




Speech By
Ray Stevens

MEMBER FOR MERMAID BEACH

Record of Proceedings, 22 May 2014

MOTION: AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

 **Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (Leader of the House) (11.09 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

That the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly be amended in accordance with the amendment circulated in my name with an effective date of 2 June 2014.

Amendment to Standing Orders to be moved by the Leader of the House

1. CHAPTER 19 (DIVISIONS)—

Omit Standing Order 106, Insert—

“106. Procedure for a party vote

- (1) When the bars have been closed, the Speaker shall state the question to the House.
- (2) To cast their votes, members must sit in their allocated places in the Chamber. Unless they have advised their Whip that they intend to cast a contrary vote, each member of the parties that make up the government or official opposition are deemed to be voting to support the response of their party members given at the time the Speaker originally put the question.
- (3) Members of the parties that make up the government or official opposition that intend casting a contrary vote must advise their Whip. These Members must then also advise the Clerk of their intention to cast a contrary vote and indicate whether they are voting for the “Ayes” or “Noes”.
- (4) Members of minor parties, recognised parties or independents must sign a tally sheet provided by the Clerk indicating whether they are voting for the “Ayes” or “Noes”.
- (5) The Government Whip, Opposition Whip and Clerk will report the number of “Ayes” or “Noes”. The report must only relate to votes cast by members present in the Chamber and every member present must vote. The votes will be reported in the following order:
 - (i) The Speaker asks the Government Whip, to report the government party's votes;
 - (ii) The Speaker asks the Opposition Whip, to report the official opposition party's vote.
 - (iii) The Speaker asks the Clerk, to report the votes of other members that have reported to the Clerk in accordance with (3) or (4) above. The Clerk will report the votes by party or electorate.
- (6) Any Member may before the result of the vote is announced by the Speaker, challenge the report of votes reported by the Government Whip, Opposition Whip or the Clerk. If a report is challenged, the Speaker may direct that the report stand, be corrected or that the matter be resolved by a personal vote.
- (7) The Speaker announces the result to the House.
- (8) The Government Whip and Opposition Whip will immediately provide the Clerk the names of those members of their party that were not present for the vote.
- (9) The Clerk will record the result of the vote and the names of those members voting “Aye” and “No” and publish those details in the Record of Proceedings.

(10) If fewer than five members vote with either the "Ayes" or the "Noes", the Clerk will record whether the question was agreed to or not in the Record of Proceedings but the result of the vote and the names of members voting will not be recorded in accordance with (9) above.

(11) If an error occurs in any record of result, the error shall be reported to the House by the Speaker at the earliest practical time and the Record of Proceeding altered.

(12) In this Standing Order a reference to Government Whip, Opposition Whip or the Clerk includes a reference to their delegates."