

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

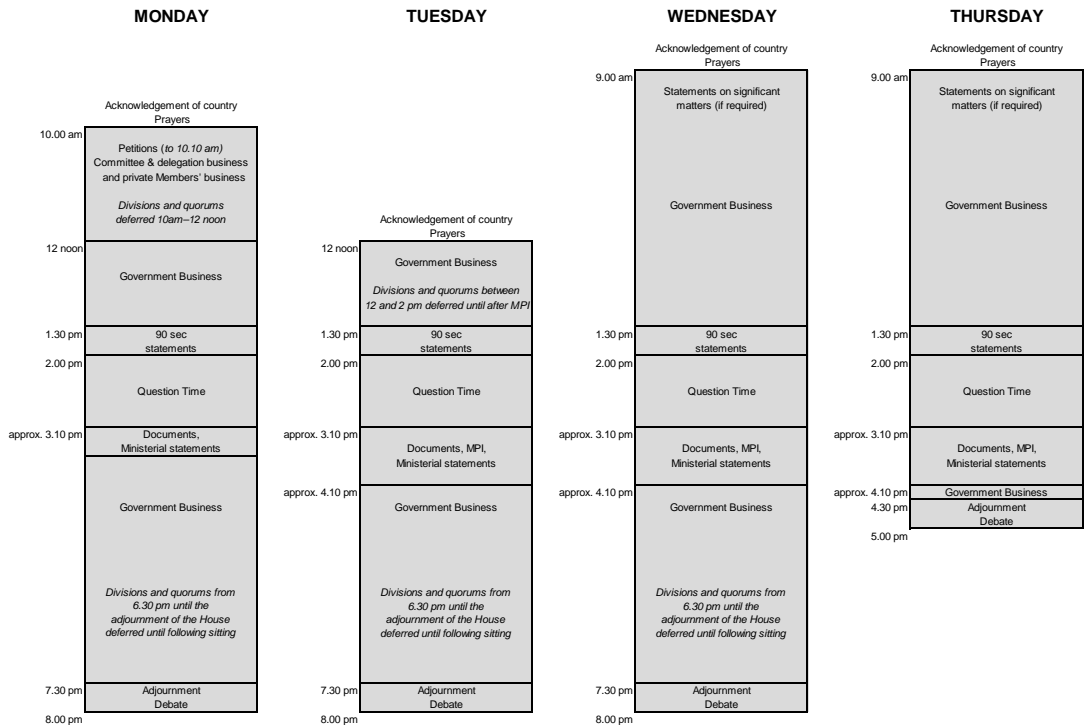
The following should be inserted in the *House of Representatives Standing Orders as at 2 August 2022*.

Standing orders

Standing orders 34, 55, 85 and 133 were amended on 30 March 2023, as follows:

34 Order of business

The order of business to be followed by the House is shown in figure 2.



55 Lack of quorum

- (a) When the attention of the Speaker is drawn to the state of the House and the Speaker observes that a quorum is not present, the Speaker shall count the Members present in accordance with *standing order 56*.
- (b) On Mondays, if any Member draws the attention of the Speaker to the state of the House between 10 am and 12 noon, the Speaker shall announce that he or she will count the House at 12 noon, if the Member then so desires.
- (c) On Tuesdays, if any Member draws the attention of the Speaker to the state of the House prior to 2 pm, the Speaker shall announce that he or she will count the House after the discussion of the matter of public importance, if the Member then so desires.
- (d) On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, if any Member draws the attention of the Speaker to the state of the House from 6.30 pm until the adjournment of the House, the Speaker shall announce that he or she will count the House at the first opportunity the next sitting day, if the Member then so desires.
- (e) If a quorum is in fact present when a Member draws attention to the state of the House, the Speaker may name the Member in accordance with *standing order 94(b) (sanctions against disorderly conduct)*.

85 Proceedings on urgent bills

- (a) If one or more bills have been declared urgent, the provisions of *standing order 31* will not apply and a single second reading debate on the bill[s] may continue from 7.30 pm until 10 pm that sitting, or earlier if no further Members rise to speak, at which time the Speaker shall interrupt the debate and immediately adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting.
- (b) After prayers on the next sitting, each bill will be considered in turn. The question on any second reading amendment and the question on the second reading shall be put without further amendment or debate.

(c) If the second reading of a bill is agreed to and any message from the Governor-General announced, the bill then to be taken as a whole during consideration in detail, if required, with any detail amendments to be moved together and the mover to speak for a maximum of five minutes, without further debate, and any government amendments to the bill which have been circulated to be treated as if they had been moved together, any opposition amendments which have been circulated to be treated as if they had been moved together, and any amendments by crossbench Members which have been circulated to be treated as if they had been moved as one set per Member, with:

- (i) one question to be put on all the government amendments;
- (ii) one question then to be put on all opposition amendments;
- (iii) separate questions then to be put on any sets of amendments circulated by crossbench Members; and
- (iv) any further questions necessary to complete the remaining stages of the bill to be put without delay.

(d) *Standing order 81*, providing for the closure of a question, shall not apply to any proceedings to which this standing order applies.

(e) Any division called for during the second reading debate from 7.30 pm until 10 pm that sitting shall be deferred until the first opportunity the next sitting day, except for a division called on a motion to suspend any standing or other order of the House moved by a Minister during this period, and, if any Member draws the attention of the Speaker to the state of the House, the Speaker shall announce that he or she will count the House at the first opportunity the next sitting day if the Member then desires.

133 Deferred divisions on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

- (a) On Mondays, any division called for between the hours of 10 am and 12 noon shall be deferred until 12 noon, except for a division called on a motion to suspend any standing or other order of the House moved by a Minister during this period.
 - (b) On Tuesdays, any division called for prior to 2 pm shall be deferred until after the discussion of the matter of public importance, except for a division called on a motion to suspend any standing or other order of the House moved by a Minister during this period.
 - (c) On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, any division called for from 6.30 pm until the adjournment of the House shall be deferred until the first opportunity the next sitting day, except for a division called on a motion to suspend any standing or other order of the House moved by a Minister during this period.
 - (d) *Standing orders 80 and 81* shall not apply during a period of deferred divisions.
 - (e) The Speaker shall put all questions on which a division has been deferred, successively and without amendment or further debate.
- [and see *standing order 85* in relation to urgent bills]

Sessional order

Sessional order 65A was amended on 5 September 2022, as follows:

65A Opportunities for crossbench Members

Consistent with the principle that the call should alternate between government and non-government Members and to enable crossbench Members to receive the call in accordance with the crossbench proportion of the non-government membership of the House:

- (a) During Question Time, priority shall be given to a crossbench Member seeking the call on the fifth, thirteenth and seventeenth questions.
- (b) During each period of Members' statements in the House, priority shall be given to at least two crossbench Members seeking the call (*standing order 43*).
- (c) During each period of Members' statements in the Federation Chamber on Mondays, priority shall be given to at least three crossbench Members seeking the call (*standing order 43*).
- (d) During each 30 minute period of Members' constituency statements in the Federation Chamber, priority shall be given to at least one crossbench Member seeking the call (*standing order 193*).
- (e) During the grievance debate in the Federation Chamber, every second Tuesday priority shall be given to a crossbench Member seeking the call as the first speaker (*standing order 192B*).
- (f) During the adjournment debate in the House, on Tuesdays and Thursdays priority shall be given to a crossbench Member seeking the call as the first speaker (*standing order 31*).

(g) During the adjournment debate in the Federation Chamber, every second Thursday priority shall be given to a crossbench Member seeking the call as the first speaker (*standing order 191*).

(h) For the matter of public importance discussion, the Speaker shall have regard to the crossbench proportion of the non-government membership of the House in selecting matters proposed (*standing order 46*).

Remote participation in proceedings— Federation Chamber

Resolution adopted 8 September 2022

For all meetings of the Federation Chamber from Monday, 12 September 2022, Members granted leave of absence by the House of Representatives, and not physically present in Parliament House, may participate remotely in proceedings of the Federation Chamber by the official parliamentary video facility, as provided:

- (1) Members participating remotely must be present at either an Electorate Office or a Commonwealth Parliament Office;
- (2) Members present by the official parliamentary video facility may speak only after being recognised by the Chair for the purposes of making a speech;
- (3) Members present by the official parliamentary video facility may not:
 - (a) be counted for quorum;
 - (b) move or second any motion; or
 - (c) move or second any amendment to a motion or bill;
- (4) notice is to be provided to the Chair, 15 minutes prior to a Member, who is participating remotely, seeking to make a speech;
- (5) the Standing Orders apply except as affected by this resolution;

- (6) contributions to proceedings made by Members present by the official parliamentary video facility will be recorded in Hansard; and
- (7) the resolution on remote participation in proceedings in the Chamber, adopted by the House on 24 August 2020, applies to remote participation in proceedings in the Federation Chamber as if they were proceedings in the House, as affected by this resolution.