



# MATTERS OF PROCEDURAL INTEREST

## No. 29 — July to December 2025

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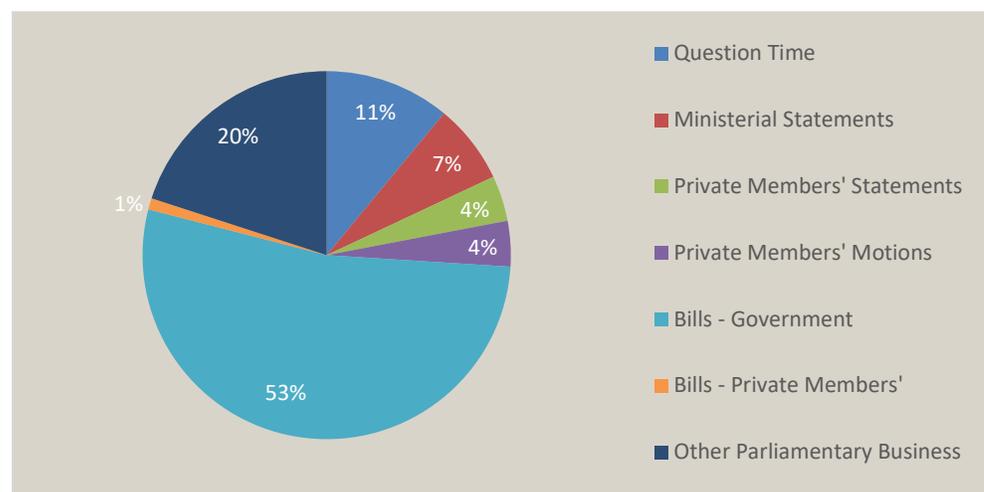
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### Overview comparison

	1 July to 31 Dec 2025			1 Jan to 30 Jun 2025		
<b>Sittings</b>						
Sitting days	18			22		
Average duration per sitting day [hrs:mins]	10:29			11:04		
<b>Legislation</b>	1 July to 31 Dec 2025			1 Jan to 30 Jun 2025		
	Govt	PMB	Total	Govt	PMB	Total
Bills introduced	15	0	15	20	2	22
Bills passed	17	0	17	15	0	15
Bills referred to committees	15	0	15	19	2	21
Bills reported on by committees	15	1	16	17	0	17

### Business conducted

The following chart shows a breakdown of the business conducted during the period 1 July to 31 December 2025.





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## MEMBERS

### Warnings and suspension of members

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

Record of Proceedings: [26 August 2025](#), p2361  
[27 August 2025](#), p2482  
[16 September 2025](#), p2698  
[17 September 2025](#), p2818  
[18 September 2025](#), p2918  
[28 October 2025](#), p3337  
[29 October 2025](#), p3446  
[20 November 2025](#), p3764  
[9 December 2025](#), p3879  
[9 December 2025](#), p3885  
[10 December 2025](#), p3989  
[11 December 2025](#), p4070  
[11 December 2025](#), p4070  
**Standing Order 253A**

## MOTIONS

### Motion of no confidence in the Youth Justice Minister

On 17 September 2025, the Opposition moved a motion of no confidence in the Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services, Hon. Laura Gerber, during the Private Members' Motion. A government amendment was moved to the motion, in support of the Minister. The House divided on both the amendment and the amended motion. The amended motion was agreed to by the House. The last time a motion of no confidence was moved was in November 2022, by the then Opposition, regarding the then Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, Hon. Yvette D'Ath. A government amendment was also moved and agreed to in relation to this motion, and the amended motion agreed to.

Record of Proceedings: [17 September 2025](#), p2823

### Motion regarding overseas protests and the Leader of the Opposition

On 15 October 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 without notice paying respects to those who lost their lives in recent violent protests, condemning the Leader of the Opposition's calls for actions following the protests and calling on him to apologise. The motion was in response to a social media post made by the Leader of the Opposition that referenced the overseas protests. The Government alleged that the protest was inciting violence in Queensland. The motion was resolved in the affirmative following a division.

Record of Proceedings: [15 October 2025](#), p3101



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## **SPEAKER STATEMENTS AND RULINGS**

### **Tabled papers ruled out of order**

On 18 September 2025, during debate on the Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2), the member for Toohey purported to table a media article relating to amendments which were reportedly to be introduced by the Government outside of the long title, which would ban pill testing sites. The Leader of the House rose on a point of order about the relevance of the article. The Deputy Speaker ruled that the document was not relevant to the debate and was regarding a matter that had been expressly ruled as irrelevant throughout the day. When the Manager of Opposition Business rose seeking clarification, the Deputy Speaker stated that it was not possible to make a matter relevant by tabling a document about that matter, following previous Speaker's rulings.

Record of Proceedings: [18 September 2025](#), p2928

### **Speech read and recorded in language other than English**

On 28 August 2025, the member for Sandgate spoke in a language other than English during her contribution to the adjournment debate. At the end of the adjournment debate, the Leader of the House rose on a matter of privilege suddenly arising in relation to the speech made by the member for Sandgate. The Speaker ruled that this was not a matter suddenly arising, but that he would look into it.

On 16 September 2025, the Speaker made a statement in the House relating to the Member for Sandgate's contribution on 28 August 2025. The Speaker stated that while there are many precedents of contributions to debate being in a language other than English, it is the practice of members intending to speak in another language, to advise the Speaker prior to making the contribution in the House, and to additionally provide a translation, so the Speaker is aware of what is being said and thus able to ensure that what is being said, is in order. The Speaker noted he was informed that the Member for Sandgate did provide to the Parliamentary Attendants a piece of paper with a translation which was taken to Hansard. The Speaker accepted that the failure to provide a translation to the Speaker in advance of the contribution was a matter of privilege suddenly arising. However, the Speaker stated he would not take any further action in respect of the matter, except to treat it as an opportunity to educate all members about the appropriate practice moving forward.

Record of Proceedings: [28 August 2025](#), p2672-4; [16 September 2025](#), p2676

### **Procedure of Questions Without Notice**



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On 15 October 2025, the Speaker delivered a statement regarding the procedure for members seeking the call and Ministers answering questions. Members had been rising before the Minister had finished answering the previous question and were instructed to wait before jumping and seeking the call. Ministers were also cautioned to adhere to the time limits and not continue their contributions after the time had expired.

Record of Proceedings: [15 October 2025](#), p2676

#### **Respect to the Chair; Members Seeking the Call**

On 16 October 2025, the Speaker delivered a statement regarding members seeking the call and respecting the authority of the Chair. The Speaker noted an incident where the member for Gregory and the member for Logan both sought the call at the same time. The Deputy Speaker in the chair had given the call to the member for Gregory, who was next on the speaking list. The member for Logan responded by banging loudly on the lectern in front of him during the member for Gregory's contribution. The Speaker noted that he had instructed the temporary panel to follow the speaking list when two members seek the call at essentially the same time. The Speaker requested that the member for Logan apologise to the House for his disorderly behaviour, which he proceeded to do.

Record of Proceedings: [16 October 2025](#), p3156

#### **Parliamentary Debates, Standards**

On 19 November 2025, the Speaker delivered a statement regarding standards in the House. This was in reference to the previous day, where several Opposition members rose during Preliminary Business, utilising personal explanations to debate issues regarding Government members in the previous week having named Opposition members who were not on the speaking list for the Community Protection and Public Child Sex Offender Register (Daniel's Law) Bill 2025. The Speaker clarified that personal explanations are an opportunity for members to explain their position, not to attack other members or debate issues. The Speaker also clarified that it has never been a rule or convention that members cannot refer to the fact that another member has not spoken to a matter or is not on the list to speak about a matter. The Speaker noted a trend for members using points of order to debate an issue and asserted that he would become stricter on such matters.

Record of Proceedings: [19 November 2025](#), p3673



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## 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 July and December 2025, the Ethics Committee reported on 3 matters of privilege:

- Report No. 238;
- Report No. 240; and
- Report No. 241.

In [Report No. 238](#), the Ethics Committee considered a matter of privilege referred by the Speaker on 5 August 2025 relating to allegations that the Leader of the Opposition and member for Morayfield reflected on the Speaker during the Governance, Energy and Finance Committee Estimates Hearing on 28 July 2025. 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 both members had unreservedly apologised to the Speaker privately and in the House.

In [Report No. 240](#), the Ethics Committee considered a matter of privilege referred by the Speaker on 22 May 2025 relating to an allegation that the member for Cooper published a false or misleading account of proceedings before the House on her social media pages on 8 May 2025. The Committee recommended that the House make a finding of contempt against the member for Cooper for breaching a condition of the Broadcast Footage Terms and Conditions and that the member for Cooper make an unequivocal apology to the House at the earliest opportunity.

In [Report No. 241](#), the Ethics Committee considered a matter of privilege referred by the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee on 30 October 2025 relating to an alleged disclosure of committee proceedings by the former mayor of Townsville, Mr Troy Thompson. The Committee determined to summarily dispose of the matter in accordance with Standing Order 270(1)(a), noting that "achieving any pragmatic outcome is unlikely, particularly where the discloser's primary goal appears to be prolonged public relevance under a guise of integrity".

## LEGISLATION

### 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.

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.

*[Health Legislation Amendment Bill \(No. 3\)](#)*



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On 20 November 2025, the Speaker delivered a ruling that the same question rule was enlivened by certain clauses in the bill and a motion to suspend relevant standing orders would be required for the clauses to be considered. A motion was 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 November 2025](#), p3749  
**Standing Orders 87 and 150**

#### *Environmental Protection (Efficiency and Streamlining) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill*

On 10 December 2025, the Speaker delivered a ruling that the same question rule was enlivened by certain clauses in the bill contrary to Standing Orders 87 and 96. Standing Order 96(1) states that, an amendment may not be proposed to any part of a question after a later part has been amended – that is, that it is not possible to go backwards in consideration of a bill. The bill offended this Standing Order by grouping amendments by commencement rather than dealing with them sequentially in the order in which they occur in the clause or schedule of the primary act. As such, a motion to suspend Standing Order 87 and 96 would be required for the clauses to be considered.

Record of Proceedings: [10 December 2025](#), p3973  
**Standing Orders 87 and 96**

#### *Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill*

On 10 December 2025, the Speaker delivered a ruling that the same question rule was enlivened by certain clauses in the bill, contrary to Standing Order 87 and 96. Similar to the Environmental Protection (Efficiency and Streamlining) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, the bill was predominantly organised by commencement, rather than sequentially. As such, a motion to suspend Standing Order 87 and 96 would be required for the clauses to be considered.

Record of Proceedings: [10 December 2025](#), p3973  
**Standing Orders 87 and 96**

## QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

### Facts to be authenticated

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

On 28 August 2025, a member asked the Premier and Minister for Veterans whether the Minister for Education and the Arts would be held accountable for making lewd comments at a special educators conference. The Leader of the House rose on a point of order and asked the member to authenticate the basis of the question. The Minister for Education and the Arts rose and took personal offence to the question and asked that it be withdrawn. The Manager of Opposition Business then rose and tabled a document purporting to be a transcript of the Minister's comments. The Speaker reviewed the tabled paper and did not consider that it authenticated the member's question, and the question was ruled out of order.

Record of Proceedings: [26 August 2025](#), p2577



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

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 26 August 2025, a member asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations whether senior ministers inappropriately interfered with the appointment of the Chief Health Officer. The Leader of the House rose on a point of order, stating the question as asked was not directly relevant to the Deputy Premier's portfolio responsibilities. The Speaker noted that there was some doubt whether the question should be directed towards the Deputy Premier, but that he thought he could handle it. The Speaker allowed the question.

Record of Proceedings: [26 August 2025](#), p2355  
**Standing Order 113**

On 16 September 2025, a member asked the Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services whether she endorsed comments made by the Premier about an empowered public service, and whether her conduct was disempowering the public service. The Leader of the House rose on a point of order, querying whether the question would be more appropriately put to the Premier as opposed to the purview of the minister's portfolio responsibilities. The Speaker stated that as the question asked whether she endorsed the Premier's comments, the Minister was able to answer that.

Record of Proceedings: [16 September 2025](#), p2694  
**Standing Order 113**

On 16 October 2025, a member asked the Premier and Minister for Veterans why he refused to condemn a former member for punching a woman in the face, after he had said he was committed to putting victims first. The Speaker asked the member to explain how the question related to the Premier. The member reiterated that the Premier had made it a priority to highlight that he is working to ensure victims of crime are looked after. The Speaker allowed the question.

Record of Proceedings: [16 October 2025](#), p3173  
**Standing Order 113**

On 20 November 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 the Minister agreed with the member for Cook that "punching a woman is grubby gossip". The Leader of the House rose on a point of order and queried whether the question was in order in relation to the responsibilities under the Minister. The Speaker asked the member to re-phrase the question. The Leader of the House rose on another point of order regarding the same matter, noting that the question was seeking an opinion outside of the responsibilities under the Minister. The Speaker ruled the question out of order.

Record of Proceedings: [20 November 2025](#), p 3758  
**Standing Order 113**



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On 20 November 2025, a member asked the Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services whether the LNP members should be “standing by self-confessed woman punchers while a victim is scared to leave her house”. The Leader of the House rose on two points of order, firstly that the preamble was lengthy, and secondly that the question was not related to the direct ministerial responsibilities of the Minister asked. The Speaker ruled the question out of order, noting that the question asked for “an opinion from the minister for an area in which she has no jurisdiction.”

Record of Proceedings: [20 November 2025](#), p 3766  
**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.

**Standing Order 271**

On 11 December 2025, the member for McConnel asked the Premier and Minister for Veterans whether he would stand by his statement regarding an alleged threat that had been made towards the member by the Deputy Premier. The Leader of the House rose on a point of order, stating that as the matter was under consideration by the Speaker, the question would cause undue influence in relation to those issues. The Speaker noted that although there was an indication that he would receive correspondence regarding the issue, no formal complaint had been made. As such, the Speaker allowed the question.

Record of Proceedings: 11 December 2025, p4068  
**Standing Order 271**

### Inferences or imputations in questions

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

On 27 August 2025, a member asked the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services whether the Minister would categorically rule out private investment in hospitals, after he “let slip” the government’s “secret plan to privatise hospital builds.” The Leader of the House rose on a point of order that the question as asked held inferences and imputations, and further that the member needed to authenticate some of the elements in the question. The member tabled a *Courier-Mail* article. The Speaker allowed the question.

Record of Proceedings: [27 August 2025](#), p2480  
**Standing Order 115**

On 15 October 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 the Minister had misled the House in relation to her director-general’s knowledge of the Together survey on the Unify system. The Speaker asked the member to re-ask the question without the imputation.

Record of Proceedings: [15 October 2025](#), p2480  
**Standing Order 115**



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On 18 November 2025, a member asked the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services why paramedics needed to be trained to advocate for patients affected by the Minister's cruel KPIs. The Speaker asked the member to rephrase the question without the imputation.

Record of Proceedings: [18 November 2025](#), p3579  
**Standing Order 115**

On 19 November 2025, a member asked the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services whether pill-testing was cut because of plans to expand into the LNP's electorates. The Leader of the House rose on a point of order that the question contained an imputation, was hypothetical and required authentication. The Speaker agreed that there was an imputation and ruled the question out of order.

Record of Proceedings: [19 November 2025](#), p3693  
**Standing Order 115**

### Hypothetical matters

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

On 27 August 2025, a member asked the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services whether the government's approach to reduce ambulance ramping was to park patients in transit lounges. The Leader of the House rose on a point of order, stating that the question as asked was seeking an opinion and was hypothetical. The Speaker asked the member to rephrase the question, noting that it was borderline argumentative.

Record of Proceedings: [27 August 2025](#), p2477  
**Standing Order 115**

On 28 October 2025, a member asked the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services whether he would stand down if it was found that he acted unlawfully by banning gender-affirming care. The Speaker found that the question was hypothetical and ruled it out of order.

Record of Proceedings: [28 October 2025](#), p3293  
**Standing Order 115**