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Preface

The *Guide to Procedures* is a concise and practical introduction to the procedures of the House of Representatives. It is intended to assist participants and observers understand proceedings in the Chamber of the House and the Federation Chamber.

House of Representatives Practice is the definitive text on the parliamentary law, procedures, and practice of the House of Representatives. The *Guide to Procedures* does not go into such detail or analysis and covers fewer topics. So, for example, topics such as parliamentary privilege and committees are covered here only as they affect proceedings in the Chamber.

This sixth edition of the *Guide to Procedures* has been updated to take account of amendments to the standing orders at the beginning of the 45th Parliament following the 2016 general election, and refers to the standing orders as at 13 September 2016.

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