

## APPENDIX 1

### Hours of meeting and routine of business

#### Proposed changes to adjournment debates

Amendment to standing order 54(5) to provide for 5-minute speeches, rather than 10-minute speeches on Wednesdays. Amendment to standing order 54(6) to remove the option for 20-minute speeches during the open ended adjournment on Tuesdays.

#### 54 Adjournment without motion

- (5) ~~Except on Tuesday~~ **On Monday and Thursday** debate on the question for the adjournment shall not exceed 40 minutes, and a senator shall not speak to that question for more than 10 minutes ~~on any day~~.

**On Wednesday debate on the question for the adjournment shall not exceed 40 minutes, and a senator shall not speak to that question for more than 5 minutes.**

On Tuesday at the conclusion of debate, and on other days at the expiration of 40 minutes, at the conclusion of debate, or at the time specified for adjournment, whichever is the earlier, or if there is no debate, the President shall adjourn the Senate without putting the question.

- (6) On the question for the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, a senator shall speak to that question for not more than 5 minutes, except **that**, ~~in accordance with the following paragraphs:~~
- (a) ~~if no other senator wishes to speak for up to 5 minutes, a senator who has not already spoken may speak for up to 10 minutes; and~~
- (b) ~~if no other senator wishes to speak under paragraph (a), a senator who has not already spoken may speak for up to 20 minutes.~~

#### Meeting times

Amendment to standing order 55 to add 30 minutes at the start of sittings on Tuesdays.

#### 55 Times of meetings

- (1) The days and times of meeting of the Senate in each sitting week shall be:

Monday	10 am – 6.30 pm, 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm
Tuesday	<del>12.30 pm</del> <b>midday</b> – adjournment
Wednesday	9.30 am – 8 pm
Thursday	9.30 am – 8.40 pm.

### **Private senators' bills**

Amendments to standing order 57 and 59 to move consideration of private senators' bills general business from Thursday to Monday and provide for government business to occur at the start of the day on Thursdays.

### **57 Routine of business**

- (1) The routine of business shall be:
  - (a) On Monday:
    - (i) **General business orders of the day for consideration of bills only**
    - (ia) At 12.20pm,** government business only
    - ...
  - (d) On Thursday:
    - ~~(i) General business orders of the day for consideration of bills only for up to 2 hours 20 minutes~~
    - (i) Government business only**
    - (ii) At 11.45 am,** Petitions
    - ...

### **59 Government and general business**

Government business shall take precedence over general business, except that general business shall take precedence over government business as follows:

- (a) **On Mondays, from 10 am until midday until 12.20 pm** general business orders of the day for the consideration of bills shall be considered; and
- (b) from not later than 4.30 pm, for a period not exceeding 2½ hours, general business orders of the day shall take precedence over general business notices of motion on alternate Thursdays.