



QUEENSLAND

Legislative Assembly

**SESSIONAL ORDERS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
57th PARLIAMENT (FIRST SESSION)**

BRISBANE

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SESSIONAL ORDERS – 57TH 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 each day from 9.30am until the automatic adjournment is declared in accordance with Sessional Order 2(2)(c), unless adjourned in accordance with Sessional Order 2(3) or 2(4).
- (c) 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 — 11.20am—

Business Program Motion (in accordance with Sessional Order 4)

11.20am — 1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm — 2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm — 3.00pm—

Matters of Public Interest

3.00pm — 5.30pm—

Government Business

5.30pm — 7.00pm—

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

7.00pm — 8.30pm—

Government Business

8.30pm — 9.00pm—

Automatic Adjournment

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Notice of motion for debate during Private Members' Motion (5.00pm — 6.00pm) (Notice may be stated in the House and delivered to the Clerk)

10.15am — 11.15am—
Question Time

11.15am — 12.30pm—
Government Business

12.30pm — 1.00pm—
Introduction of Private Members' Bills #

1.00pm — 2.00pm—
Lunch break

2.00pm — 3.00pm—

Debate of Committee Reports (in accordance with Sessional Order 5) if no reports to debate, Government Business

3.00pm — 4.30pm—
Government Business

4.30pm — 5.00pm—
Crossbench Members' Motion (motion for which notice was given during Preliminary Business)

5.00pm — 6.00pm—
Private Members' Motion (motion for which notice was given during Preliminary Business)

6.00pm — 8.30pm—
Government Business

8.30pm — 9.00pm—
Automatic Adjournment

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch 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 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 — 3.00pm—
Private Members' Statements (Total time 60 minutes, 20 members x 3 minutes each)

3.00pm — 6.30pm—
Government Business

6.30pm — 7.00pm—
Automatic Adjournment

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

- (d) On a Tuesday afternoon—
- (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 7), the adjournment may be either moved immediately or otherwise continue with Government Business until automatic adjournment;
 - (ii) if there are Disallowance Motions or Private Members' Bills to debate (in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 59 or Sessional Order 7), the House will commence with Disallowance Motions, Private Members' Bills or Government Business until automatic adjournment.
- (e) 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:

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10.00am — 10.30am—
Question Time

10.30am — 1.00pm—
Government Business

1.00pm — 2.00pm—
Lunch break

2.00pm — until adjournment moved—
Government Business

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

1A. 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

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Notice of motion for debate during Private Members' Motion (5.00pm — 6.00pm) (Notice may be stated in the House and delivered to the Clerk)

10.15am — 11.15am—

Question Time

11.15am — 11.20am—

Business Program Motion (in accordance with Sessional Order 2B)

11.20am — 12.00pm—

Introduction of Private Members' Bills #

12.00pm — 2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm — 4.30pm—

Government Business

4.30pm — 5.00pm—

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

5.00pm — 6.00pm—

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

6.00pm — 8.30pm

Government Business

8.30pm — 9.00pm—

Automatic Adjournment

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(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 breaks, in the Order of Business adjusted accordingly.)

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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 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

- 1B.** (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.

Automatic Adjournment

- 2.** (1) Standing Order 56 is suspended for this session.
- (2) At the time specified for the Automatic Adjournment in the Order of Business for each Sitting Day, the Speaker shall:
- (a) notify the House that it is the time for the Automatic Adjournment of the House;
 - (b) shall call on up to 10 members to speak for no more than three minutes each to make an adjournment statement; and
 - (c) at the conclusion of the members' statements in 2(b) above, shall declare the House is adjourned to the date and time previously agreed to by the House.
- (3) Notwithstanding Sessional Orders 1(b) and 2(2), the Leader or Acting Leader of the House may advise the House, no later than two hours before the scheduled or rescheduled Automatic Adjournment, that the House may continue to sit for a further stated period of up to 2 hours after the time set for the Automatic Adjournment or at the conclusion of a nominated item of business, whichever is earlier, at which time the Automatic Adjournment will occur.

- (4) Notwithstanding Sessional Orders 1(b) and 2(2), the motion “That the House do now adjourn” may be moved by the Leader or Acting Leader of the House at any time despite the order of business, in which case there will be an Adjournment Debate for 30 minutes and then the question shall be put.

Business Committee

3. (1) A Business Committee comprising the following members is established:
 - (a) the Leader of the House (or alternate);
 - (b) Premier (or alternate);
 - (c) the Manager of Opposition Business (or alternate); and
 - (d) the cross-bench member nominated by the cross-bench.
- (2) The role of the Business Committee is to discuss how the House will deal with business.
- (3) Any decisions made by the Business Committee in accordance with (2) are not binding on the House and a Business program motion in accordance with 4 is required.
- (4) In this Sessional Order “alternate”, in relation to a member, has the same meaning as in section 81 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*.
- (5) At a meeting of the Business Committee a quorum is the Leader of the House (or alternate) and one other member.
- (6) A meeting of the Business Committee is chaired by the Leader of the House (or alternate).

Business program motion

4. (1) At the time specified in the Sessional Orders, the Leader of the House may move a motion without notice, to be put without amendment or debate, that provides for the allocation of time for any business.
- (2) The motion may include, that:
 - (a) Bills be declared cognate in accordance with Standing Order 172;
 - (b) Bills or other business on the Notice Paper be reordered; or
 - (c) Time for government motions and time limits for speeches.
- (3) The motion may include a requirement that at the expiration of time specified in (1) all remaining questions necessary to pass the Bill, a stage of the Bill or any other business be put, without further debate, which is taken to include any of the following:
 - (a) the second reading question;
 - (b) clauses and schedules en bloc;
 - (c) any amendments to be moved by the Minister or Member in charge of the Bill; and
 - (d) the third reading and long title.
- (4) Completion of all questions necessary to pass the Bill, a stage of the Bill or any other business in accordance with (1) and (2) shall take precedence over all other business, including the automatic adjournment, with the Order of Business adjusting to recommence after necessary questions are completed.
- (5) Any agreed Business Program may be amended by a motion without notice, moved by the Leader of the House.

- (6) Any amendment agreed to in (4) above is to take effect one hour after the House agrees to such an amendment.

Debate of Parliamentary Committee reports

5. (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 Wednesday 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 Wednesday.
- (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

6. 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

7. (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 Members' 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

8. (1) A motion of condolence may be moved as the first item of business after Speaker's Statements in the Order of Business.
- (2) 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

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

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

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

Incorporation of material - Address in Reply and Annual Appropriation Bills

11. 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

12. 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

13. 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 11 and 12	31 hours 20 minutes 20 minutes 30 minutes
Adjournment Statements – Total time – Each member	Sessional Order 2(2)(b)	30 minutes 3 minutes
Adjournment Debate – Total time – Each member	Sessional Order 2(3)	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 – Minister – Leader of the Opposition (or nominee)	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 To speak once only as per SO 129 for 1 hour 1 hour

Subject	Relevant Standing or Sessional Orders	Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Other members – Mover in reply Consideration in detail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mover – Leader of the Opposition (or nominee) (on each questions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Other members (on each question) 	SO 146, SO 147 & SO 156	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
<p>Bills – Private Members’ Bills</p> 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 7 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 & 2 x 5 minutes
Debate of Committee Reports – each member	Sessional Order 5	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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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
Matters concerning privilege	Sessional Order 1, & SO 248 & 267	At discretion of Speaker
Matters of Public Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Total time – Leader of Opposition or nominee – Other members 	Sessional Order 1 & 10	1 hour 10 minutes 5 minutes
Motions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mover 	Chapter 15	10 minutes

Subject	Relevant Standing or Sessional Orders	Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Other members – Mover in reply 		10 minutes 15 minutes
Motions –Business Program Motion (11.15am Tuesdays)	Sessional Order 4	Question put without amendment or debate
Personal Explanations – each member	Sessional Order 1	At discretion of Speaker
Crossbench Members’ Motions (Wednesday 4.30–5.00 pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Total time - All member 		30 mins 5 minutes
Private Members’ Motions (Wednesday 5.00–6.00 pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Total time – All members 	Sessional Order 1	1 hour 5 minutes
Private Members’ Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Total time – Each member 	Sessional Order 1 & 10	1 hour 3 minutes
Tabling of Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chairperson of Committee on presentation of committee report – Member tabling report 	Sessional Order 1	5 minutes 2 minutes
Questions Without Notice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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

- 14.** 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.

Shadow Minister Diary Extracts

- 15.** (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.