

Procedural Digest

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Bills

3.01 Passage of appropriation bills

On 11 September in the Federation Chamber, following the second reading of Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2019, the Deputy Speaker made a statement regarding arrangements for the conduct of the consideration in detail of the bill. The Federation Chamber then proceeded to consider the bill in detail, in accordance with an agreed schedule for consideration of proposed expenditure for the various portfolios. The debate continued in the Federation Chamber over the sitting fortnight.

On 19 September, the Speaker reported to the House that Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2019-2020, Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2019-2020 and Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2019-2020 had been fully considered by the Federation Chamber and agreed without amendment. Consecutive motions for the third reading of each bill were agreed to without further debate.

Hansard: 11 September, 2635

19 September, 3646-7

Votes and Proceedings: 2019/81; 292-3

SOs 148, 152, 155, 157

Business

3.02 Statements by indulgence regarding the service of Major General Duncan Lewis AO DSC CSC

Following question time on 11 September, the Minister for Home Affairs and the Leader of the Opposition each made statements by indulgence in relation to the conclusion of Major General Lewis's term as Director-General of Security. Both the Minister for Home Affairs and the Leader of the Opposition noted Major General Lewis's contribution to national security over the past five decades.

Hansard: 11 September 2019, 2532-4

SO 65

3.03 Statements by indulgence regarding R U OK? Day

Following statements by Members on 12 September, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition each made statements by indulgence in relation to the national day of action on suicide prevention, R U OK? Day. [\[Watch\]](#)

Hansard: 12 September 2019, 2801-2

SO 65

3.04 Statements by indulgence regarding National Police Bravery Award

Following statements by Members on 19 September, the Acting Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition each made statements by indulgence acknowledging officers Mark Turner and Linda Farrand, recipients of this year's National Police Bravery Award. The Acting Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition went on to recognise the work of current and former police officers.

Hansard: 12 September 2019, 3666

SO 65

Committees

3.05 Register of Members' Interests tabled

During government business time on 9 September, the Chair of the Standing Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests tabled a copy of the Register of Members' Interests for the 46th Parliament.

Hansard: 9 September 2019, 2011

Votes and Proceedings: 2019/185

SOs 199, 216

3.06 Establishment of two joint select committees

On 10 September, a message from the Senate was reported informing the House that the Senate had resolved to establish a Joint Select Committee on oversight of the implementation of redress related recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, including the establishment and operation of the Commonwealth Redress Scheme and ongoing support to survivors. The resolution required the committee to present its final report on the last sitting day of May 2022. The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet moved that the resolution of the Senate be agreed to with amendments. The question was agreed to on the voices.

On 19 September, a message from the Senate was reported informing the House that the Senate had resolved to establish a Joint Select Committee on Australia's Family Law System. The Leader of the House moved that the resolution of the Senate be agreed to. The question was agreed to on division.

Hansard: 10 September 2019, 2359-63

19 September 2019, 3607-11

Votes and Proceedings: 2019/221-4; 288-91

SOs 224, 261

Debates

3.07 Member uses Auslan and Indigenous sign language during 90 second statement

During the period for Members' statements, the Member of Parramatta (Ms Owens) made a 90 second statement regarding National Week of Deaf People while simultaneously delivering her speech in Australian sign language (Auslan). The Member for Parramatta also recognised the 12 Indigenous sign languages in her statement.

Hansard: 19 September 2019, 3665

SOs 43

Motions

3.08 Condolence motion on the death of the Honourable Timothy Andrew Fischer AC

On 9 September, the Prime Minister moved a condolence motion on the death of the Honourable Timothy Andrew Fischer, a Member of the House for the Division of Farrer from 1984 to 2001. The Leader of the Opposition and a number of other Members spoke to the motion. As a mark of respect, all Members present rose in silence. On the motion of the Leader of the House, the condolence motion was referred to the Federation Chamber for debate. [\[Watch\]](#)

Hansard: 9 September 2019, 2040-50
Votes and Proceedings: 2019/187

SOs 49

3.09 Condolence motion on the death of Dr the Honourable Alexander James (Jim) Forbes CMG MC

On 10 September, the Prime Minister moved a condolence motion on the death of Dr the Honourable Alexander James (Jim) Forbes, a Member of the House for the Division of Barker from 1956 to 1975. The Leader of the Opposition seconded the motion and all Members present rose in silence. On the motion of the Leader of the House, the condolence motion was referred to the Federation Chamber for debate. [\[Watch\]](#)

Hansard: 10 September 2019, 2288-91
Votes and Proceedings: 2019/207

SOs 49

3.10 Opposition motion to suspend standing orders – Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction

During question time on 10 September, the Leader of the Opposition moved a suspension of standing orders to enable him to move a motion which, among other things, demanded censure of the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction. The Leader of the House moved that the Member no longer be heard, which was agreed to on division. The seconder and the next two speakers were also closed on division. The Leader of the House then moved that the question be put and the closure of question was agreed to on division.

Accordingly, the question on the suspension motion was put and negated on division.
Question time continued.

Hansard: 10 September 2019, 2305-17
Votes and Proceedings: 2019/207-14

SOs 47, 80, 81

3.11 Two opposition motions to suspend standing orders – Member for Chisholm

After the acknowledgement of country and prayers on 12 September, the Deputy Manager of Opposition Business moved a suspension of standing orders without notice to allow him to move that the House, among other things, call on the Member for Chisholm to make a statement in the House responding to 'discrepancies in the Member's public statements this week'. Debate ensued and when the time allotted for the debate expired, the question was put and negated on division.

On 16 September, the Deputy Manager of Opposition Business moved another suspension of standing orders without notice to allow him to move that the House note the Speaker's remarks regarding statements by Members (see entry 3.14), and calling on the Member for Chisholm to make a statement to the House. Debate ensued and the question that the motion be agreed to was put and negated on division.

Hansard: 12 September 2019, 2739-47
Hansard: 16 September 2019, 2970-5
Votes and Proceedings: 2019/241; 255-6

SO 47

3.12 Opposition motion to suspend standing orders – Prime Minister

During questions without notice on 16 September, the Leader of the Opposition moved a suspension of standing orders without notice, to allow him to move that the House, among other things, condemn the Prime Minister for his actions in connection with the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction and the Member for Chisholm. The mover and the seconder were both closed on division. The Leader of the House then moved that the question be put, and the closure motion was agreed to on division. The Speaker put the question that the Leader of the Opposition's motion be agreed to, and the question was negated on division.

Hansard: 16 September 2019, 2996-3003
Votes and Proceedings: 2019/257-61

SOs 47, 80, 81

Parliamentary Administration

3.13 Appointment of Deputy Clerk and Registrar of Members' Interests

The Speaker informed that House that Ms Catherine Cornish had been appointed Deputy Clerk of the House.

The Speaker also advised that, in accordance with the resolution of the House of Representatives relating to the registration of Members' interests, he had appointed Ms Cornish as Registrar of Members' Interests in the 46th Parliament.

In accordance with procedures adopted by the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests, the Registrar of Members' Interests—commonly the Deputy Clerk—is required to maintain a Register of Members' Interests in a form determined by the committee.

Hansard: 18 September 2019, 3430
Votes and Proceedings: 2019/278

SO 216

Private Members' Business

3.14 Private Member's motion not seconded; motion lapses

During government business time, a minor party Member (Mr Katter), by leave, moved that the House call on the government to allocate funds for the audit of certain Great Barrier Reef action plans and studies. After the Member's speech, the Speaker asked if the motion was seconded. No Member rose to second the motion. The motion therefore lapsed and was not recorded in the *Votes and Proceedings*.

Private Members' motions are required to be seconded. The standing orders provide that a motion which is not seconded when required must not be debated, and shall not be recorded in the Votes and Proceedings.

Hansard: 18 September 2019, 3350-3
SO 116

Privilege

3.15 Question to Speaker regarding Member's tabled statement

During question time on 12 September, the Deputy Manager of Opposition Business asked the Prime Minister a question regarding a media statement released by the Member for Chisholm (Ms Liu). In response, the Prime Minister tabled the media statement.

At the conclusion of question time, the Manager of Opposition Business noted that a deliberately misleading statement made by a Member in the House could be referred to the Privileges Committee as a matter of privilege and asked the Speaker whether there were forms available to the House if a statement tabled on behalf of another Member was found to be deliberately misleading.

The Speaker responded that a tabled statement was not a statement to the House and would not lead to an action before the Privileges Committee.

Hansard: 12 September 2019; 2814-5, 2820
Votes and Proceedings: 2019/244

SOs 51, 199, 216

3.16 Privileges Committee report regarding right of reply

On 19 September, the Chair of the Standing Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests (Mr Broadbent) presented a report concerning an application from a citizen (Mr Leo

Zussino) for the publication of a response to a reference made in the House of Representatives.

The report noted that the Committee agreed to give Mr Zussino a response, which was attached to the report. The Committee recommended that the attached response be incorporated into Hansard. The report, by leave, was carried on the voices.

*Hansard: 19 September 2019; 3611
Votes and Proceedings: 2019/291*

SO 216

Questions

3.17 Questions without notice ruled out of order

During question time on 11 September, the Deputy Manager of Opposition Business (Mr Dreyfus) asked the Prime Minister five questions which the Speaker ruled out of order. The Speaker explained that the Prime Minister could only be asked questions on matters for which he was responsible.

Hansard: 11 September 2019, 2518-31

SO 98

3.18 Question taken on notice

During question time on 17 September, an opposition Member (Ms Kearney) asked the Prime Minister a question regarding registered nurses at registered aged-care facilities. The Prime Minister took the question on notice.

Hansard: 17 September 2019, 3203

3.19 Naming of persons in questions

During question time on 18 September, the Speaker made a statement to the House in response to two questions where names of people were used. The Speaker noted that under standing order 100(d)(i) names of persons should not be used in questions, unless they can be authenticated and are strictly necessary to make the question intelligible. The Speaker reminded the House to consider this standing order when asking future questions.

Hansard: 18 September 2019, 3419-20

SO 100

Speaker

3.20 Appointments to the Speaker's Panel

As the first item of business on 9 September, the Speaker presented a warrant appointing Mr Wilson (O'Connor) and Mr Wallace (Fisher) to the Speaker's panel.

Members of the Speaker's panel take the Chair of the Federation Chamber (as Deputy Speaker) when requested to do so by the Deputy Speaker or, in his or her absence, by the Second Deputy Speaker; and take the Chair of the House as Deputy Speaker when requested to do so by the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker.

*Hansard: 9 September 2019, 1941
Votes and Proceedings: 2019/183*

SO 17

3.21 Statement by Speaker regarding Parliament House media rules

The Speaker made a statement to the House reminding building occupants and their visitors of the rules related to where photos and footage can be captured within Parliament House. The Speaker reiterated that the media rules include a prohibition on photography and filming in private areas of Parliament House and that there are penalties applicable for non-compliance. The media rules are available on the [Parliament House website](#).

Hansard: 19 September 2019, 3685

Standing Orders

3.22 Amendments to standing orders agreed to

During government business time on 19 September, the Leader of the House, pursuant to notice, moved amendments to standing orders. The motion was carried on the voices. Standing order 218, which provided for the appointment of a House Committee to consider the provision of facilities in Parliament House, was deleted and responsibility for considering such matters was transferred to the House Appropriations and Administration Committee (SO 222A).

Hansard: 19 September 2019, 3605
Votes and Proceedings: 2019/286

SOs 111, 117, 218, 222A

Offensive words[#]

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'This'll come back to bite you in the arse!'	12 September 2019	2743
'...let's call them the dirty dozen...'	12 September 2019	2787
'Balla-rort'	17 September 2019	3196

SOs 89, 90, 92

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