

# Procedural Digest

No. 15

47<sup>th</sup> Parliament

16 – 19 October 2023

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## Motions

### 15.01 Motions for statements about Hamas attacks on Israel

On Monday, 16 October, Private Members' Business was interrupted and the Prime Minister moved to suspend standing and sessional orders to rearrange business for the day to allow for statements to be made in relation to recent events in Israel. The motion provided for: government business taking priority until 1.30 pm; the Prime Minister moving a motion to be debated immediately; the conduct of debate on that motion; further statements on the same matter being made at a later hour; and private members' business resuming for one hour in the afternoon. The motion was agreed to on the voices.

The Prime Minister then moved a motion relating to attacks on Israel by Hamas and the ongoing conflict and the Leader of the Opposition then spoke for an equal amount of time, as had been provided by the suspension motion. As a sign of respect for lives lost in the conflict, members then rose in their places before debate on the motion continued. During debate on the Prime Minister's motion, the Leader of the Australian Greens moved an amendment to the motion. In accordance with the terms of the suspension motion, the question on the amendment was put shortly after 1.15 pm and was negatived on division. The question was then put on the original motion and the bells were rung for one minute. As only four members were voting against the motion, the Speaker resolved the question in the affirmative and noted that those voting no would be recorded in the *Votes and Proceedings*. Several members indicated that they wished for their names to be recorded as in favour of the motion and the Speaker agreed to a request that a full count to be recorded. To enable all members to participate, the bells were rung again for four minutes before the count was conducted and recorded.

Later that day, following the presentation of documents after Question Time and the conclusion of time allowed for Private Members' business under the suspension motion, further statements were made relating to the attacks and ongoing conflict. Statements were briefly interrupted for the deferred consideration of a motion moved during Question Time, then continued until the adjournment debate began at 7.30 pm.

On Tuesday, 17 October, immediately following the acknowledgment of country, prayers and reference of bills to the Federation Chamber, a minister moved, by leave, that further statements relating to the Hamas attacks on Israel and the ongoing conflict be permitted in the Federation Chamber. The motion was agreed to on the voices. Several members made statements in the Federation Chamber later that day, between the times for constituency statements and the grievance debate.

On Wednesday, 18 October, immediately following the acknowledgment of country, prayers and presentation of a Selection Committee report, the House again agreed to suspend standing orders, on the motion of a minister, to arrange business for the day to allow for further statements relating to the attacks and ongoing conflict until all members who wished to speak had had the opportunity to do so. Statements commenced following the conclusion of the discussion of the matter of public importance and the presentation of reports from committees, were interrupted by the usual adjournment debate at 7.30 pm, recommenced at 8.00 pm and concluded at 8.39 pm when no further members rose to speak. The House then immediately adjourned, as provided for by the resolution.

*Hansard:* 16 October 2023, 7278-95; 7319-30

17 October 2023, 7409; 7497-513

18 October 2023, 7530; 7606-29; 7634-9

*Votes and Proceedings:* 2022-23/1022-4; 1026; 1028;1041; 1047; 1049; 1064

**SOs 45, 47, 111, 127, 130, 131, 132**

## 15.02 Non-government motions to suspend standing orders

During Question Time on Monday, 16 October, the Leader of the Opposition sought to suspend standing and sessional orders to move a motion censuring the Prime Minister. In accordance with standing order 47(e), the Leader of the House required that further proceedings in relation to the motion take place later that afternoon. When proceedings were resumed, the motion was negated on division following debate.

On Tuesday, 17 October, following the matter of public importance discussion, the Member for Kennedy moved to suspend standing and sessional orders in order to move a motion relating to the Great Barrier Reef. During debate, to assist the member, the Minister for the Environment tabled documents which were the subject of the substantive motion. The motion was then defeated on the voices.

On Thursday, 19 October, immediately following the acknowledgment of country and prayers, the Leader of the Opposition sought leave to move a motion relating to Closing the Gap. When leave was not granted, the Leader of the Opposition then moved to suspend standing and sessional orders in order to move the motion. Following debate, the suspension motion was negated on division.

*Hansard:* 16 October 2023, 7309-10; 7330-6

17 October 2023, 7452-6

19 October 2023, 7693-8

*Votes and Proceedings:* 2022-23/1025; 1026-7; 1043-4; 1069-70

**SOs 47, 63, 111**

## 15.03 Condolence motion

On Monday, 16 October, the Prime Minister moved a condolence motion for four Australian Defence Force personnel who had been killed while taking part in Exercise Talisman Sabre in July 2023 – Captain Danniell Lyon, Lieutenant Maxwell Nugent, Warrant Officer Class 2 Joseph Phillip Laycock and Corporal Alexander Naggs. The Leader of the Opposition seconded the motion.

The Minister for Defence and the Shadow Minister for Defence also spoke to the motion before all members in the chamber and observers in the gallery rose in silence as a mark of respect.

*Hansard: 16 October 2023, 7297-300*  
*Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23/1024*

**SO 49**

## Bills

### 15.04 Division on Senate amendments not proceeded with

On Thursday, 19 October, the House considered Senate amendments to the Family Law Amendment Bill 2023. When the question was put, a division was called for. While the bells were ringing, the Speaker ascertained that it suited the House for the division not to proceed and the request for the division was recalled, by leave. He put the question again and the amendments were agreed to on the voices.

*Hansard: 19 October 2023, 7767-8*  
*Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23/1078*

**SOs 125, 126**

## Documents

### 15.05 Parliamentary annual reports presented

The Speaker presented the annual reports of the Department of the House of Representatives and the Parliamentary Budget Office on 16 October and the Department of Parliamentary Services on 18 October.

*Hansard: 16 October 2023, 7313*  
*18 October 2023, 7595*  
*Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23/1025; 1062*

## Private Members' business

### 15.06 Item postponed, postponement later rescinded

On the morning of Monday, 16 October, when Private Members' Business Notice No. 2 was called on, the member who had given notice set the following sitting Monday as the day for presenting the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Expanding the Water Trigger) Bill 2023.

Later that day, during the additional time provided for Private Members' Business under the suspension of standing orders (see 15.01 above), the member moved that the postponement be rescinded and the bill be presented immediately; she informed the House that the notice had been postponed in the morning as papers were not available at the time. The motion was agreed to on the voices, and the member introduced the bill.

*Hansard: 16 October 2023, 7265; 7317-9*  
*Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23/1019; 1026*

**SOs 112, 113**

## Speaker

### 15.07 Speaker directs member to leave during adjournment debate

During a member's contribution to the adjournment debate on Tuesday, 17 October, Member for Bowman made several interjections and, at 7.32 pm, was directed by the Speaker to leave the chamber for one hour in accordance with standing order 94(a).

*Standing order 94(a) allows the Speaker to direct a disorderly member to leave the chamber immediately to prevent further disruption to proceedings. It is more commonly used during Question Time. A member is considered to have served their suspension at the expiry of the hour, even if the House has adjourned during that time.*

*Hansard: 17 October 2023, 7482  
Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23/1046*

**SO 94**

## Sittings

### 15.08 Program of sittings for 2024

On Thursday, 19 October, the Deputy Leader of the House presented a proposed program of parliamentary sittings for 2024 and moved that it be agreed to. A shadow minister moved an amendment to the program. Following debate, the Deputy Leader of the House moved closure of the question, which was agreed on division. The proposed amendment was then defeated on division and the original program agreed to on division.

*Hansard: 19 October 2023, 7726-33  
Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23/1074-6*

**SO 29, 81**

## Statements

### 15.09 Ministerial statements

Two ministerial statements were made, by leave, during the sitting week:

- On 17 October, the Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories made the Annual statement to Parliament on Northern Australia. The Shadow Minister for Agriculture addressed the House in reply.
- On 19 October, the Minister for Government Services made a statement on the Security Risk Management Review (Ashton Review). The Shadow Minister for Government Services and the Digital Economy addressed the House in reply.

*Hansard: 17 October 2023, 7409-14  
19 October 2023, 7719-21  
Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23/1041; 1074*

**SO 63A**

## 15.10 Statement on a significant matter

On Thursday, 19 October, during the time for statements on significant matters, the Minister for Social Services made a statement in relation to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability. The Shadow Minister for Social Services addressed the House in reply.

*Hansard: 19 October 2023, 7698-700  
Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23/1070*

**SOs 50 A**

## 15.11 Statements by indulgence

Indulgence was granted on several occasions during the sitting week for statements:

- On 16 October, the Prime Minister and the former Prime Minister, the Member for Cook, made statements congratulating Mr Adam Thomas for his 25 years of service as the house manager at Kirribilli House.
- On 17 October, following a question without notice to the Minister for Industry and Science, the Prime Minister and the Shadow Minister for Science and the Arts congratulated the winners of the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science.
- On 18 October, before Question Time, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition made statements in relation to the visit to Australia by the Prime Minister of Fiji, who was present in the chamber with his wife.
- Also on 18 October, after Question Time, the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition made statements regarding the death of Mr Richard Mainey during bushfires in New South Wales
- On 19 October, the Prime Minister made a statement in relation to his upcoming visit to the United States. The Leader of the Opposition then made a statement in reply.

*Hansard: 16 October 2023, 7312-3  
17 October 2023, 7438-9  
18 October 2023, 7581-2; 7594  
19 October 2023, 7754*

**SO 65**

## Offensive words<sup>#</sup>

	<b>Hansard</b>	
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'...a dickhead.'	17 October 2023	7424
'Well, you're lying again.'	18 October 2023	7587-8

**SOs 89, 90, 92**

<sup>#</sup> List of unparliamentary expressions recorded in *Hansard*.