system**

Second report of 2009 of the Procedure Committee outlined the amendments required to implement a proposal to restructure the committees to return to the system that was in effect from 1994 to 2006, whereby in each of the eight subject areas of the standing committees there is a legislation committee and a references committee. The Senate adopted the proposed changes on 13 May 2009, with effect on 14 May 2009 (J.1942).

Principal amendment: standing order 25.

### **Other amendments**

Standing order 54: Tuesday night adjournment debate, 20 minutes.

Standing order 57: Divisions after 4.30 pm Thursday.

Standing order 72: Questions to ministers only at question time.

Procedural orders of continuing effect: unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings, public interest immunity claims.

Orders for the production of documents: departmental and agency contracts (variation to the order), departmental and agency appointments and vacancies, and grants, Housing Assistance agreements.