The following amendment should be inserted in the *House of Representatives Standing Orders as at 14 November 2013.*

## Standing orders

*On 26 March 2015 the following new standing order was adopted.*

### 63A Ministerial statements

When the House has granted a Minister leave to make a ministerial statement, the House shall be deemed to have granted leave for the Leader of the Opposition, or Member representing, to speak in response to the statement for an equal amount of time.

## Resolutions of the House

*On 26 March 2015 the following resolution was adopted.*

### Use of electronic devices in the Chamber, Federation Chamber and committees

*Resolution adopted 26 March 2015*

1. The House permits Members’ use of electronic devices in the Chamber, Federation Chamber and committees, provided that:
   a. use of any device avoids interference or distraction to other Members, either visually or audibly, and does not interfere with proceedings—in particular, phone calls are not permitted and devices should be operated in silent mode;
   b. devices are not used to record the proceedings (either by audio or visual means);
   c. communication on social media regarding private meetings of committees or in camera hearings will be considered a potential breach of privilege; and
   d. the use of devices is as unobtrusive as possible and is directly related to the Members’ parliamentary duties; and
2. The House notes that:
   a. communication via electronic devices, whether in the Chamber or not, is unlikely to be covered by parliamentary privilege; and
   b. reflections on the Chair by Members made on social media may be treated as matters of order just as any such reflections made inside or outside the Chamber.