

# Procedural Digest

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13 – 22 June 2023

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be aware that this publication contains the names of deceased persons.

## Bills

### 12.01 Consideration and passage of appropriation bills

On Tuesday, 13 June, pursuant to the House's resolution of 22 May relating to proceedings on the appropriation bills, the question on the second reading of Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2023-2024 was put and passed and the bill read a second time. It was then referred back to the Federation Chamber for consideration in detail in accordance with the resolution.

Before consideration in detail commenced, the Deputy Speaker made a statement drawing members' attention to the resolution of 22 May and reminding them that any variation to the order and timing set out in the resolution could only be made by a motion moved by a minister. She noted the obligation of the Chairs to put questions at dates and times in accordance with the resolution. As part of her statement, the Deputy Speaker also set out parameters for the debate, including arrangements for alternating the call between government and non-government members, as well as a reminder for debate to be relevant to the portfolio being examined.

The proposed expenditure was considered in accordance with the order and timeframes set out in the resolution, and the final question that the bill be agreed to was put and passed on Thursday, 15 June. Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2023-2024 and Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2023-2024 were then read a second time, and all three bills were returned to the House without amendment, where the questions on the third reading of each were put and passed on the voices.

*Hansard:* 13 June 2023, 4240-69

15 June 2023, 4528-9; 4541-69

*Votes and Proceedings:* 2022-23/779, 787, 801, 803

### 12.02 Second reading and detail amendments from the crossbench

When debate on the second reading of the Nature Repair Market Bill 2023 resumed on Tuesday, 13 June, the Member for Wentworth moved a second reading amendment, and the Member for Goldstein moved an amendment to that amendment. On 21 June, following debate, the question was put and defeated on the Member for Goldstein's amendment and then put and defeated on the Member for Wentworth's amendment.

After the second reading was agreed to on division, the bill was considered in detail, and the following detail amendments moved in groups by leave:

- four amendments by the Member for Clark, which were disagreed to

- two amendments by the Member for North Sydney, which were disagreed to, and a further four amendments, which were agreed to
- eight amendments by the Member for Wentworth, which were agreed to
- four amendments by the Member for Warringah, which were agreed to
- two amendments by the Member for Goldstein, which were agreed to, and a further three amendments, which were disagreed to, and
- four amendments by the Member for Curtin, which were agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was agreed to and read a third time.

*Hansard:* 13 June 2023, 4212-27  
21 June 2023, 4951-71

*Votes and Proceedings:* 2022-23/781–2; 826–8

**SOs 145, 150**

### 12.03 Passage of bill through all stages without delay

Immediately following prayers and acknowledgement of country on Thursday, 15 June, the Home Affairs Bill 2023 was introduced and, by leave, passed through all stages. All questions were passed on the voices, and the bill was read a third time at 9.05 am. The purpose of the bill was to terminate a lease held by the government of the Russian Federation for a block of land adjacent to Parliament House.

*Following introduction of a bill and the second reading speech from the member introducing the bill, standing orders provide that debate on the question must be adjourned to a following sitting.*

*Hansard:* 15 June 2023, 4459

*Votes and Proceedings:* 2022-23/799

**SOs 142, 155**

### 12.04 Request for amendments from the Senate

On Tuesday, 20 June, the Education Legislation Amendment (Startup Year and Other Measures) Bill 2023 was returned from the Senate during the committee stage with requested amendments. The amendments related to eligibility for higher education loans and would increase government expenditure, therefore requiring appropriation. A message from the Administrator recommending appropriation for the requested amendments had been reported earlier. The question on the requested amendments was put and passed on the voices, and the bill was returned to the Senate.

On Thursday, 22 June, the bill was returned from the Senate after its third reading with additional amendments the Senate had been able to make as they did not require appropriation. These were agreed to by the House.

*Under Section 53 of the Constitution, the Senate cannot amend proposed legislation which imposes taxation, appropriates money for the ordinary annual services of the government or increases any proposed charge or burden on the people. The Senate must instead request that the House makes these amendments, and generally does so during its committee (detail) stage of bill consideration.*

*Hansard:* 20 June 2023, 4818

22 June 2023, 5049

*Votes and Proceedings:* 2022-23/818, 835

**SOs 158, 165**

## Private Members' business

### 12.05 Motion to enable private member's bill to be called on

On Wednesday, 14 June, the Member for Goldstein moved a motion to suspend standing orders to enable a bill that she had sponsored, the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Prohibition of Gambling Advertisements) Bill 2023, to be called on and considered immediately. The motion was defeated on division.

*Hansard: 14 June 2023, 4287-92*  
*Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23/790*

**SOs 47**

### 12.06 Crossbench members share speaking time

On Monday, 19 June, two crossbench members presented bills and chose to complete their speeches in time to allow the seconder to also speak before the time for debate expired:

- Interactive Gambling Amendment (Ban on Gambling Advertisements) Bill 2023, introduced by the Member for Mayo and seconded by the Member for Clark and
- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Healthy Kids Advertising) Bill 2023, introduced by the Member for Mackellar and seconded by the Member for Kooyong.

*The mover of a private members' bill is allowed up to 10 minutes for the second reading speech on presentation, and the Selection Committee may determine times for consideration of the remainder of the second reading debate.*

*Hansard: 19 June 2023, 4612-6*  
*Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23/805*

**SO 41**

## Committees

### 12.07 Report on citizen's right of reply

On Thursday, 22 June, the Standing Committee on Privileges and Members' Interests tabled a report concerning the application from a citizen for the publication of a response to a reference made about him by a member in the House in March 2023. By leave, the Chair moved that the report be adopted, and the citizen's response was incorporated into the Hansard in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

*A resolution of the House provides for a right of reply for persons referred to by name, or in a way as to be readily identified, in the House. Submissions seeking a right of reply are sent to the Speaker. If the Speaker is satisfied that the submission meets a certain standard, it is then referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Members' Interests for consideration.*

*Hansard: 22 June 2023, 5046*  
*Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23/835*

## Matter of Public Importance

### 12.08 Contributions from ministers

On Thursday, 22 June, the Leader of the Opposition proposed a Matter of Public Importance relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament. Following the Leader of the Opposition's contribution, the Prime Minister gave the first response from the government; subsequent government speakers included the Attorney-General, the Minister for Indigenous Australians and the Leader of the House. Following the final opposition speaker, the Leader of the Australian Greens spoke.

*Hansard: 22 June 2023, 5084-94  
Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23/836*

**SO 46**

## Members

### 12.09 Leave of absence

On the final sitting of the fortnight, 22 June, the Leader of the House moved that leave of absence be given to all members until the date of the next sitting. The question was carried.

*Section 38 of the Constitution provides that the place of a member shall become vacant if they fail to attend the House for two consecutive months of any session of the Parliament. A motion of leave for all members is usually made by a minister at the end of a period of sittings to cover the absence of members during the break between sittings.*

*Hansard: 22 June 2023, 5076  
Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23/836*

**SO 26**

## Statements

### 12.10 Statements by indulgence of the Chair

On the first sitting day of the fortnight, the Member for Cook made a statement by indulgence relating to a newspaper article reporting comments by a former member of his staff as Prime Minister.

Over the sitting fortnight, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition also made statements by indulgence on the following matters:

- a bus crash in Greta in the Hunter Valley (13 June, with another contribution by indulgence from the Member for Hunter)
- the 2023 Ashes test cricket series (21 June) and
- wildfires in Canada (22 June).

Also on 22 June, the Prime Minister, by indulgence, added to an answer he had given during questions without notice.

*Hansard:* 13 June 2023, 4155-6; 4175-7  
21 June 2023, 4926-7  
22 June 2023, 5064-5

## 12.11 Statements on significant matters

During the time for statements on significant matters on Wednesdays and Thursdays, statements were made relating to the deaths of:

- Joy McKean OAM, award-winning musician and songwriter (14 June)
- Constable Anthony Woods, a Western Australian police officer who was killed in the line of duty (21 June) and
- Alfred Neal OAM, Indigenous leader and activist (22 June).

*Hansard:* 14 June 2023, 4271-2  
21 June 2023, 4875-6  
22 June 2023, 5011-2  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2022-23/789; 823; 833  
**SO 50A**

## 12.12 Personal explanations

Three members gave personal explanations during the sitting fortnight, including the Leader of the Australian Greens (15 June), the Member for Leichhardt (19 June) and the Member for Griffith (21 and 22 June).

*Hansard:* 15 June 2023, 4518  
19 June 2023, 4664-5  
21 June 2023, 4936-7  
22 June 2023, 5075-6  
**SO 68**

## 12.13 Ministerial statement

On the final sitting day, the Minister for Resources, by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to a new Critical Minerals Strategy. The Leader of the Nationals addressed the House in reply.

*When the House grants a minister leave to make a ministerial statement, it is deemed that leave is granted to the Leader of the Opposition, or member representing, to speak for an equal amount of time.*

*Hansard:* 22 June 2023, 5041-6  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2022-23/835  
**SO 63A**

## 12.14 Speaker's statement

Also on the final sitting day, after Question Time, the Speaker made a statement reminding members of their shared responsibility in developing a safe and respectful workplace culture at Parliament House, encouraging members to reflect on their own behaviour and contributions to this culture.

*Hansard*: 22 June 2023, 5074-5

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

	<b>Hansard</b>	
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'I am also advised that the honourable member is not sure about the death of Elvis! He hasn't seen enough evidence of that as well—'	14 June 2023	4336
'It's not Foghorn Leghorn interjections from the peanut gallery—'	14 June 2023	4336
'...for the Prime Minister to somehow, in this tricky and slippery way that he's been conducting himself—'	15 June 2023	4516
'Five people have died because of your shameful decision.'	15 June 2023	4504
'... the coalition of cookers which sit opposite...'	20 June 2023	4796
'I'm sorry that it appears that you aren't able to read the very simple instructions...'	21 June 2023	4935
'Often part of the coalition of cookers there in Queensland...'	21 June 2023	4926
'... the bullying attitude of the Prime Minister to a first term MP...'	22 June 2023	5076

**SOs 89, 90, 92**

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