



## Appendix B – Proposed amendments to Standing Orders

### 1 Maximum speaking times<sup>1</sup>

The maximum time limits that apply to debates, speeches and statements are as follows.

<i>subject</i>	<i>time (max)</i>
<b><i>Grievances</i></b>	
Whole debate	1 hour ( <u>up to 2 hours by agreement</u> )
Each Member	10 mins
<i>(standing order 192B)</i>	

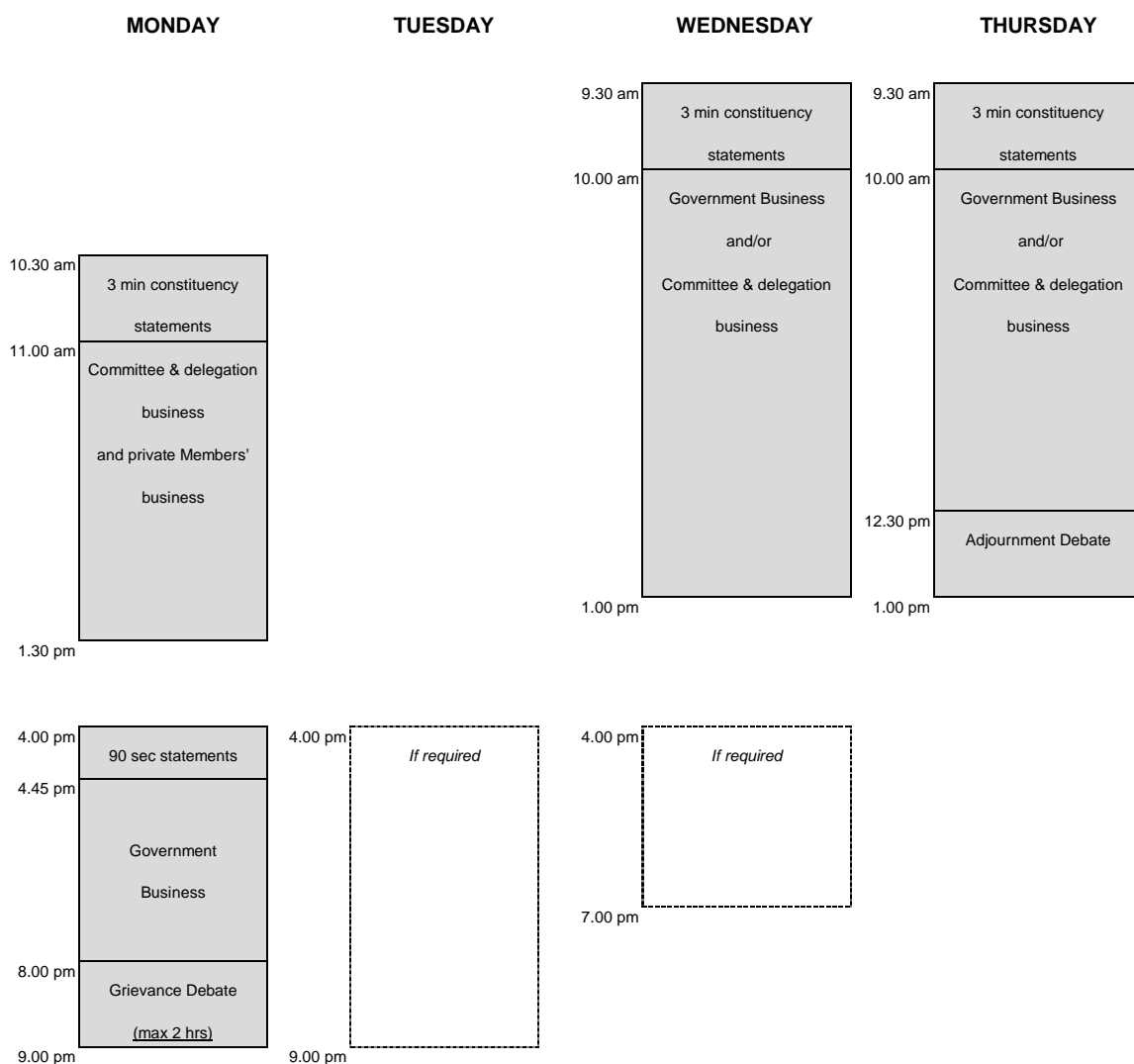
<i>subject</i>	<i>time (max)</i>
<b><i>Members' statements</i></b>	
<b><i>3 minute constituency statements</i></b>	
Whole period	30 mins ( <u>up to 60 mins by agreement</u> )
Each Member	3 mins
<i>(standing order 193)</i>	

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<sup>1</sup> In line with Recommendations 2 and 3 that Standing Order 1 be amended to allow for the extension of the grievance debate to two hours and three minute constituency statements to one hour.

## 192 Federation Chamber's order of business<sup>2</sup>

**Figure 4.** Federation Chamber indicative order of business



The meeting times of the Federation Chamber are fixed by the Deputy Speaker and are subject to change. Times shown for the start and finish of items of business are approximate. Constituency statements may extend for up to 60 minutes by agreement between the Whips. Grievance debates may extend for up to 2 hours by agreement between the Whips. Adjournment debates can occur on days other than Thursdays by agreement between the Whips.

- 2 In line with Recommendation 4 that Standing Order 192, Figure 4 be amended to reflect the indicative nature of the order of business and with Recommendations 2 and 3 which propose allowance for an extension of three minute constituency statements and the grievance debate.

**192B Grievance debate<sup>3</sup>**

- (a) The order of the day for the grievance debate stands referred to the Federation Chamber and shall be taken as the final item of business each Monday.
- (b) After the Deputy Speaker proposes the question –

*That grievances be noted –*

any Member may address the Federation Chamber or move any amendment to the question. When debate is interrupted ~~after one hour or if it concludes earlier~~, the Deputy Speaker shall adjourn the debate on the motion, and the resumption of the debate shall be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**193 Members' three minute constituency statements<sup>4</sup>**

The first item of business on any day that the Federation Chamber meets shall be constituency statements by Members. The Deputy Speaker may call a Member to make a constituency statement for no longer than three minutes. The period for Members' constituency statements may continue for ~~30~~ up to 60 minutes, irrespective of suspensions for divisions in the House.

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3 In line with Recommendation 2 that up to two hours be allowed for the grievance debate.

4 In line with Recommendation 3 that up to 60 minutes be allowed for three minute constituency statements.

