



QUEENSLAND

Legislative Assembly

**SESSIONAL ORDERS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
58th PARLIAMENT (FIRST SESSION)**

BRISBANE

By Authority: N J Laurie, The Clerk of the Parliament

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SESSIONAL ORDERS – 58TH PARLIAMENT (FIRST SESSION)

Days and Hours of Sitting and Order of Business

1. (a) The House shall sit on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- (b) The House shall sit on Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am until 9.30pm.
- (c) The House shall sit on Wednesday from 2.00pm until 9.30pm.
- (d) The Order of Business for each Sitting Day shall be as follows—

Tuesday

*9.30am – 10.15am—Preliminary Business**

Prayers

Messages from the Governor

Matters concerning Privilege

Speaker's Statements

Appointments

Petitions

Citizen's Right of Reply

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Ministerial Papers

Ministerial Notices of Motion

Ministerial Statements

Any other Government Business

Personal Explanations

Tabling of Reports

Notice of motion for disallowance of statutory instrument

10.15am – 11.15am—

Question Time

11.15am – 1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm – 2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm – 3.00pm—

Matters of Public Interest

3.00pm – 5.00pm—

Government Business

5.00pm – 6.30pm—

Disallowance Motions, Private Members' Bills or Government Business (in accordance with Sessional Order 1(e))

6.30pm – 7.30pm—

Dinner break

7.30pm – 9.00pm—

Government Business

9.00pm – 9.30pm—

Adjournment Debate

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch and dinner breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

Wednesday

*2.00pm – 2.45pm—Preliminary Business**

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Notice of motion for debate during Private Members' Motion (5.30pm – 6.30pm) (Notice may be stated in the House and delivered to the Clerk)

2.45pm – 3.45pm—

Question Time

3.45pm – 4.15pm—

Introduction of Private Members' Bills#

4.15pm – 5.30pm—

Government Business

5.30pm – 6.30pm—

Private Members' Motion (motion for which notice was given during Preliminary Business)

6.30pm – 7.30pm—

Dinner break

7.30pm – 9.00pm—

Government Business

9.00pm – 9.30pm—

Adjournment Debate

**(If completed before 2.45pm, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except the dinner break, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

#(If there are no Private Members' Bills to introduce, or any introduction to complete, the next item of business to commence with starting times for all other items, except the dinner break, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)

Thursday

9.30am – 10.15am—Preliminary Business*

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10.15am – 11.15am—

Question Time

11.15am – 1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm – 2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm – 3.00pm—

Private Members' Statements (Total time 60 minutes, 20 members x 3 minutes each)

3.00pm – 4.00pm—

Debate of Committee Reports (in accordance with Sessional Order 4) or if no reports to debate, Government Business

4.00pm – 6.30pm—

Government Business

6.30pm – 7.30pm—

Dinner break

7.30pm – 9.00pm—

Government Business

9.00pm – 9.30pm—

Adjournment Debate

**(If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch and dinner breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

- (e) On a Tuesday evening—
- (i) if there are no Disallowance Motions or Private Members' Bills to debate (in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 59 or Sessional Order 6), the adjournment may be either moved immediately or otherwise the House will break for dinner between 6.30pm and 7.30pm and then commence with Government Business until 9.00pm;
 - (ii) if there are Disallowance Motions or Private Members' Bills to debate (in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 59 or Sessional Order 6), the House will break for dinner between 6.30pm and 7.30pm and then commence with Government Business until 9.00pm.
- (f) The motion "That the House do now adjourn" may only be moved by the Leader of the House or the Acting Leader of the House.
- (g) As soon as the motion in (f) is moved, there will be an Adjournment Debate for 30 minutes and then the question shall be put.

- (h) The motion “That the House do now adjourn” may be moved by the Leader of the House or the Acting Leader of the House at any time despite the order of business.
- (i) If the House sits on any day other than a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, then unless otherwise ordered, the order of business shall be as follows:

From 9.30am – 10.15 am—

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10.15am – 10.45am—

Question Time

10.45am – 1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm – 2.00pm —

Lunch break

2.00pm – 6.00pm—

Government Business

6.00pm – 6.30pm—

Adjournment Debate

Budget Week – Days and Hours of Sitting and Order of Business

- 2. The days, hours of sitting and order of business for budget sitting weeks (as identified in the sitting calendar) are as follows:

Tuesday

*9.30am — 10.15am—Preliminary Business **

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10.15am — 11.15am—

Question Time

11.15am — 1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm — 2.00pm—
Lunch break

2.00pm — *until adjournment moved*
Government Business

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except the lunch break, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

Wednesday

9.30am — 10.15am—*Preliminary Business **

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Notice of motion for debate during Private Members' Motion (5.30pm — 6.30pm) (Notice may be stated in the House and delivered to the Clerk)

10.15am — 11.15am—

Question Time

11.15am — 12.00pm—

Introduction of Private Members' Bills #

12.00pm — 2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm — 5.30pm—

Government Business

5.30pm — 6.30pm—

Private Members' Motion (motion for which notice was given during preliminary business)

6.30pm — 7.30pm—

Dinner break

7.30pm — 9.00pm

Government Business

9.00pm — 9.30pm—

Adjournment Debate

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch and dinner breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

(If there are no Private Members' Bills to introduce, or any introduction to complete, the next item of business to commence with starting times for all other items, except lunch and dinner breaks, in the Order of Business adjusted accordingly.)

Thursday

9.30am — 10.15am—*Preliminary Business **

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10.15am — 11.15am—

Question Time

11.15am — 1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm — 2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm — 6.30pm—

Government Business

6.30pm — 7.30pm—

Dinner break

7.30pm — until adjournment moved (no adjournment debate)—

Government Business

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch and dinner breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

Friday

From 9.30am — 10.00am—

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10.00am — 10.30am—

Question Time

10.30am — 1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm — 2.00pm —

Lunch break

2.00pm — 6.30pm—

Government Business

6.30pm — 7.30pm—

Dinner break

7.30pm — until adjournment moved (no adjournment debate)—

Government Business

Change to sitting date or time

3. (1) Notwithstanding Standing Order 49, Sessional Order 1(a) or the House having already adjourned to a specified time and date, the Speaker, upon advice from the Government of the State, may set an alternative day or hour for the next sitting, and must notify each member of any change.
- (2) The Speaker's notification to each member may be by electronic means.

Debate of Parliamentary committee reports

4. (1) If a committee report is tabled that is not:
 - (a) a report on a bill pursuant to Part 5 of the Standing Orders;
 - (b) an annual report of a Committee;
 - (c) a report on travel undertaken by a Committee;
 - (d) a report of the Ethics Committee; or
 - (e) a report by a Committee on subordinate legislationthen a motion shall be set down on the Notice Paper by the Clerk that the House is to take note of the committee report.
- (2) Motions that the House take note of committee reports will be brought on for debate in the time set aside each Thursday in the order in which they are placed on the Notice Paper.
- (3) A debate of a motion in (2) not completed may be adjourned to the following Thursday.
- (4) A motion in (2) cannot be amended.
- (5) A motion in accordance with (1) is set down on the Notice Paper regardless of whether the report is tabled whilst the House is sitting or not sitting.

Consideration of Ethics Committee reports in regard to Citizen's Right of Reply

5. When the Ethics Committee reports to the House regarding a Citizen's Right of Reply in accordance with Standing Order 283, the committee's recommendation will be considered by the House on the next sitting day following the tabling of the committee's report and at the time in the Order of Business as specified in Sessional Order 1.

Private Members' Bills

6. (1) A member who is not a Minister may introduce a Bill during time set aside in the Order of Business for Private Members' Bills. In such a case the Member introducing the Bill may either complete the speech in the time allotted or, if not completed, adjourn their speech to the next period allotted.
- (2) A Private Member's Bill which has been reported on by a portfolio or other committee, will be brought on for debate on the sitting Tuesday evening next following the passage of three calendar months after the tabling of the committee's report on the Bill.
- (3) The House will continue to debate the Bill on each following sitting Tuesday evening until consideration of that Bill has been finalised.

Condolence Motions

7. (1) A motion of condolence may be moved as the first item of business after Speaker's Statements in the Order of Business.
- (2) If a motion of condolence is moved in accordance with (1), the debate on such motion will last no more than one hour, after which time the question shall be put.
- (3) After a motion of condolence is moved, debated and resolved in accordance with (1) and (2), the Order of Business for the day shall then resume, with Question Time commencing 45

minutes after the motion of condolence was resolved and with starting times for all other items, except lunch and dinner breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.

Private Members' Motions – amendments

8. For this session, in relation to Private Members' Motions, direct negative amendments may be moved.

Matters of Public Interest, Private Members' Statements and adjournment statements

9. During the time set aside for Matters of Public Interest, Private Members' Statements and Adjournment Debate, no questions can be put nor divisions called.

Incorporation of material - Address in Reply and Annual Appropriation Bills

10. During the Address in Reply debate and the debate on the Annual Appropriation Bills, it is not necessary for Members to seek leave of the House to incorporate material in the Record of Proceedings, provided members have shown the Speaker the material sought to be incorporated and have obtained the Speaker's consent as per Standing Order 25.

Address in Reply debate timeframe

11. So much of Standing Order 47 is suspended for this session to enable debate for no longer than 31 hours.

Maximum time limits for debates, speeches and statements

12. The maximum time limits that apply to debates, speeches and statements are contained in the schedule below.

Subject	Relevant Standing or Sessional Orders	Time
Address in Reply Debate – Total time – Mover – Other members – Mover in reply	SO 47, Sessional Orders 10 and 11	31 hours 20 minutes 20 minutes 30 minutes
Adjournment debate – Total time – Each member	SO 56 & Sessional Order 1	30 minutes 3 minutes
Bills - Government Bills Introduction of Bills (explanatory speech) First reading Government Bills reported on by a committee Second reading debate – Minister – Leader of the Opposition (or nominee) – Other members – Minister in reply Consideration in detail – Mover (Minister) – Other members (on each question) Government Bills declared urgent and not referred or not reported on by a committee Second reading debate	SO 129 SO 130 SO 138 SO 146 & SO 147 SO 129, SO 137 & SO 138	1 hour No debate 30 minutes 30 minutes 10 minutes 20 minutes No limit 3 minutes

Subject	Relevant Standing or Sessional Orders	Time
– Minister		To speak once only as per SO 129 for 1 hour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Leader of the Opposition (or nominee) – Other members – Mover in reply Consideration in detail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mover (Minister) – Leader of the Opposition (or nominee) (on each question) – Other Members (on each question)	SO 146, SO 147 & SO 156	1 hour 15 minutes 30 minutes No limit 1 x 20 minutes; or 2 x 10 minutes; or 1 x 10 minutes & 2 x 5 minutes 1 x 10 minutes or 2 x 5 minutes
Bills - Private Members' Bills Introduction of Bills (explanatory speech) First reading Second reading debate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All members – Mover in reply Consideration in detail Where Bill has been considered by portfolio committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mover – Other members (on each question) Where Bill has not been considered by portfolio committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mover – Other members (on each question) – Minister responsible for policy area (on each question) 	SO 129 & Sessional Order 6 SO 130 SO 138 SO 146, SO 147 & SO 156	1 hour No debate 10 minutes 30 minutes No limit 3 minutes No limit 3 minutes 1 x 20 minutes; or 2 x 10 minutes; or 1 x 10 minutes and 2 x 5 minutes
Debate of Committee Reports – each member	Sessional Order 4	5 minutes
Disallowance of statutory instruments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Total time – Mover – Other members – Minister in reply 	SO 59	1 hour 30 minutes 15 minutes 10 minutes 20 minutes
Dissent to ruling of Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Total time – Each member 	SO 250	1 hour 10 minutes
Election of Speaker – each member	SO 39	5 minutes
Extension of Time, by consent of a majority of the House, without debate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Motions and Second Reading Debates – Question Time 		5 minutes 2 minutes

Subject	Relevant Standing or Sessional Orders	Time
Matters concerning privilege	Sessional Order 1, & SO 248 & 267	At discretion of Speaker
Matters of Public Interest – Total time – Leader of Opposition or nominee – Other members	Sessional Order 1	1 hour 10 minutes 5 minutes
Motions – Mover – Other members – Mover in reply	Chapter 15	10 minutes 10 minutes 15 minutes
Personal Explanations – each member	Sessional Order 1	At discretion of Speaker
Private Members' Motions (Wednesday 5.30-6.30pm) – Total time – All members	Sessional Order 1	1 hour 5 minutes
Private Members' Statements – Total time – Each member	Sessional Order 1	1 hour 3 minutes
Tabling of Reports – Chairperson of Committee on presentation of committee report – Member tabling report	Sessional Orders 1 & 2	5 minutes 2 minutes
Questions Without Notice – Question time (total time) – Member asking question – Minister answering question	Sessional Order 1 & SO 113	1 hour, Tues, Wed, Thurs. 30 minutes on Friday At discretion of Speaker 3 minutes

Dress standards

13. Dress standards in the parliamentary chamber should be appropriate to the Queensland climate and reflect general community standards. All members and staff are expected to dress in business attire. Male members and staff may wear a long-sleeve business shirt and tie or coat and long-sleeve business shirt without tie.

14. Shadow Minister Diary Extracts

- (1) Shadow Ministers are required to publish on the Queensland Parliament website, on a monthly basis, information in relation to official Shadow Minister related meetings with external parties listed in their diaries, including as a minimum, the date of the meeting, name of the organisation or person and the purpose of the meeting.
- (2) For any meeting with a registered lobbyist or any person working for the lobbyist in any capacity, other than administrative staff, the diary must also include details about all attendees and a short description of the subject matter of the meeting.
- (3) Consideration should be given to the Information Privacy Principles contained in the *Information Privacy Act 2009* in determining what material is to be published.