

Chapter 9

Motions

Motions—normal speech time limits (p. 302)

Revised provisions adopted 13/11/2013:

Mover 15 minutes, any other Member 10 minutes, mover in reply 10 minutes. (S.O.1)

Consideration in the Federation Chamber (p. 305–6)

Revised provisions adopted 13/11/2013:

Matters referred to the Federation Chamber may now include matters deemed to be referred by a Selection Committee determination pursuant to S.O. 222, and items of government business referred by a programming declaration pursuant to S.O. 45. In addition to motions and bills, the House may also refer further statements on a matter to the Federation Chamber, when statements have commenced in the House. [S.O. 183].

A Minister may move without notice, at any time, in relation to a bill or other order of the day being considered ‘That further proceedings be conducted in the House’. The House may require a matter referred to the Federation Chamber to be returned to the House, on motion moved without notice by a Minister [S.O. 197(b)]. An item of government business may also be returned to the House by a programming declaration [S.O. 197(c)].

Motion of apology (p. 335)

Additions:

On 21 March 2013, following a further speech of apology by the Prime Minister to an audience in the Great Hall, the House debated the motion moved by the Attorney-General ‘That the House support the apology given earlier today by the Prime Minister to people affected by forced adoption and removal policies and practices in the following terms . . .’. [VP 2010–13/2203–04] This motion having lapsed on the dissolution of the House, at the start of the following Parliament the terms of the apology were moved as a motion and agreed to without further debate [VP 2013/156–7, 3 December 2013].

On 26 November 2012 the Minister for Defence delivered an apology on behalf of the Government to people subjected to sexual or other forms of abuse in Defence by way of a ministerial statement [VP 2010–13/1963].

Motions to suspend standing or sessional orders—Pursuant to notice

Programming motion on notice (new section p. 338)

New provision adopted 19/3/2014:

The standing orders made specific provision for motions for the suspension of standing or other orders on notice relating to the programming of government business. The following time limits are specified: whole debate 25 minutes; mover 15 minutes; Member next speaking; any other Member 5 minutes [SO 1].