



# MATTERS OF PROCEDURAL INTEREST

## No. 28 — January to June 2025

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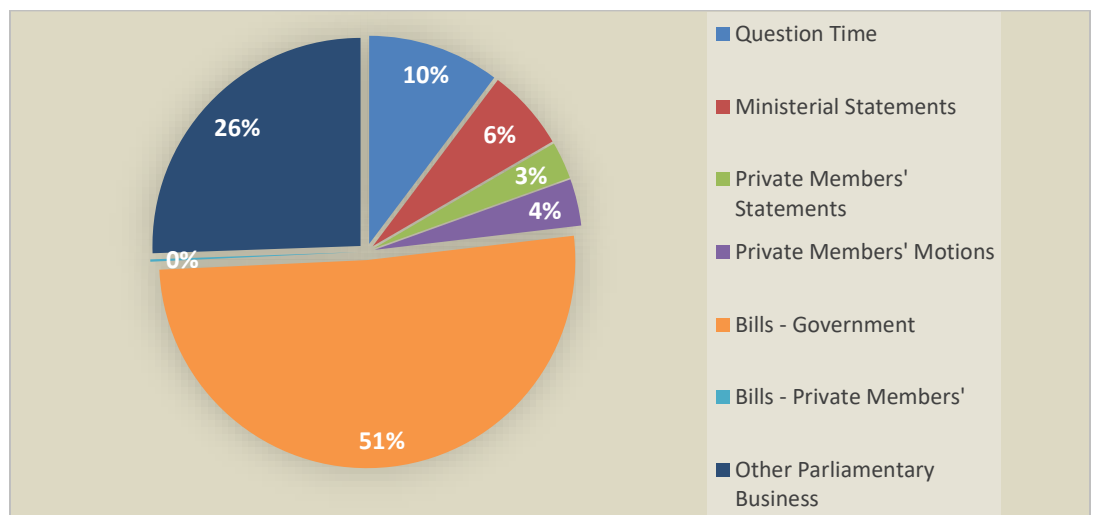
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### Overview comparison

	1 Jan to 30 Jun 2025			1 Jul to 31 Dec 2024		
<b>Sittings</b>						
Sitting days	22			12		
Average duration per sitting day [hrs:mins]	11:04			10:02		
<b>Legislation</b>	<b>1 Jan to 30 Jun 2024</b>			<b>1 Jul to 31 Dec 2023</b>		
	<b>Govt</b>	<b>PMB</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Govt</b>	<b>PMB</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bills introduced	20	2	22	13	2	15
Bills passed	15	0	15	18	0	18
Bills referred to committees	19	2	21	9	2	11
Bills reported on by committees	17	0	17	14	2	16

### Business conducted

The following chart shows a breakdown of the business conducted during the period 1 January to 30 June 2025.





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## BUDGET AND ESTIMATES

On 24 June 2025, the Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership delivered the Budget. On 27 June 2025, the Leader of the House moved, and the House agreed to, a motion which set the days and times for each Estimates committee hearing. Portfolio committees must table their report to the House on the 2025 Budget Estimates by 15 August 2025.

Record of Proceedings: [24 June 2025](#), pp1861-1875  
[27 June 2025](#), pp2321-2328

## MEMBERS

### Warnings and suspension of members

On 13 occasions between January and June, the Speaker followed up warnings to members with an order to withdraw from the Chamber.

On 2 April 2025, the member for Miller was warned by the Speaker and subsequently ordered to withdraw following further interjections. The member debated the order to withdraw, resulting in him being named by the Speaker. The Leader of the House then moved a motion, in accordance with Standing Order 254, that the member be suspended from the services of the House for two sitting days. The motion was resolved in the affirmative, following a division. This was the first time a member had been named since 3 April 2014.

Also on 2 April 2025, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity was ordered to withdraw by the Speaker. This was the first occasion that a Minister had been ordered to withdraw since May 2023.

Record of Proceedings: [19 February 2025](#), p143  
[20 February 2025](#), p216  
[13 March 2025](#), p425  
[14 March 2025](#), p491, p497  
[2 April 2025](#), p723, p731, p746  
[1 May 2025](#), p1145  
[21 May 2025](#), p1371  
[22 May 2025](#), p1416  
[25 June 2025](#), p1943  
**Standing Order 253A**  
[2 April 2025](#), p724  
**Standing Order 254**

## MOTIONS

### Motion regarding the Member for Stafford

On 18 February 2025, the Minister for Women and Women's Economic Security, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Multiculturalism moved a motion regarding the member for Stafford and his absence since the commencement of the 58<sup>th</sup> Parliament. The member was sworn in on 18 February 2025 following a leave of absence. The motion referenced media reports that related to the reasons for the member's leave and the alleged concerns of his caucus colleagues. Finally, the motion asked the Leader of the Opposition to explain his continued support for the member for Stafford. The House divided on the question of whether the motion should be agreed to, which was resolved in the affirmative. The Manager of Opposition Business rose on a point of order, drawing the Speaker's attention to Standing Order 234, indicating that imputations or personal reflections on members shall be considered highly



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disorderly. The Manager of Opposition Business requested the Speaker rule the motion out of order. The Speaker took advice and stated that, as the Minister was moving a substantive motion, such personal reflections were "within the rules" and the motion could stand. The Manager of Opposition Business rose on a second point of order, again citing personal reflections and requesting the Minister's conduct be ruled out of order. The Speaker stated the Manager of Opposition could not take offence on behalf of another person. The member for Stafford then rose on a point of order, citing personal offence, and the Minister withdrew her comments. The motion was resolved in the affirmative following a division.

Record of Proceedings: [18 February 2025](#), p34

#### **Motion regarding Committee Membership**

On 19 February 2025, the Leader of the House moved a motion relating to membership of the Local Government, Small Business and Customer Service Committee. The Leader of the House stated section 91B of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* permits the Leader of the Opposition to nominate three committee members. As a matter of protocol, convention and required obligation, the Leader of the House is required to move a motion to satisfy this statutory right. In moving the motion, the Leader of the House called on the Leader of the Opposition to "formally address this motion and justify his nomination of the member for Stafford to this committee and provide an explanation about outstanding issues that remain in the public interest with respect to certain matters before parliamentarians vote on this motion." The member for Stafford rose on a matter of privilege suddenly arising, stating the imputations in the motion were a disgrace and citing personal offence. The Speaker advised this was not a matter of privilege suddenly arising but asked the Leader of the House to withdraw his comments, as the member had taken personal offence. In an unprecedented move, the government voted against the motion moved by the Leader of the House. As the opposition had voted in support of the motion, they called for a division. The motion was resolved in the negative, with the committee membership remaining unchanged.

Record of Proceedings: [19 February 2025](#), pp117-118

#### **Motion to order production of Crime and Corruption Commission documents**

On 19 February 2025, the Attorney-General, Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity moved a motion ordering the Clerk to table in the House, as soon as practicable, the latest versions of the reports the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee received from the Crime and Corruption Commission relating to the report arising from allegations of corrupt conduct by the former Public Trustee of Queensland, Peter Carne, and the report arising from allegations of corrupt conduct by the former Deputy Treasurer, Jackie Trad, and her involvement in the appointment of a former Under Treasurer. The motion also authorised the electronic publication of the documents on the Tabled Papers database. The motion was agreed to by the House without a division.

Record of Proceedings: [19 February 2025](#), pp139-140

#### **Motion that the Member for Maiwar be heard**

On 20 February 2025, during debate on the Queensland Productivity Commission Bill, two members sought the call from the Deputy Speaker. The Deputy Speaker



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called a government member, stating he had not heard a call from the crossbench member. A government member rose on a point of order, stating the crossbench member had clearly sought the call first, as he had done on a previous occasion during the debate. The Deputy Speaker reiterated he did not hear the call and again permitted the government member to continue their contribution to the debate. The Manager of Opposition Business then rose on a point of order, citing Standing Order 247(3), and moving that the honourable member for Maiwar be heard. The Deputy Speaker continued to state he had made his position clear and again called the government member to continue. The Manager of Opposition Business rose once more, stating he had moved a motion and the question needed to be put. The Deputy Speaker sought further advice, prior to putting the question. The motion was negatived as a result of a division.

Record of Proceedings: [20 February 2025](#), pp287-288  
**Standing Order 247**

### Closure Motions on the Trusts Bill 2025

On 14 March 2025, the second reading debate commenced on the Trusts Bill 2025. The bill had been introduced and declared urgent in the previous sitting week. Following the Attorney-General's contribution to the debate, the Shadow Attorney-General concluded her contribution by moving that the question now be put, noting bipartisan support for the bill which was predominantly modelled on the previous lapsed bill that had been introduced by the former government. The Deputy Speaker ruled that debate had not sufficiently progressed, given only the Attorney-General and the Shadow Attorney-General had spoken. Approximately 20 minutes later, the Manager of Opposition Business rose to speak on the bill, reiterating the opposition would be voting in support of passing the bill that evening. At the conclusion of his contribution, he also attempted to move a closure motion. The Speaker ruled that the bill had not been sufficiently debated, noting that '[t]here are 93 elected representatives in this parliament. This is where they come to have their say. This bill, if passed, is law. I do not think it should be treated lightly.'

Record of Proceedings: [14 March 2025](#), p573, pp577-578  
**Standing Order 88**

### Censure Motion

On 25 June 2025, the Leader of the House moved a censure motion in response to a number of shadow ministers being absent from the Chamber during Preliminary Business and their "failure to meet their duties in parliament." The motion was resolved in the affirmative via a division. This was the first time a censure had been moved since 29 November 2011, when then Premier Bligh moved a motion to censure the opposition for their absence from the Chamber for 20 minutes, in which time three Bills were passed.

Record of Proceedings: [25 June 2025](#), pp1950-1956

## SPEAKER STATEMENTS AND RULINGS

### Absence of members' contributions to debates

On 14 March 2025, during the cognate debate on the Appropriation (Parliament) (Supplementary 2023-2024) Bill and the Appropriation (Supplementary 2023-2024) Bill, a member rose on a point of order, stating the Treasurer had violated



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the convention of not reflecting on whether a member has or has not contributed to a debate. The Deputy Speaker took advice, ruling there is no convention regarding the mention of the lack of a member's contribution to a debate.

Record of Proceedings: [14 March 2025](#), p557, p567

#### Tabled papers out of order

Once a document has been tabled it cannot be altered or otherwise interfered with unless the House otherwise orders, as the document is in the possession of the House.

On 24 June 2025, the Speaker made a statement that report No. 8 of the State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee, *Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill*, tabled on 20 June 2025, contained unparliamentary language in the statement of reservation. The Speaker ordered the report as tabled be withdrawn as a tabled paper.

A replacement committee report was tabled in the House by the Chair (member for Lockyer) on 24 June 2025.

Record of Proceedings: [24 June 2025](#), p316  
**Standing Order 26**

#### Answers to Questions on Notice

On 30 April 2025, the Speaker delivered a ruling relating to answers provided by the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services to 10 Questions on Notice. A joint complaint had been received from the Leader of the Opposition and the Manager of Opposition Business, alleging the Minister had deliberately misled the Legislative Assembly by not answering the questions due to his determination that doing so would be an unreasonable diversion of resources. The Speaker noted the issue was most probably due to resources within the Minister's office, given he had been asked 39.8% of all questions asked in the 58<sup>th</sup> Parliament. While the Speaker stated this volume of questions would present challenges in answering the questions asked in the allocated timeframe, it should not result in answers that did not attempt to answer the question. The Speaker concluded he could not require the Minister to resubmit answers to the questions, as had been requested in the complaint. However, he did rule the answers submitted as out of order and that the questions remained unanswered. The Minister submitted replacement answers to the 10 Questions on Notice on the following day.

Record of Proceedings: [30 April 2025](#), pp993-994

#### Relevance of Debate to Second Reading of Bills

On 29 April 2025, the Speaker delivered a statement regarding the scope of the second reading debate. While the traditional test for relevance was contained to the long title of the bill, Mr Speaker clarified, since 2011, the scope of debate is now set by Standing Order 139. As such, the second reading debate may address the principles of the bill, the portfolio committee's examination and report, and any amendments recommended by the committee, including alternative policy positions canvassed in the committee inquiry and/or report. While statements of reservation or dissent included in the committee's report are also able to be referenced in the debate, the Speaker stressed that Standing Order 139 "does not mean that one phrase or sentence in a written or oral submission to a committee or the committee's report or statement of reservation or dissent can become a new or alternate debate to the debate on the bill."



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Record of Proceedings: [29 April 2025](#), pp916-917  
**Standing Order 139**

On 11 June 2025, the Speaker delivered an additional statement regarding the rule of relevance with regard to the second reading of the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and the Corrective Services (Parole Board) Amendment Bill. The Speaker reiterated that the question before the House was that the bills be read a second time. As such, the debate could address the principles of the bill, the portfolio committee's examination and report, as well as any recommendations made by the committee. On this basis, the Making Jack's Law Permanent Bill was aimed at authorising police officers to use scanners in certain circumstances and clarifying where police could use scanners. There was nothing in the bill relating to banning the sale of certain weapons, which was the focus of amendments introduced by the opposition. The Speaker cautioned members against stretching the limits of relevance to the point that their entire contribution was about a proposed opposition amendment, which fell outside the scope of Standing Order 139.

Record of Proceedings: [11 June 2025](#), pp1625-1626  
**Standing Order 139**

### Guidance on Matters of Privilege

On 10 June 2025, the Speaker delivered a ruling regarding the increasing number of referrals of matters of privilege, noting many related to matters of argument of policy interpretation, semantics, puffery, technicality, triviality or were otherwise not worthy of referral. Given the amount of resources that were required to assess and respond to such complaints, the Speaker decided to generally not action any matters over 6 weeks old. Further, complaints needed to provide evidence for each element of the alleged contempt, the matter should be serious rather than vexatious, and the 'tit for tat' referrals were to cease.

Record of Proceedings: [10 June 2025](#), p1516

## PRIVILEGE

The Ethics Committee investigates and reports on the ethical conduct of members and on matters of privilege and possible contempt of parliament referred to it by the Speaker, the House or the Registrar of Members' Interests.

Between January and June 2025, the Ethics Committee reported on two matters of privilege and two rights of reply:

- Report No. 234 – Right of Reply No. 47;
- Report No. 235;
- Report No. 236; and
- Report No. 237 – Right of Reply No. 48.

In [Report No. 235](#), the Ethics Committee considered a matter of privilege referred by the Speaker on 8 April 2025 relating to an allegation of publishing a false or misleading account of proceedings of the House by the former federal member for Griffith, Mr Max Chandler-Mather. The Committee determined to summarily dispose of the matter on the basis that it did not warrant further attention by the Committee, in accordance with Standing Order 270(1)(a), particularly as Mr Chandler-Mather was not re-elected at the 2025 federal election. As such, the





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Committee recommended that the House take no further action in relation to the matter.

In [Report No. 236](#), the Ethics Committee considered a matter of privilege referred by the Registrar on 28 November 2024 relating to an alleged failure to register an interest in the Register of Members' Interests by the Premier and member for Broadwater. The Committee found that the Premier was required to disclose three payments as liabilities. However, they could not establish that the Premier knowingly opted not to disclose the liabilities. As such, contempt was not found and the Committee recommended the House take no further action.

## LEGISLATION

### Bills declared urgent

A Bill may be declared urgent and pass through all stages in a very short timeframe, e.g. an urgent Bill may:

- not be referred to a portfolio committee for examination, or
- be referred to a portfolio committee to report to the House in a period less than six weeks.

Between January and June 2025, the House declared three bills urgent: two were referred to a portfolio committee for less than six weeks; one was introduced and passed in the same sitting week.

### **Urgent bills referred to a portfolio committee**

#### Trusts Bill 2025

On 18 February 2025, the Trusts Bill was introduced, declared urgent and referred to the Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee with a report date of Friday, 7 March 2025.

The bill proposed to provide for the law relating to trusts, to repeal the *Trusts Act 1973*, and to amend this Act, the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991*, the *Corrective Services Act 2006*, the *District Court of Queensland Act 1967*, the *Funeral Benefit Business Act 1982*, the *Public Trustee Act 1978*, the *River Improvement Trust Act 1940*, the *Succession Act 1981*, the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991* and the legislation mentioned in schedule 2 for particular purposes.

The bill was passed on 1 May 2025 with amendment.

Record of Proceedings: [18 February 2025](#), pp66-71  
[1 May 2025](#), p1144  
**Standing Order 137**

#### Youth Justice (Monitoring Devices) Amendment Bill 2025

On 20 February 2025, the Youth Justice (Monitoring Devices) Amendment Bill was introduced, declared urgent and referred to the Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee with a report date of Friday, 28 March 2025.

The bill proposed to amend the *Youth Justice Act 1992* for a particular purpose; namely, to enable a substantive review of an electronic monitoring trial for young offenders.

The bill was passed on 2 April 2025 without amendment.



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Record of Proceedings: [20 February 2025](#), pp216-218

[2 April 2025](#), p767

**Standing Order 137**

#### **Urgent bill not referred to a portfolio committee**

##### *Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill*

On 24 June 2025, the Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill was introduced, declared urgent and not referred to a committee to enable the bill to pass through all remaining stages in that week's sitting. The bill was debated in cognate with the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2025 and the Appropriation Bill 2025.

The bill proposed to amend the *Duties Act 2001*, the *Electricity Act 1994*, the *First Home Owner Grant and Other Home Owner Grants Act 2000*, the *Land Tax Act 2010*, the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, the *Payroll Tax Act 1971* and the *State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999* for particular purposes.

The bill was passed on 27 June 2025 without amendment.

Record of Proceedings: [24 June 2025](#), pp216-218

[27 June 2025](#), p2321

**Standing Order 137**

#### **Private Member's Bill ruled out of order**

##### *Locking in Cost of Living Support (50 Cent Fares Forever) Amendment Bill*

On 19 February 2025, the member for Murrumba introduced a Private Member's Bill which proposed to amend the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994* for a particular purpose. Despite the bill seeking to "make 50 cent fares on the Translink public transport network permanent ensuring a lasting impact on public transport usage and cost of living", it was not accompanied by a Message from Her Excellency the Governor.

On 20 February 2025, the Speaker made a statement regarding the three-part test that should be adopted to determine whether there is an appropriation within a bill: does the bill purport to confer any authority to pay an amount from the consolidated revenue; does the bill extend the objects and purposes of an existing appropriation; and does the bill alter the destination of an existing appropriation? In order to assist the Speaker with making a determination about the Private Members Bill, and to understand the detailed effect of the bill within the context of existing and forward appropriations and the complexities of the fare system affected, the Speaker requested submissions from the Leader of the Opposition and the Minister for Transport and Main Roads by Wednesday, 26 February 2025.

On 13 March 2025, the Speaker delivered his ruling. Based on the submissions provided by the Leader of the Opposition and the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, the Speaker ruled the bill did contain an appropriation and should not have been introduced without first being recommended by a message of the Governor in accordance with section 68 of the *Constitution of Queensland 2021* and Standing Order 174. Accordingly, the bill was ruled out of order and needed to be discharged and withdrawn by the member, failing which, the Speaker would direct the removal of the bill from the Notice Paper. The Speaker tabled the submissions he received for the record.





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On 14 March 2025, just prior to the Adjournment, the Speaker ordered the removal of the bill from the Notice Paper with immediate effect, as the member had not moved a motion to discharge and withdraw the bill.

Record of Proceedings: [19 February 2025](#), pp132-133  
[20 February 2025](#), p184  
[13 March 2025](#), pp407-409, p417  
[14 March 2025](#), p583  
**Standing Order 174**

### Amendment to second reading question

#### Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill

On 20 May 2025, the member for Bulimba moved an amendment to the question that the Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill be read a second time. The member moved to omit the words 'be now read a second time' and instead insert 'considered once the LNP government tables the Expert Legal Panel's advice and any submissions the Expert Legal Panel received that the LNP government relied upon for this bill'.

During debate on the reasoned amendment, a closure motion was moved by the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services at the conclusion of his contribution. Opposition members challenged the motion, referring to Speaker Weir's previous ruling relating to the rights of members to be heard.

The amendment was negated as a result of a division. The Manager of Opposition Business rose on a matter of privilege suddenly arising, arguing the rights and privileges of members of the House were infringed.

Record of Proceedings: [20 May 2025](#), pp1236, 1243-1244  
**Standing Order 141**

#### Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill

On 25 June 2025, the member for Woodridge moved an amendment to the question that the Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill be read a second time. The member moved to omit the words 'now read a second time' and instead insert 'withdrawn, redrafted and reintroduced as two separate bills: 1. the first dealing with chapter 2 and chapter 3 and any associated amendments from chapter 1, chapter 5 and schedule 1; and 2. the second dealing with chapter 4 and any associated amendments from chapter 1, chapter 5 and schedule 1 as needed'.

During debate on the reasoned amendment, a closure motion was moved by the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations at the conclusion of his contribution.

The amendment was negated as a result of a division.

Record of Proceedings: [25 June 2025](#), p1967-1970  
**Standing Order 141**

### Same question rule

Standing Order 87(1) states that, unless the Standing Orders otherwise provide, a question or amendment shall not be proposed which is the same as any question which, during the same session, has been resolved in the affirmative or negative.



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Standing Order 150 also provides that no amendment, new clause or schedule to a bill shall be moved which is substantially the same as one already negatived by the House unless there has been an order of the House to reconsider the Bill.

#### *Crime and Corruption (Restoring Reporting Powers) Amendment Bill*

On 29 April 2025, the Speaker delivered a ruling that the same question rule was enlivened by amendment No. 15, circulated and proposed to be moved by the Attorney-General during consideration in detail. The amendment sought to amend two sections of the *Youth Justice Act 1992*, which had previously been considered by the *Making Queensland Safer Bill 2024*, which was passed in the same session of parliament. As such, this amendment was contrary to Standing Orders 87 and 150, enlivening the same question rule. A motion was therefore required, and subsequently moved, by the Leader of the House to suspend Standing Orders 87 and 150, allowing amendment No. 15 to be considered.

Record of Proceedings: [29 April 2025](#), pp971-972  
**Standing Orders 87 and 150**

#### *Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill*

On 20 May 2025, the Speaker delivered a ruling that the same question rule was enlivened by clauses 5 and 7 of the bill, contrary to Standing Order 87. As such, a motion to suspend this standing order would be required for the clauses to be considered. A motion was therefore required, and subsequently moved, by the Leader of the House to suspend Standing Orders 87 and 150, allowing the bill to be considered in its current form.

Record of Proceedings: [20 May 2025](#), p1183  
**Standing Orders 87 and 150**

## QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

### **Facts to be authenticated**

As a rule of parliamentary practice, members must be able to authenticate facts in their questions.

On 19 February 2025, a member asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads whether he would “guarantee that every infrastructure project that he and his department are responsible for will now include any future maintenance, like he did to inflate the cost of Cross River Rail”. The Leader of the House rose on two points of order, one of which asked the member to authenticate the question. The Speaker determined there was no point of order.

Record of Proceedings: [19 February 2025](#), p124

On 21 May 2025, a member asked the Minister for Education to categorically rule out whether the Minister or his office were aware the Queensland puberty health education project would be cut from Queensland classrooms. The Leader of the House asked that the member authenticate the substance of the question, following which the member tabled correspondence. The Speaker allowed the question as asked.

Record of Proceedings: [21 May 2025](#), p1327

### **Not related to portfolio responsibilities or public affairs of Minister**



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Under Standing Order 113, questions without notice cannot be put to a minister if it is not related to the public affairs with which the minister is officially connected.

On 18 February 2025, a member asked the Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence whether she advised the Attorney-General that crimes such as rape and attempted murder should be included as adult crimes in the government's Making Queensland Safer Laws. The Leader of the House rose on a point of order, stating the question as asked was not directly relevant to the Minister's portfolio responsibilities. The Speaker decided there was no point of order.

Record of Proceedings: [18 February 2025](#), p22  
**Standing Order 113**

On 12 March 2025, a member asked the Minister for Women and Women's Economic Security, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Multiculturalism whether she had received an answer to her question of the Premier, during a teleconference, where it was alleged he disconnected before any questions could be taken. The Leader of the House raised two points of order, initially alleging the question contained inferences and imputations, before asking the Speaker to clarify whether the question related to the Minister's portfolio area. The Speaker decided the Minister could answer the question as she saw fit.

Record of Proceedings: [12 March 2025](#), p317  
**Standing Order 113**

On 13 March 2025, a member asked the Minister for Education and the Arts whether he cared more about being the next mayor of the Gold Coast than delivering quality education for young Queenslanders. The Speaker ruled the question out of order, as it did not go to the Minister's portfolio responsibilities.

Record of Proceedings: [13 March 2025](#), p427  
**Standing Order 113**

On 2 April 2025, a member asked the Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth what advice he had given the health minister about the importance of pill testing clinics, particularly for young Queenslanders, ahead of their closure that week. The Speaker allowed the question, noting cabinet confidentiality may be an issue.

Record of Proceedings: [2 April 2025](#), p717  
**Standing Order 113**

On 3 April 2025, a member asked the Minister for Youth whether he would advocate for young Queenslanders to ensure the Labor Prime Minister's plan to cut HECS debt by 20% received bipartisan support by the federal LNP opposition. The Speaker ruled the question out of order, as it related to federal policy and did not go to the Minister's portfolio responsibilities.

Record of Proceedings: [3 April 2025](#), p794  
**Standing Order 113**



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On 1 May 2025, a member asked the Treasurer to confirm the LNP budget will not include DOGE style cuts to the Public Service, in light of the Deputy Premier posing with 'Make America Great Again' merchandise. The Speaker ruled the question in order, following a challenge by the Leader of the House that the question was not relevant to the Treasurer's portfolio.

Record of Proceedings: [1 May 2025](#), pp1100-1101  
**Standing Order 113**

On 20 May 2025, a member asked the Premier whether he had held the member for Cook accountable for believing attempted murder was a 'non-event'. The Speaker asked the member to explain how the question related to the Premier's portfolio area, being veterans. The member stated as the party leader, who encouraged accountability, it was directly relevant to his responsibilities. The Premier confirmed he was happy to answer the question, which was allowed by the Speaker.

Record of Proceedings: [20 May 2025](#), pp1196-1197  
**Standing Order 113**

On 22 May 2025, a member asked the Treasurer to guarantee that Queensland nurses and midwives, currently negotiating their EBA with the government, would remain the best paid in the nation. The Leader of the House rose on a point of order, stating this question fell within the remit of the Deputy Premier, as Minister for Industrial Relations, rather than the Treasurer. The Speaker upheld the Leader of the House's argument, ruling the question out of order.

Record of Proceedings: [22 May 2025](#), pp1418-1419  
**Standing Order 113**

On 11 June 2025, a member asked the Minister for Corrective Services how many of her staff had been fired, resigned, sent to another office or requested a transfer since she became Minister. The Leader of the House sought clarity as to whether the question was a matter for the Premier, as it fell under ministerial services. The Speaker ruled either the Minister or Premier could answer the question, but the Minister should be equipped to do so.

Record of Proceedings: [11 June 2025](#), pp1636-1637  
**Standing Order 113**

### Matter before the Ethics Committee

Under Standing Order 271, a matter referred to the Ethics Committee must not be debated in the House until such time as the Ethics Committee has reported on the matter if, in the opinion of the Speaker, such debate could prejudice the matter.

On 29 April 2025, a member asked the Premier whether he had misled Queenslanders, and whether he would face the media gallery today to make a full explanation, following a report in *The Australian* that the Premier paid \$200,000 in compensation for insolvent trading while the sole director of SET Solutions. The Speaker immediately ruled the question out of order in accordance with Standing Order 271, as the matter was currently before the Ethics Committee.

Record of Proceedings: [29 April 2025](#), p899  
**Standing Order 271**



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#### Length of question or preamble

Under Standing Order 115, questions without notice shall be brief and relate to one issue and not contain lengthy or subjective preambles.

On 12 March 2025, a member asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations whether he could provide a timeline for the development of new regional plans under the State Planning Policy and say whether this will include a review of contentious local government amendments and the excessive population targets for Noosa, set by the previous government in the ShapingSEQ update. The Speaker cautioned the member that it was a fairly lengthy question, but he would allow it.

Record of Proceedings: [12 March 2025](#), p316  
**Standing Order 115**

On 14 March 2025, a member asked the Minister for Customer Services and Open Data and Minister for Small and Family Business, in relation to his task of ensuring the government is open and transparent through more accessible public data and the LNP's commitment to delivering elective surgery and real-time ambulance wait times within 100 days, whether the Crisafulli government had failed Queenslanders by hiding this data. The Speaker noted it was a lengthy question but allowed the Minister to answer it.

Record of Proceedings: [14 March 2025](#), p502  
**Standing Order 115**

#### Inferences or imputations in questions

Under Standing Order 115, questions without notice shall not contain inferences or imputations.

On 18 February 2025, a member asked the Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services whether she advised the Attorney-General that crimes such as rape and attempted murder "should be included as an adult crime in the LNP's rushed youth crime laws". Following a point of order regarding the relevance of the Minister's response, the Leader of the House rose on a point of order, alleging imputations in the question. The Speaker ruled the question was being answered, even if it was not in the way the opposition would like it to be.

Another member asked the same question of the Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, with the Leader of the House asserting the use of the term 'rushed' was an imputation and asking the question be rephrased. The Speaker allowed the question as asked.

Record of Proceedings: [18 February 2025](#), p19, p22  
**Standing Order 115**

On 19 February 2025, a member asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads whether he would "guarantee that every infrastructure project that he and his department are responsible for will now include any future maintenance, like he did to inflate the cost of Cross River Rail". The Leader of the House rose on two points of order, one of which concerned imputations in the question. The Speaker determined there was no point of order.



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Record of Proceedings: [19 February 2025](#), p124  
**Standing Order 115**

On 20 February 2025, a member prefaced a question to the Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership with a preamble, stating the new Under Treasurer "has just left People First Bank... which is closing 11 branches and services". The member proceeded to ask whether the new Under Treasurer had "been appointed by the Crisafulli LNP government to cut services and close programs in Queensland, just like he did at the bank". In response to a point of order from the Leader of the House, the Speaker conceded there were "borderline imputations" in the question. The Speaker allowed the question but gave the Treasurer leeway in his response.

Record of Proceedings: [20 February 2025](#), p206  
**Standing Order 115**

On 12 March 2025, a member prefaced a question to the Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers by referencing a report in *The Australian* that the Premier "blew up" and used stern language with a mayor during a virtual meeting of council leaders regarding ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred. The member then asked the Minister whether she had apologised to the affected mayor 'who was the subject of the Premier's temper?' The Leader of the House rose on a point of order, alleging an imputation regarding the element of the question that related to anger and temper. The Speaker allowed the question, instructing the Minister could answer to her knowledge of the newspaper report.

Record of Proceedings: [12 March 2025](#), pp313-314  
**Standing Order 115**

On 29 April 2025, a member asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity about the appointment of various individuals, including "a former Liberal chief of staff to dodgy former New South Wales premier Berejiklian", in light of the Premier's previous statement that there would be "absolutely zero links to political parties and directors-general". The Leader of the House rose on a point of order, asserting unparliamentary language and imputations within the question. The Speaker asked the member to rephrase the question, which they did by removing the reference to 'dodgy'.

Record of Proceedings: [29 April 2025](#), p908  
**Standing Order 115**

On 20 May 2025, a member asked the Minister for Youth Justice whether she treated workers the same way she treated journalists, following a 'bizarre press conference'. The Speaker asked the member to ask the question without imputations, following which 'bizarre' was removed.

Record of Proceedings: [20 May 2025](#), pp1202-1203  
**Standing Order 115**

On 10 June 2025, a member asked the Minister for Housing what he would advise 'single mums on \$46,000 a year should tell their kids when the minister kicks them out of their home?' The Leader of the House rose on a point of order, asserting there was an imputation in the question. The Speaker denied the point of order and allowed the question.

Record of Proceedings: [10 June 2025](#), p1528





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On 11 June 2025, a member referenced a meeting that had not appeared in the Minister for Youth Justice's diary extract and asked 'what other meetings is the minister hiding from Queenslanders?' The Speaker asked the member to rephrase the last part of the question to remove the imputation. The question was then allowed, as the member asked could the minister explain if there were any other meetings she had not declared in her diary.

Record of Proceedings: [11 June 2025](#), p1635  
**Standing Order 115**

#### Hypothetical matters

Under Standing Order 115, questions without notice shall not contain hypothetical matters.

On 2 April 2025, a member asked the Minister for Water whether Queensland has an adequate supply of water to operate two nuclear power plants, given a single plant consumes between 30 million and 84 million litres of water each day. The Speaker ruled the question out of order, stating while the question may have been about water, it was about a proposed facility that was hypothetical and may never be built.

Record of Proceedings: [2 April 2025](#), p716  
**Standing Order 115**

#### Sub judice

Under Standing Order 115, questions without notice shall not ask for an answer that would contravene the rules relating to matters sub judice.

On 18 February 2025, a member asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity whether she was aware that attempted murder was not included in the Making Queensland Safer Laws "before a serious criminal offence was committed at Yamanto Central on 10 January", and, if so, why was it not included. The Speaker cautioned the member that they were in sub judice territory and asked them to rephrase the question. The member stated the question again, changing the wording to "before a serious criminal offence occurred on 10 January". The rest of the question remained unchanged. The Speaker then ruled the question out of order.

Record of Proceedings: [18 February 2025](#), p25  
**Standing Order 115**

On 20 May 2025, a member asked the Premier what he had to say to the victim of an alleged attempted murder in Yamanto earlier this year, allegedly at the hands of a youth on bail. The Speaker asked the member whether the matters were before the court, to which the member responded yes and offered to reword the question. The Speaker ruled the question out of order.

Record of Proceedings: [20 May 2025](#), pp1195-1196  
**Standing Order 115**