

Chapter 8

Order of business and the sitting day

Addresses by foreign heads of state—(p. 242)

Additions to the list in footnote 30:

Prime Minister S. Abe, Japan, 8 July 2014 (VP 2013–15/671); Prime Minister D. Cameron, UK, 14 Nov. 2014 (VP 2013–15/961); President Xi Jinping, China, 17 Nov. 2014 (VP 2013–15/967); Prime Minister N. Modi, India, 18 Nov. 2014 (VP 2013–15/969).

Suspension of sittings—other occasions (p. 247)

On 1 March 2011 the House met at 10.48 a.m. in order to observe two minutes silence at the exact time of the earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand, the week before. The sitting was then suspended at 10.53 a.m. until the normal time of meeting at 2 p.m. [VP 2010–13/367.]

Meeting of the House and order of business on Tuesday (pp. 247, 250)

The timetable adopted 13/11/2013 provided for the House to meet on Tuesday at 12 p.m. The order of business on Tuesday prior to question time starts with government business and 90 second statements.

Orders of the day referred to the Federation Chamber (new section p. 254)

New provisions inserted 13/11/2013:

Government business orders of the day may be referred to or recalled from the Federation Chamber, for consideration at a later hour that day, by a programming declaration made in the House by the Leader of the House or the Chief Government Whip [S.O. 45(b)]. A matter may also be referred or recalled by motion moved without notice by a Minister [S.O. 197].

90 second statements (p. 255)

Revised provisions adopted 13/2/2014:

90 second statements occur in the House at 1.30 p.m. each day for 30 minutes (also in the Federation Chamber on Mondays, from 4.00 to 4.45 p.m.).

Matter of public importance (p. 257)

Revised provisions adopted 13/11/2013: discussion limited to one hour.

Automatic adjournment (p. 265) adjournment of House (p. 266)

SO 29, meeting and adjournment times, amended 13/11/2013:

1	2	3	4
day	meeting commences	adjournment proposed	House adjourns
Monday	10.00 am	9.00 pm	9.30 pm
Tuesday	12.00 pm	9.00 pm	9.30 pm
Wednesday	9.00 am	7.30 pm	8.00 pm
Thursday	9.00 am	4.30 pm	5.00 pm

Quorum count deferred (p. 273)

New provision adopted 13/11/2013: Quorums called before 2 p.m. on Tuesdays are deferred until after the matter of public importance [S.O. 55].

Successive divisions (p. 280)

Revised provisions adopted 19/3/2014:

The bells are rung for one minute if a division is called no more than three minutes following a division (irrespective of intervening debate) [SO 131(a)]. The tellers *take* each Member's vote as being the same . . . [SO 131(b)].

Deferred divisions (p. 281)

New provision adopted 13/11/2013: Divisions called before 2 p.m. on Tuesdays are deferred until after the matter of public importance [S.O. 133].

Electronic voting (p. 286)

In 2013 the Procedure Committee prepared a short report reviewing the existing evidence and commended a more in-depth inquiry to a future Procedure Committee. [Standing Committee on Procedure, *Electronic voting in the House of Representatives*, June 2013.]