

APPENDIX B

Routine of business in the Senate as set out in standing order 57 and related orders (as at 14 May 2003)

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
12.30 pm	Prayers Government business only	12.30 pm	Prayers Government documents (Presented pursuant to order) Government business only	9.30 am	Prayers Government documents (Presented pursuant to order) Government business only	9.30 am	Prayers Petitions Notices of motion
2 pm	Questions Motions to take note of a n s w e r s (Time limit: 30 mins) Petitions Notices of motion Placing of business Discovery of formal business	2 pm	Questions Motions to take note of a n s w e r s (Time limit: 30 mins) Petitions Notices of motion Placing of business Discovery of formal business	12.45 pm	Discussion of matters of public interest (SO 57(2)) Questions Motions to take note of a n s w e r s (Time limit: 30 mins) Petitions Notices of motion Placing of business Discovery of formal business	2 pm	Discovery of formal business Tabling and consideration of committee reports (SO 62(4)—Time limit: 1 hr) Committee memberships Messages from House of Representatives Order of business If agreed to, 'non-controversial' legislation Questions Motions to take note of a n s w e r s (Time limit: 30 mins) MPI or urgency motion (Time limit: 1 hr, or if no motions to take note, 90 mins) Ministerial statements Government responses to parliamentary committee reports Tabling of documents
6.30 to 7.30 pm	Sitting suspended—(DINNER BREAK)	6.50 pm	Consideration of government documents tabled earlier in the day (SO 61—Time limit: 30 mins) Adjournment proposed (No time limit)	6.50 pm	Consideration of government documents tabled earlier in the day (SO 61—Time limit: 30 mins) Adjournment proposed (Time limit: 40 mins)	Not later than 4.30 pm	General business, cont. (Notices of motion and orders of the day)
7.30 pm	Order of business continued	7.20 pm	Adjournment proposed (Time limit: 40 mins)	7.20 pm	Adjournment proposed (Time limit: 40 mins)	Not later than 7 pm	General business, cont. (SO 61(3)—Consideration of government documents. Time limit: 1 hr) Consideration of committee reports and government responses and Auditor-General's reports (SO 62—Time limit: 1 hr) Adjournment proposed (Time limit: 40 mins)

