




Speech By
Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe

MEMBER FOR SANDGATE

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MOTION

Amendments to Standing Orders

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (9.50 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

That the amendments to the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly circulated in my name be agreed to, effective immediately.

1. Omit Standing Order 22 and insert:

“22. Committee transcripts

- (1) A committee may determine that a transcript of its proceedings be made.
- (2) The Chief Reporter and Committee Research Director are authorised to release and publish the transcript of a committee's public proceedings as it becomes available, subject to any express direction of the committee.
- (3) The transcripts of the private proceedings of a committee shall be published (or not published) in accordance with orders of the committee or the House.
- (4) If an error in a committee transcript is reported, the Committee Chair shall direct the transcript to be corrected.
- (5) A committee may order that material be incorporated in a transcript of its proceedings.”

2. Insert new Standing Order 204A:

“204A. Resolution may be determined outside of meeting by vote on circulated, written motion

- (1) The Chairperson of a portfolio committee may authorise the committee's Research Director to circulate a vote outside committee meeting document to all members of the committee.
- (2) A vote outside committee meeting document (“the document”) must:
 - (a) be in writing;
 - (b) be circulated to each member of the committee in person, by post, facsimile transmission, or email;
 - (c) contain an explanation by the Chairperson as to why the motion or motions are being put to the committee outside of a formal meeting;
 - (d) contain the motion or motions put by the Chairperson or another member;
 - (e) contain a choice for the member to indicate whether they are voting Aye or No to each motion proposed;
 - (f) contain a place for the member to sign; and
 - (g) indicate the time by which the member must return the completed document, which must be not be less than 72 hours after which the document should, in the normal course of business, have been received by the member.
- (3) A member of a committee may signify whether they are voting Aye or No to each motion proposed on the document by indicating in the place provided and signing the document and returning the document to the Research Director, in person, by post, facsimile transmission, or email.
- (4) The rules regarding voting entitlements and determination of questions that apply to the committee by virtue of statute or standing orders apply and a motion in a vote outside committee meeting document is resolved in the affirmative only if:

- (a) The number of members who return a completed vote outside committee meeting document is equal to or exceeds the number of members that constitute the normal quorum of the committee for a meeting; and
 - (b) The number of votes in the affirmative exceed the majority of votes required.
- (5) The result of any vote outside a committee meeting shall be confirmed and minuted at the committee's next meeting.
- (6) A vote outside of committee meeting cannot be conducted in respect of the following:
- (a) a motion to appoint a Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson;
 - (b) a motion to support or approve an appointment required by statute;
 - (c) a motion to adopt or amend a committee report; and
 - (d) a motion to call for persons, papers or things or summons any person or thing.”

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.