

Procedural Digest

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Budget

10.01 Presentation of the 2026-2027 Budget and Budget reply

On 12 May, during government business time, the Leader of the House moved to suspend standing and sessional orders to make arrangements for the presentation of the Budget and the Budget reply on 12 and 14 May respectively. The motion provided for:

- Suspension of standing orders 31 (automatic adjournment of the House) and 33 (limit on business after normal time of adjournment) on 12 May, and
- Suspension of standing order 31 on 14 May and automatic adjournment of the House after the Budget reply speech.

The motion was agreed with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

That evening, following a suspension from 6.15 pm to 7.30 pm, the Treasurer presented Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2026-2027, moved the second reading and delivered the Budget speech. Debate was adjourned and the Assistant Treasurer presented Budget Papers 1 to 4, the women's budget statement and the Regional Ministerial Budget Statement. The Assistant Treasurer then presented Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2026-2027 and Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2026-2027. Before each bill was presented a message from the Governor-General was announced recommending appropriation.

On the evening of 14 May, debate resumed on the second reading of Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2026-2027 and the Leader of the Opposition delivered his Budget reply speech. The House then adjourned at 8.03 pm.

The House generally resolves to suspend standing and sessional orders to make Budget week arrangements, as the presentation of the Budget at 7.30 pm on Tuesday evening and the Leader of the Opposition's Budget reply at 7.30 pm on Thursday evening require that automatic adjournment of the House and the limit on new business after the normal time for adjournment be suspended. It is also usual for the Federation Chamber not to meet on the day of the Budget presentation.

Hansard: 12 May 2026, P1-2; 63-72
14 May 2026, P75-9

Votes and Proceedings: 2025-26/658; 662-3; 687-8

SOs 31, 33, 47, 141, 142, 178, 180

10.02 Speaker's statements on arrangements for Budget speeches

Following Question Time on 12 and 14 May, the Speaker made statements to the House relating to procedural arrangements for the Budget speech and Budget reply. The Speaker requested that members note the usual arrangements in place for Budget week and the

courtesies applying to the Budget speech and Budget reply, including that the Treasurer and Leader of the Opposition are entitled to speak without interruption.

He advised that, in accordance with precedent, any directions to leave the Chamber under standing order 94(a) during these speeches would be communicated by written note. The Speaker also informed members that the speech clock would be on only as a guide, and that there is no time limit for the Treasurer or the Leader of the Opposition for the debate.

Hansard: 12 May 2026, P38

14 May 2026, P64

SOs 1, 94

10.03 Budget estimates reports by committees

On 12 May, the Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit made a statement regarding the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office for 2026-27 and, by leave, presented a copy of the statement.

On 14 May, the Speaker, as Chair of the Standing Committee on Appropriations and Administration, presented Report No. 35: *Budget estimates 2026-27*.

The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit is responsible for parliamentary oversight of the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office and is required by legislation to consider the draft budget estimates for each office. On budget day each year the committee makes a statement on whether, in its opinion, these offices have been given sufficient funding to carry out their respective mandates.

The Standing Committee on Appropriations and Administration is required by standing order 222A to consider the draft budget estimates for the operation of the Department of the House of Representatives.

Hansard: 12 May 2026, P62-3

14 May 2026, P4

Votes and Proceedings: 2025-26/662; 679

SOs 39, 199, 222A

Bills

10.04 Supplementary additional estimates appropriation bills presented

On 12 May, following presentation of the 2026-2027 appropriation bills, the Assistant Treasurer presented two supplementary additional estimates appropriation bills: Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2025-2026 and Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2025-2026. A message from the Governor-General recommending appropriation was announced before the introduction of each bill. Debate on each bill was adjourned after the second reading speech.

In some years, the Government introduces further Appropriation Bills for the current financial year, following the additional estimates process. These bills appropriate funding for variations related to existing programs, as well as for new programs announced in the Budget, but which commence before the start of the next financial year.

Hansard: 12 May 2026, P72

Votes and Proceedings: 2022-2023/663-4

SOs 141, 142, 178, 180

Motions

10.05 Condolence motion on the death of Hon Peter Frederick Morris OAM

On 12 May, the Prime Minister moved a condolence motion on the death of the Hon Peter Frederick Morris OAM, a former minister and Member for Shortland from 1972 to 1998. The Leader of the Opposition seconded the motion and members rose in their places as a mark of respect. Debate was adjourned and the motion referred to the Federation Chamber for further debate, where further statements were made on 13 May, with members rising in their places. On 14 May, the motion was returned from the Federation Chamber and agreed to, with members again rising in their places.

Condolence motions are usually moved following the death of a Governor-General, a sitting member or senator, or former members or senators who held certain offices. From time to time, condolence motions may also be moved following the death of a distinguished Australian or a foreign Head of State or Government.

Hansard: 12 May 2026, P23-5

13 May 2026, P166-74

14 May 2026, P48

Votes and Proceedings: 2025-26/659; 678; 686

SO 49

Parliamentary standards

10.06 Speaker's statement

On 14 May, during Question Time, the Speaker made a statement regarding parliamentary language, asking that the House not use the term 'lie' or related words.

Hansard: 14 May 2026, P50

SOs 89, 90, 91, 92

Parliamentary administration

10.07 Report presented

On 13 May, the Speaker presented the Commonwealth Parliamentary Workplace Report for 2025. This is the inaugural report prepared and presented pursuant to section 22 of the *Parliamentary Workplace Support Service Act 2023*.

Hansard: 13 May 2026, P1

Votes and Proceedings: 2025-26/671

SO 199

Statements

10.08 Ministerial statement on the Regional Budget Statement

On 13 May, the Minister for Regional Development, by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Regional Ministerial Budget Statement, and presented a copy of the document. The Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry addressed the House in reply. The

Minister for Regional Development moved that the House take note of the document before debate was adjourned and resumption of debate was referred to the Federation Chamber.

On 14 May, the Assistant Treasurer moved a motion, without notice, to suspend standing and sessional orders to permit the removal of the whole debate time limit on the motion to take note of the document. The question was put and passed with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Under standing order 1, the maximum time for the whole debate on a motion to take note of a document (which falls under 'Other debates – not otherwise provided for') is one hour.

Hansard: 13 May 2026, P32-41

14 May 2026, P19-20

Votes and Proceedings: 2025-26/672; 684

SOs 1, 47, 63A, 199

10.09 Statements of condolence

On 12 May, the Speaker informed the House of the deaths of Patricia Margaret (Trish) Crossin AM, a Senator for the Northern Territory from 1998 to 2013, Kay Janet Denman, a Senator for Tasmania from 1993 to 2005, and William Leonard (Bill) Grayden AM, the Member for Swan from 1949 to 1954. All members present stood in their places as a mark of respect.

Also on 12 May, the Defence Minister, by indulgence, made a statement on the death of Warrant Officer Lachlan Muddle, a member of the Australian Defence Force. The Leader of the Opposition then made a statement by indulgence associating the Opposition with the Defence Minister's remarks. All members present stood in their places as a mark of respect.

On 13 May, the Minister for the Arts and a shadow minister made statements on the death of David George Joseph Malouf AO, a writer. Further statements were permitted in the Federation Chamber and were made there on 14 May.

In most circumstances, the death of a former member or senator who did not hold certain offices is marked with a statement by the Speaker without a condolence motion being moved. Sometimes members have made statements of condolence by indulgence. Members are also able to refer to the deaths of former members at another time, such as during the adjournment debate.

Hansard: 12 May 2026, P22-3

13 May 2026, P1-3

14 May 2026, P101-2

Votes and Proceedings: 2025-26/659; 671; 690

SOs 50A, 50B

Offensive words[#]

<i>Offensive words or phrase</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Hansard page reference</i>
'...more Labor lies and broken promises from a prime minister who simply can't tell the truth.'	13 May	P37
'...this prime minister lied to get elected.'	13 May	P37
'...every member opposite told lies to their electorates to get them elected.'	13 May	P38
'Gutless Jim!'	13 May	P59
'...why is this government stealing...'	13 May	P60
'...Tiny Tim!'	13 May	P70
'...the new kid...'	14 May	P53
'You're going to keep lying.'	14 May	P61
'...these sneaky little Liberals and Nationals...'	14 May	P62

SOs 89, 90, 92

[#] List of unparliamentary expressions recorded in *Hansard*.