

# Procedural Digest

## No. 123

14, 17 and 18 November and  
24 November – 4 December 2014

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## Bills

### 123.01 *Bill presented by Speaker proceeds through all stages in one sitting*

During Government business time on Wednesday 26 November, the Speaker, pursuant to notice, presented the Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2014 and an explanatory memorandum, and made a second reading speech from the Speaker's chair. The Manager of Opposition Business moved that debate be adjourned and the resumption of debate was, by leave, made an order of the day for a later hour. Later in the morning, debate on the second reading resumed. The Speaker summed up the debate and the question on the second reading was put and carried on the voices. The Speaker, by leave, moved that the bill be read a third time. The motion was carried on the voices and the bill was read a third time.

*Hansard: 26 November 2014, 13225-7, 13230-1  
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/1001, 1002*

**SOs 63, 125, 141, 142, 155**

## Business

### 123.02 *Address by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom*

On Friday 14 November, the House met at 11.10 a.m. pursuant to resolution and corresponding adjournment. After the acknowledgement of country and prayers, the Speaker welcomed as guests the President of the Senate and Senators to hear an address by the Right Honourable David Cameron MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Prime Minister Cameron was then announced and escorted into the Chamber. The Speaker welcomed Mr Cameron to the House, and the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition each made welcoming remarks. Prime Minister Cameron then addressed the meeting. The Speaker, on behalf of the House, thanked Prime Minister Cameron. At 12.18 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to on 28 October 2014, the Speaker adjourned the House until 3.35 p.m. on Monday 17 November 2014.

*Hansard: 14 November 2014, 12707-15  
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/961*

**SOs 29, 30, 257**

**123.03** *Address by the President of the People's Republic of China*

On Monday 17 November, the House met at 3.35 p.m. pursuant to resolution and corresponding adjournment. After the acknowledgement of country and prayers, the Speaker welcomed as guests the President of the Senate and Senators to hear an address by His Excellency Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China. President Xi was then announced and escorted into the Chamber. The Speaker welcomed the President to the House, and the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition each made welcoming remarks. President Xi then addressed the meeting. The Speaker, on behalf of the House, thanked President Xi. At 4.48 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to on 28 October 2014, the Speaker adjourned the House until 10.15 a.m. the following day.

*Hansard: 17 November 2014, 12717-26*  
*Votes and Proceedings: 2014/967*

**SOs 29, 30, 257**

**123.04** *Address by the Prime Minister of the Republic of India*

On Tuesday 18 November, the House met at 10.15 a.m. pursuant to resolution and corresponding adjournment. After the acknowledgement of country and prayers, the Speaker welcomed as guests the President of the Senate and Senators to hear an address by Mr Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India. Prime Minister Modi was then announced and escorted into the Chamber. The Speaker welcomed Mr Modi to the House, and the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition each made welcoming remarks. Prime Minister Modi then addressed the meeting. The Speaker, on behalf of the House, thanked Prime Minister Modi. At 11.22 a.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to on 28 October 2014, the Speaker adjourned the House until 10 a.m. on Monday 24 November.

*Hansard: 18 November 2014, 12727-34*  
*Votes and Proceedings: 2014/969*

**SOs 29, 30, 257**

**123.05** *Condolence motion for former Senator*

Just prior to question time on Monday 24 November, the Prime Minister moved a motion of condolence in respect of the death on 15 November of the Right Honourable Reginald Greive Withers, former Senator for Western Australia and Minister. The Leader of the Opposition spoke in support of the motion, following which all Members rose in their places as a mark of respect. Debate was then adjourned and resumption of debate made an order of the day for a later hour. The Leader of the House, by leave, moved that the order of the day be referred to the Federation Chamber for debate. The motion was carried on the voices.

Just before question time on Thursday 27 November, the Speaker reported that the order of the day had been debated in the Federation Chamber and returned to the House, and presented a certified copy of the motion. This was agreed to, with all Members again rising in their places.

*Hansard*: 24 November 2014, 12810-1; 27 November, 13494  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2014/975, 1014

**SOs 49, 183**

**123.06** *Statements by indulgence regarding the death of the Hon. Wayne Goss*

Just prior to question time on Monday 24 November, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, by indulgence, each made statements on the death of the Hon. Wayne Goss, former Premier of Queensland. As a mark of respect, all Members stood, in silence. The Leader of the House moved a motion to enable further statements on the matter to be made in the Federation Chamber. The motion was carried on the voices.

*Hansard*: 24 November 2014, 12811-2  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2014/975-6

**SOs 65, 183**

**123.07** *Attempted censure motion against Prime Minister*

During question time on Tuesday 24 November, the Leader of the Opposition was given the call and sought leave to move a motion of censure against the Prime Minister. Leave was not granted and the Member moved to suspend standing orders to enable him to move a motion censuring the Prime Minister for 'repeatedly and deliberately misleading the Parliament and the Australian people'. Debate ensued and the suspension motion was seconded by an Opposition Member. When the time for debate expired, the question on the suspension motion was negatived on division and question time concluded.

*Hansard*: 24 November 2014, 12825-33  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2014/976-7

**SOs 47, 126**

**123.08** *House informed of resolution of Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly*

After question time on 24 November, the Speaker informed the House that she had received a resolution of the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly conveying a motion and statement on a matter of public importance held in the Assembly relating to the governance of Norfolk Island. Copies of the resolution were placed on the table and the full terms were recorded in the Votes and Proceedings and Hansard.

*Hansard*: 24 November 2014, 12835  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2014/978

**123.09** *House informed of resolution of New Zealand House of Representatives*

After question time on 24 November, the Speaker informed the House that she had received a resolution of the New Zealand House of Representatives on 21 October 2014. The resolution read 'That this House express its sadness at the passing today of former Australian Prime Minister Hon. Gough Whitlam AC QC, aged 98.'

*Hansard: 24 November 2014, 12835  
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/978*

**123.10** *Ministerial statement regarding ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area*

After question time on 24 November, the Minister for Trade and Investment, by leave, made a ministerial statement in relation to the First Protocol to amend the Agreement establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area and presented documents relating to the treaty and a copy of his statement. The Minister then, by leave, moved a suspension of standing orders to enable the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development to speak in reply to the statement for the same time as taken by the Minister. The motion was carried on the voices and the Shadow Minister addressed the House.

*Hansard: 24 November 2014, 12836-9  
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/980*

**SOs 34, 47, 63, 199**

**123.11** *House meets early for further debate on condolence motion for the Hon. Edward Gough Whitlam AC QC*

On Tuesday 25 November, the House met at 9 a.m. pursuant to the resolution of 30 October and adjournment. After the acknowledgement of country and prayers, debate resumed on the Prime Minister's motion of condolence for the Hon. Edward Gough Whitlam AC QC. Later, just prior to question time, the Speaker put the question on the condolence motion, which was agreed to as all Members again rose in their places.

*Note:* The House usually meets at 12 noon on Tuesdays.

*Hansard: 25 November 2014, 13021, 13092  
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/989, 990*

**SOs 29, 30, 49**

**123.12** *No member of Executive at the table at commencement of sitting*

On Wednesday 26 November, after the acknowledgement of country and prayers, the Manager of Opposition business raised a point of order, having observed that 'the House commenced this morning without a minister or a member of the Executive present.' A Minister responded that he was present in the Chamber 'five seconds after the start' but, out of respect to the Speaker, did not walk down to the table while prayers were being read. The Manager of Opposition Business emphasised the significance of a member of the Executive being present at all times and asked if appropriate communications could take place between the Speaker and the Executive 'for the efficient running of the parliament'. The Speaker responded that she considered this was a reasonable request in the circumstances.

*Note:* There is a convention that a Minister (or Parliamentary Secretary) should be present in the Chamber at all times. It is customary for governments to maintain a roster of 'Duty' Ministers for this purpose.

*Hansard:* 26 November 2014, 13209

**SOs 38, 86**

**123.13** *Attempted motion to require Prime Minister to attend the House and confirm whether he retained full confidence in the Minister for Defence*

After the acknowledgement of country and prayers on 26 November, the Leader of the Opposition sought leave to move a motion calling on the House to note certain actions by the Minister for Defence and to call on the Prime Minister to immediately attend the House and confirm whether he retained full confidence in the Minister. Leave was not granted and the Leader of the Opposition moved a suspension of standing orders to enable the original motion to be moved. Debate ensued and the Leader of the Opposition was closed on division by a motion moved by a Minister. The suspension motion was seconded and debate continued until the time allotted for debate expired. The suspension motion was negatived on division.

*Hansard:* 26 November 2014, 13209-18

*Votes and Proceedings:* 2014/995-7

**SOs 47, 80, 126**

**123.14** *Attempted motion of censure against Prime Minister*

On 26 November, immediately after an attempted suspension motion by the Leader of the Opposition was negatived (*see* entry **123.13**), the Leader of the Opposition sought leave to move a motion of censure against the Prime Minister for 'deliberately misleading' the parliament and the Australian people. Leave was not granted and the Leader of the Opposition moved a suspension of standing orders to enable the censure motion to be moved.

Debate ensued and the mover and seconder were closed on division by motions moved by the Leader of the House. The Leader of the House then moved a closure of question which was carried on division. The suspension motion was negatived on division.

*Hansard*: 26 November 2014, 13218-25  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2014/997-1001

**SOs 47, 80, 81, 126, 131**

**123.15** *Statement by indulgence regarding Ebola*

During the second reading debate on the Customs Amendment Bill 2014, the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, by indulgence, made a brief announcement on the Government's handling of matters in the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio relating to Ebola.

*Hansard*: 26 November 2014, 13327-8

**SO 65**

**123.16** *Statement by indulgence regarding death of Phillip Hughes*

At the conclusion of the discussion on a matter of public importance, an Opposition Member made a statement by indulgence regarding the death of Australian cricketer Mr Phillip Hughes.

*Note*: During the discussion on a matter of public importance, a number of Members had also made remarks, by indulgence, on the death of Phillip Hughes.

*Hansard*: 27 November 2014, 13531

**SO 65**

**123.17** *Statement by indulgence regarding sanctions for disorderly behaviour*

After question time on Thursday 27 November, the Manager of Opposition Business, by indulgence, made a statement that '18 people being ejected in one question time is an all-time record since Federation.' The Leader of the House, by indulgence, responded to the statement. The Speaker responded, stating 'I would simply say to the Manager of Opposition Business that the behaviour today was an absolute disgrace.'

*Hansard*: 27 November 2014, 13515-6

**SO 65**

**123.18** *Statements by indulgence regarding death of Phillip Hughes*

Just before question time on Monday 1 December, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition each made statements by indulgence regarding the death of Australian cricketer, Mr Phillip Hughes. The Leader of the House moved a motion to enable further statements on the matter to be made in the Federation Chamber. The motion was carried on the voices.

*Hansard: 1 December 2014, 13662-3  
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/1023*

**SOs 65, 183**

**123.19** *Ministerial statement regarding progress on road safety*

After the acknowledgement of country and prayers on Tuesday 2 December, the Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Australian Government's progress on improving road safety and presented a copy of his statement. The Minister then, by leave, moved a suspension of standing orders to enable the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and Infrastructure to speak in reply to the statement for the same time as taken by the Minister. The motion was carried on the voices and the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary addressed the House.

*Hansard: 2 December 2014, 13873-9  
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/1031*

**SOs 47, 63, 199**

**123.20** *Ministerial statement regarding the Government's response to the Aviation Safety Regulation Review report*

After the acknowledgement of country and prayers on Wednesday 3 December, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Australian Government's response to the Aviation Safety Regulation Review and presented a copy of the response. The Minister then, by leave, moved a suspension of standing orders to enable the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport to speak in reply for the same time as taken by the Minister. The motion was carried on the voices and the Shadow Minister addressed the House.

*Hansard: 3 December 2014, 14017-24  
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/1037*

**SOs 47, 63, 199**

### **123.21** *Attempted motion of censure against Prime Minister*

During Government business time on 3 December, the Leader of the Opposition sought leave to move a motion condemning the Prime Minister for certain reasons and calling on the Prime Minister to immediately bring on the Higher Education and Research Reform Bill for debate. Leave was not granted and the Leader of the Opposition moved a suspension of standing orders to enable the motion condemning the Prime Minister to be moved. Debate ensued and the mover and seconder were closed on division. The Manager of Opposition Business was given the call and was closed on division. The Minister for Social Services then moved a closure of question which was carried on division. The suspension motion was negated on division.

*Hansard:* 3 December 2014, 14025-34  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2014/1037-1042

**SOs 47, 80, 81, 126, 131**

### **123.22** *Valedictories by indulgence*

After the acknowledgement of country and prayers on Thursday 4 December, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition each made customary end-of-year valedictory remarks, by indulgence. The Speaker also made valedictory remarks. Later, during government business time, debate on the Fair Work Amendment (Bargaining Processes) Bill 2014 was adjourned and the Chair granted indulgence to several other Members to make valedictory remarks.

*Hansard:* 4 December 2014, 14237-43, 14284-94

**SO 65**

### **123.23** *Ministerial statement regarding schools and cross-border education*

During Government business time on 4 December, the Minister for Education, by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's achievements in schools and cross-border education and presented a copy of his statement. The Minister then, by leave, moved a suspension of standing orders to enable the Shadow Minister for Education to speak in reply to the statement for the same time as taken by the Minister. The motion was carried on the voices and the Shadow Minister addressed the House.

*Hansard:* 4 December 2014, 14262-71  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2014/1055

**SOs 47, 63, 199**



**123.24** *Leave of absence motion*

Between items of Government business on 4 December, the Leader of the House moved that leave of absence be given to every Member from the determination of the sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting. The question was agreed to on the voices.

*Note:* Leave of absence is usually sought at the end of a parliamentary sitting year as a precaution, in order to ensure that section 38 of the Constitution is not contravened (even though the scheduled break is less than two consecutive months).

*Hansard:* 4 December 2014, 14271  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2014/1055

**SOs 26, 125**

**123.25** *Suspension of standing orders to extend sitting*

Between items of Government business on 4 December, the Leader of the House, pursuant to notice, moved that standing order 31 (automatic adjournment of the House) and standing order 33 (limit on business) be suspended for the sitting. The question was agreed to on the voices.

After question time, the Leader of the House, by indulgence, updated Members on the status of legislation being debated in the Senate which was proposed to be returned to the House prior to adjournment. He noted that the House may need to resume the next morning.

Later, just after 5.30 p.m., the Leader of the House provided a further update to the House: that, following consultation and agreement with the Manager of Opposition Business, it was proposed the House would suspend for the evening with a view to resuming at 8 a.m. the following day. At 5.36 p.m. the Speaker left the Chair.

At 8 a.m. on Friday 5 December, the Speaker resumed the Chair. A message was received from the Senate returning the Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014 with amendments. The amendments were considered immediately. The Minister for Immigration and Border Protection moved that the amendments be agreed to and the question was carried on division. The Leader of the House then moved that the House adjourn, and the question was carried on the voices. At 8.12 a.m., the House adjourned until 10 a.m. on Monday 9 February 2015.

*Hansard:* 4 December 2014, 14271, 14342-3, 14378-90  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2014/1055, 1058-9

**SOs 31, 33, 47**

**123.26** *Ministerial statement regarding delivering prosperity and growth*

After the discussion on a matter of public importance on 4 December, the Treasurer, by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to delivering prosperity and growth for Australia and presented a copy of his statement. The Treasurer then, by leave, moved a suspension of standing orders to enable the Shadow Treasurer to speak in reply to the statement. The motion was carried on the voices. The Treasurer was then granted indulgence to make some valedictory remarks. The Shadow Treasurer also claimed indulgence to make some valedictory remarks prior to commencing his response to the Treasurer's ministerial statement.

*Hansard*: 4 December 2014, 14358-70

*Votes and Proceedings*: 2014/1057

**SOs 47, 63, 65, 199**

## Committees

**123.27** *Corrigendum to committee report presented*

At the resumption of Government business time following the Treasurer's ministerial statement on 4 December, the Chair of the Standing Committee on Education and Employment presented a corrigendum to the committee's report which he had presented earlier that week, entitled: *TAFE: An Australian Asset*.

*Hansard*: 4 December 2014, 14370

*Votes and Proceedings*: 2014/1057

**SO 199**

## Debate

**123.28** *Minister moves adjournment of debate after second reading speech*

During Government business time on Wednesday 3 December, the Minister for Education, pursuant to notice, presented the Higher Education and Research Reform Bill 2014 and an explanatory memorandum and made a second reading speech. At the conclusion of his second reading speech, the Minister moved that the debate be adjourned and the question was carried on the voices.

*Note*: Normal practice is for debate to be adjourned on a motion of a member of the Opposition Executive.

*Hansard*: 3 December 2014, 14048-54

*Votes and Proceedings*: 2014/1044

**SOs 141, 142**

**123.29** *Leader of the Opposition makes 90-second statement*

During the period for Members' statements in the House on Thursday 4 December, the Leader of the Opposition made a statement to acknowledge the retirement of Mr Russell Barton, the host of question time on ABC radio.

*Note:* During the period for Members' statements, any Member other than a Minister (or Parliamentary Secretary) may be called by the Chair to make a statement on any topic of concern for no longer than 90 seconds.

*Hansard:* 4 December 2014, 14312-3

**SO 43**

## Documents

### **123.30** *Member not permitted to seek leave to table newspaper extract*

After the Treasurer's answer to a question on notice from an Opposition Member on Tuesday 2 December, the Member sought leave to table the editorial from that day's edition of *The Australian*. The Speaker ruled that the Member was not permitted to seek to table a document that was already a public document.

*Note:* In a statement to the House on 26 May 2014 regarding the tabling of documents by private Members, the Speaker ruled that a request by a Member for leave to table a document would not be put where the document was already on the public record (*see* entry no. **117.31**).

*Hansard:* 2 December 2014, 13907

**SOs 63, 199**

## Federation Chamber

### **123.31** *Chair's statement regarding enhancements to Federation Chamber*

After taking the chair at 10.30 a.m. in the Federation Chamber on Monday 24 November, the Deputy Speaker (and Chair of the Federation Chamber) made a statement in relation to the recent physical enhancements that had been made to the Federation Chamber. Members' constituency statements were then made.

*Note:* The enhancements included improved signage at the entrance to the Federation Chamber, a redesigned desk for the Deputy Speaker and clerks, a central table to accommodate chamber documents and purpose-built lecterns in the front row of Members' seats.

*Hansard:* 24 November 2014, 12923

*Votes and Proceedings:* 2014/985

**SO 193**

**123.32** *Leave granted to incorporate names of Cyclone Tracy victims in Hansard*

During the period for private Members' business in the Federation Chamber on Monday 1 December, a Government Member moved a motion standing in her name regarding the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cyclone Tracy and, by leave, presented a document. At the conclusion of debate, the mover of the motion sought leave to incorporate the names of the victims of Cyclone Tracy in Hansard. Leave was granted.

*Hansard:* 1 December 2014, 13776-9, 13781-2

*Votes and Proceedings:* 2014/1027

**SOs 63, 199**

**123.33** *Federation Chamber suspends due to absence of quorum*

During further statements on the death of Australian cricketer, Mr Phillip Hughes, in the Federation Chamber on 3 December, the Federation Chamber suspended for approximately one minute due to the absence of a quorum.

*Hansard:* 3 December 2014, 14206

*Votes and Proceedings:* 2014/1049

**SO 184**

## Members

**123.34** *Member arrives late to division; vote not counted*

On Wednesday 26 November, during a division on a closure motion against the Leader of the Opposition—who was speaking to his motion to suspend standing orders to enable a motion of censure against the Prime Minister (*see* entry **123.14**)—the Speaker, having observed that a Parliamentary Secretary entered the Chamber for the division after her instruction to lock the doors, requested that the Member move to a part of the Chamber where his vote would not be counted in the division. The Member did so, and his vote was not counted.

*Hansard:* 26 November 2014, 13219-20

## Questions

**123.35** *Question ruled out of order*

During question time on Wednesday 26 November, the Manager of Opposition Business asked a question to the Prime Minister that included the word 'lying'. The Speaker ruled the question out of order and asked the Member to rephrase his question. The Member rephrased his question and the Speaker ruled that it was still out of order and called on the next questioner.

*Hansard:* 26 November 2014, 13299

**SOs 98, 100**

**123.36** *Question ruled out of order*

During question time on Thursday 27 November, the Leader of the Opposition asked a question to the Prime Minister regarding the Minister for Defence. After a point of order was raised by the Leader of the House and debated, the Speaker ruled the question out of order and asked the Leader of the Opposition to rephrase his question. The Member rephrased his question and the Speaker ruled that it was still out of order and called on the next questioner. The Prime Minister sought indulgence to respond to the rephrased question as put by the Leader of the Opposition but, as she had already called on the next questioner, the Speaker indicated that the Leader of the Opposition could ask his question at the next opportunity, if he wished.

*Hansard: 27 November 2014, 13506-7*

**SOs 98, 100, 101**

**123.37** *Member asked to rephrase question*

During question time on 27 November, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition asked a question to the Prime Minister regarding the Victorian state election. After a point of order was raised by the Leader of the House, the Speaker ruled the question out of order and asked the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to rephrase her question. The Member rephrased her question and the Prime Minister responded.

*Hansard: 27 November 2014, 13511-2*

**SOs 98, 100, 101**

**123.38** *Member asked to rephrase question*

During question time on 1 December, the Deputy Manager of Opposition Business asked a question to the Prime Minister regarding the position of Assistant Treasurer. The Speaker asked the Member to rephrase his question 'leaving the latter part out, as it is a hypothetical.' The Member rephrased his question and the Prime Minister responded.

*Hansard: 1 December 2014, 13676*

**SOs 98, 100**

**123.39** *Treasurer adds to an answer*

After question time on 1 December, the Treasurer, by indulgence, added to an answer he gave during question time regarding the budget for Australian Defence Force salaries.

*Hansard: 1 December 2014, 13681*

**SO 65**

**123.40** *Leader of the Opposition asked to authenticate quote*

During question time on Tuesday 2 December, the Leader of the Opposition asked a question to the Prime Minister regarding university degrees. The Leader of the House raised a point of order and asked whether it was in order for the Leader of the Opposition to misquote the Prime Minister in his question. The Speaker requested that the Leader of the Opposition authenticate the quote. He did so and was asked to resume his seat when the Speaker noted that ‘we are now getting into the realm of argument’. The Prime Minister was then called to answer the question.

*Hansard: 2 December 2014, 13903*

**SO 100**

**123.41** *Shadow Minister sanctioned for disorderly question*

During question time on Thursday 4 December, a Shadow Minister, during her question to the Prime Minister, stated ‘Why did the Prime Minister lie to Australians before the election—’. The Member was interrupted by the Speaker and ordered to leave the chamber for one hour under standing order 94(a). As the Shadow Minister left the chamber, two points of order were raised by Opposition Members, one to ask why the Shadow Minister’s microphone was switched off mid-question, and one regarding the form of the question used by the Shadow Minister. The Speaker confirmed her ruling.

*Hansard: 4 December 2014, 14317*

*Votes and Proceedings: 2014/1056*

**SOs 86, 94, 100**

**123.42** *Opposition supports Foreign Affairs Minister’s response to question regarding declared terrorist area*

During question time on 4 December, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question from a Government Member, announced that under the provisions of the foreign fighters legislation, she had ‘declared Al-Raqqa province an area where a listed terrorist organisation was engaging in hostile activity’, making it ‘an offence under Australian law to enter or remain in the province without a legitimate purpose’. The Minister presented two maps depicting Al-Raqqa. The Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development, by indulgence, made remarks to indicate that the Opposition would support the measure.

*Hansard: 4 December 2014, 14320-2*

*Votes and Proceedings: 2014/1056*

**SOs 65, 199**

## Speaker

### **123.43** *Statement by Speaker regarding giving tree in Parliament House foyer*

After question time on Tuesday 25 November, the Speaker made a statement to inform the House that she and the President of the Senate had earlier in the day switched on the lights on the Christmas tree in the marble foyer, which was a giving tree. She encouraged Members to donate to the charities involved.

*Hansard: 25 November 2014, 13112*

### **123.44** *Question to Speaker regarding sanctions for disorderly behaviour*

After question time on 25 November, an Opposition Member asked the Speaker whether she was aware that she now held the record for excluding more Members from the Chamber than any previous Speaker since Federation. The Speaker responded that she was 'perfectly well aware of what occurs in this Chamber', and stated that 'if there were not disorderly conduct, it would not be necessary.'

*Hansard: 25 November 2014, 13113*

**SOs 103**

### **123.45** *Question to Speaker not accepted*

After question time on Wednesday 26 November, the Deputy Manager of Opposition Business was given the call and stated that he had a question for the Speaker regarding the standing orders. The Speaker asked the Member to resume his seat and stated that, in accordance with standing order 103, she would only accept questions relating to matters of administration.

*Note:* Standing order 103 states: 'At the conclusion of Question Time, Members may ask questions orally of the Speaker about any matter of administration for which he or she is responsible.'

*Hansard: 26 November 2014, 13303*

**SO 103**

### **123.46** *Speaker asked to check remarks*

After question time on 25 November, the Leader of the Opposition made a personal explanation in which he sought to correct remarks regarding budget cuts attributed to him by the Prime Minister. The Leader of the House, on a point of order, requested that the Speaker check whether the Leader of Opposition made the remarks attributed to him by the Prime Minister. The Speaker stated she would consider the tape.

After question time the following day (26 November), the Speaker reported to the House that she had reviewed the tape and was not in a position to adjudicate on

the matter on the basis of the material she had reviewed; however, she was investigating whether it was possible to enhance the audio on the tape. The Speaker reminded all Members that they were accountable for what they said in the House, even by way of interjection.

*Hansard:* 25 November 2014, 13113-4; 26 November 2014, 13302

**SOs 68, 86, 103**

**123.47** *Question to Speaker not accepted*

After question time on Tuesday 2 December, a Shadow Parliamentary Secretary was given the call and begun to ask the Speaker a question regarding arrangements for a Ministerial Statement given earlier that day by the Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development (*see* entry no. **123.19**). The Speaker interrupted the Member and stated that, in accordance with standing orders, she would only accept questions relating to matters of administration. She told the Member to write to her if she so wished.

*Hansard:* 2 December 2014, 13924

**SOs 103**

**123.48** *Speaker's remarks regarding chairs occupied by women during question time*

After question time on Wednesday 3 December, the Speaker stated 'I think we might have made a little bit of history today. I think for the first time the chair of the Deputy Clerk of the parliament, the chair of the Leader of the Opposition, the Chair of the Prime Minister and the chair of the Speaker are all occupied by women.'

*Note:* The Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition were absent from question time as they were attending the funeral for Australian cricketer, Mr Phillip Hughes. The Deputy Prime Minister was also absent, for personal reasons. The Minister for Foreign Affairs represented the Prime Minister during question time, while the Deputy Leader of the Opposition represented the Leader of the Opposition.

*Hansard:* 3 December 2014, 14115

**123.49** *Question to Speaker not accepted*

After question time on Thursday 4 December, an Opposition member was given the call to ask a question to the Speaker. The Member stated that he was the 250<sup>th</sup> person ejected from the House earlier that year. He was interrupted by the Speaker who asked the Member to resume his seat. The Speaker stated that, in accordance with standing order 103, she would only accept questions relating to matters of administration.

*Hansard:* 4 December 2014, 14334

**SO 103**



### 123.50 *Speaker presents schedule of outstanding Government responses to committee reports*

Following question time on 4 December, the Speaker presented the schedule of outstanding Government responses to House and Joint committee reports, covering the previous six month period.

Hansard: 4 December 2014, 14334-42  
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/1057

**SO 199**

## Withdrawals

### 123.51 *Offensive words*

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<i>unrecorded</i>	25 November 2014	13099
'This Prime Minister is now lying about lying.'	25 November 2014	13102
<i>unrecorded</i>	25 November 2014	13117-8
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'Union Bill'	26 November 2014	13286
'Rumpole...'	27 November 2014	13514
'Most biased Speaker ever!'	27 November 2014	13516
'You are appalling ... You are a real piece of work.'	27 November 2014	13516
'The Member for Ballarat...misappropriated... money that was in the portfolio responsibility that she had at the time.'	1 December 2014	13680
'Liar!'	2 December 2014	13910
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