




Speech By
Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe

MEMBER FOR SANDGATE

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MOTION

Amendments to Sessional Orders

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (10.12 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

That the amendments to Sessional Orders circulated in my name be agreed to.

Amendments to Sessional Orders

1. Sessional Order 1 (d) after '*Thursday 12.00pm—1.00pm*'—

Omit, insert—

Debate of petitions (in accordance with Sessional Order 2A) and Debate of Committee Reports (in accordance with Sessional Order 2) or if no petitions or reports to debate, Government Business

2. After Sessional Order 2—

insert—

Debate of Petitions signed by 10,000 or more persons

- 2A (1) The subject matter of every petition tabled in the House and announced by the Clerk as having been signed by 10,000 or more persons, shall be set down on the notice paper by the Clerk that the House is to take note of the petition, unless:
- (a) the Committee of the Legislative Assembly determines that the subject matter of the petition is so frivolous or vexatious as to not warrant the attention of the House by way of debate under this sessional order; or
 - (b) the Committee of the Legislative Assembly determines that a debate on a petition on the same subject has already taken place in the same session; or
 - (c) the Committee of the Legislative Assembly determines that debate on a petition would anticipate debate on another order on the notice paper; or
 - (d) the Committee of the Legislative Assembly determines that other petitions on the same subject are also set down on the notice paper, in which case all such petitions shall be combined in the same order.
- (2) In determining whether a debate on the same subject has already taken place in the same session in 2A(1)(b) the Committee of the Legislative Assembly will have regard to whether the subject of the petition is the same in substance (not form) as a previous petition which has already been debated in that session.
- (3) Motions that the House take note of a petition 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.
- (4) Any further petitions received before the first order on the notice paper is disposed of shall be set down on succeeding Thursday's in the order in which they are presented (with the time limits for speaking as set out on Sessional Order 5).
- (5) If a Member does not seek the call when the Order of the Day to note a petition is called on that Order will lapse.
- (6) The Order of the Day cannot be amended and at the conclusion of the debate the question shall be put.

(7) A division on any question or quorum call shall not be permitted during debate of the Order of the Day.

3. Sessional Order 5—Maximum time limits for debates, speeches and statements

After row starting ‘**Debate of Committee Reports**’—

insert—

Debate of Petitions	Sessional Order 2A	
-Total Time		16 minutes
-Mover		5 minutes
-Member next speaking		5 minutes
-Two other members		3 minutes each

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.