

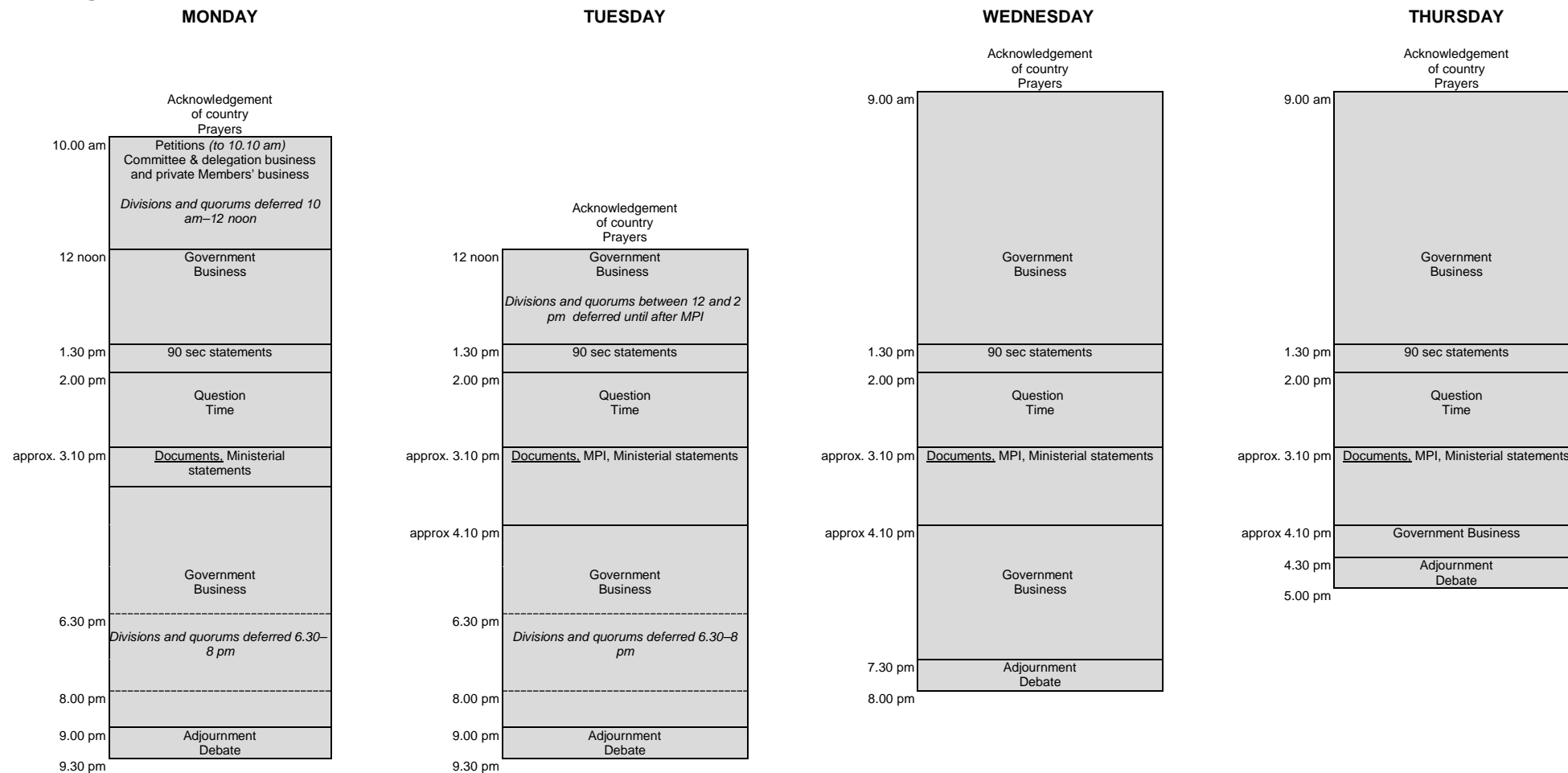


Appendix A – Proposed amendments to the standing orders

Proposed amendment	Reason for amendment
<p><i>Statements by permission from the Speaker (by indulgence)</i></p> <p>Valedictory remarks</p> <p>_____ Member _____ 20 mins</p> <p>Other statements</p> <p>(e.g. adding to answer, personal explanation, privilege)</p> <p>Member _____ at the discretion of the Speaker</p>	<p>Restores statements by permission of the Speaker to the prerogative of the Speaker's indulgence.</p>
<p>2 Definitions</p> <p>...</p> <p><i>present a document</i> means table a document. <u>A document presented to the Federation Chamber is taken to have been presented to the House.</u></p> <p>...</p> <p><i>visitor</i> means a person other than a Member or parliamentary official <u>or an infant being cared for by a Member.</u></p>	<p>Clarifies the status of documents presented in the Federation Chamber</p> <p>Align with standing order 257</p>
<p>131 Successive divisions</p> <p>(a) If a division is called no more than three minutes following a division, and there is no intervening debate, the Speaker shall appoint tellers immediately and the bells shall be rung for one minute.</p> <p>(b) If there is a successive division, Members who wish to vote in the same way as in the previous division must remain seated until the result of the division is announced. The tellers shall take <u>may record</u> each Member's vote as being the same as it was in the previous division unless a Member reports to them.</p>	<p>Resolves the scenario where a Member may not be able to return to the Chamber in time.</p> <p>Gives tellers the discretion to record the vote as being the same or count the vote in full.</p>

34 Order of business

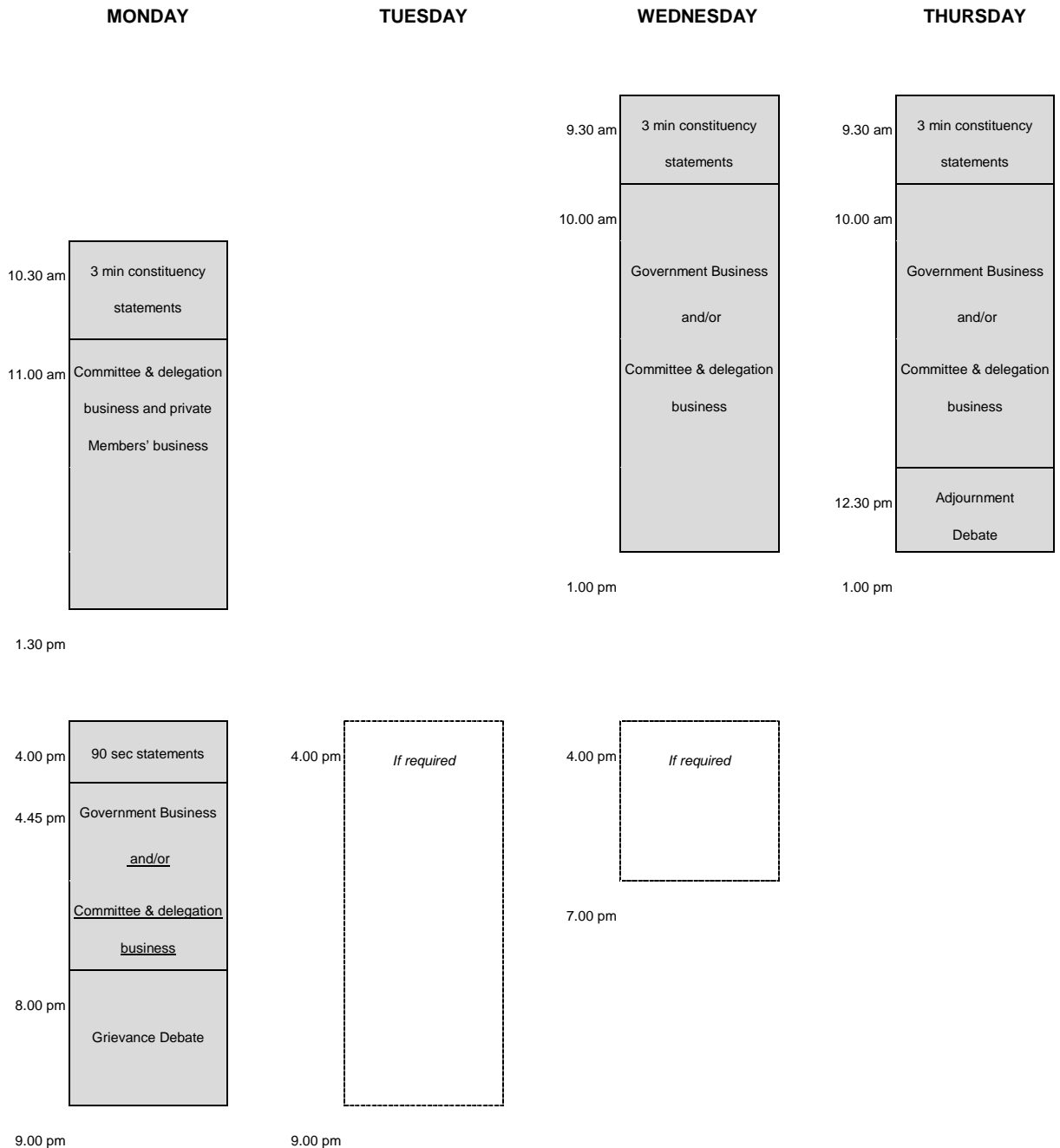
Figure 2. House order of business



Insert 'documents' to the routine of business to reflect standing order 202 and the resolution of the House 'Procedures for tabling ministerial papers' of 9 December 1987.

192 Federation Chamber’s indicative order of business

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. Adjournment debates can occur on days other than Thursdays by agreement between the Whips.

This amendment is a change to presentation only, which will produce no change in practice. It reflects that the order of business in the Federation Chamber is indicative rather than prescriptive and the practice of committee and/or delegation business being conducted in the Monday 4:45pm-8:00pm time period.

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<p>197 Return of matters to the House</p> <p>The Federation Chamber may return a matter to the House before its consideration is completed.</p> <p>(a) A matter may be returned to the House on a motion moved without notice at any time by a Minister <u>by any Member</u>— That further proceedings be conducted in the House.</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) The House may at any time require a matter to be returned for further consideration, on a motion moved without notice by a Minister <u>by any Member</u>. The matter must be set down for consideration at a later hour that day.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Reflects current practice, recognising that Ministers are rarely available in the Federation Chamber to put this motion.</p>
<p>198 Report to the House</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) The Clerk of the Federation Chamber shall certify a copy of the bill or other matter <u>item of business</u> to be reported to the House, together with any schedules of amendments and unresolved questions. Unless otherwise provided, the Speaker shall report the matter at a later hour that day when other business is not before the House.</p>	<p>Clarify the role of the Clerk of the Federation Chamber.</p>
<p>217 Library Committee</p> <p>A Library Committee shall be appointed to consider any matter about the provision of library services to Members referred to it by the House or by the Speaker.</p> <p>(b) The committee shall consist of seven Members.</p>	<p>Omit</p>
<p>222 Selection Committee</p> <p>(a) A Selection Committee shall be appointed to:</p> <p>(i) arrange the timetable and order of committee and delegation business and private Members' business for each sitting Monday in accordance with <i>standing orders 39 to 41</i>;</p> <p>(ii) select private Members' notices and other items of private Members' and committee and delegation business for referral to the Federation Chamber, or for return to the House;</p> <p>(iii) select bills that the committee regards as controversial or as requiring further consultation or debate for referral to the relevant standing or joint committee in accordance with <i>standing order 143</i>; and</p> <p>(iv) subject to <i>standing order 1</i>, set speaking times for second reading debates.</p> <p>(iv) recommend items of private Members' business to be voted on.</p> <p>(b) The committee shall consist of eleven <u>nine</u> members: the Speaker, or in the absence of the Speaker the Deputy Speaker, the Chief Government Whip or his or her nominee, the Chief Opposition Whip or his or her nominee, the Third Party Whip or his or her nominee, four <u>five</u> government Members, and three <u>four</u> non-government Members, <u>including, if there are non-aligned Members, one non-aligned Member.</u> The Speaker shall be the Chair of the committee. The Chair of the Committee shall be elected in accordance with <i>standing order 137A</i>. A quorum shall be three members of the committee.</p>	<p>Amend membership and role</p>

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<p>(c) For committee and delegation business and private Members' business, the committee may determine the order of consideration of the matters, and the times allotted for debate on each item and for each Member speaking.</p> <p>(d) In relation to committee and delegation business and private Members' business the committee must report its determinations to the House in time for its decisions to be published on the Notice Paper of the sitting Thursday before the Monday being considered. In relation to bills the committee must report its determinations as soon as practical in respect of each bill or each group of bills.</p> <p>(e) Reports of the committee under paragraph (d) will be treated as having been adopted when they are presented. Reports will be published in Hansard.</p> <p>(f) A referral by determination of the Selection Committee pursuant to paragraph (a)(ii) or (a)(iii), once the determination has been reported to the House, is deemed to be a referral by the House.</p>	
<p>229 Appointment of committee members</p> <p>...</p> <p>(d) any Member appointed as a minister immediately ceases to be a member of all committees.</p>	<p>New part to immediately discharge committee Members appointed as Ministers</p>
<p>232 — Appointment of committee Chair and deputy Chair</p> <p>(a) — Before the start of business and at any time a vacancy occurs, a committee shall be informed of the name of the member who has been appointed by the Prime Minister to be its Chair. The Chair shall have a casting vote only.</p> <p>(b) — A committee shall also be informed of the name of the member who has been appointed by the Leader of the Opposition to be its deputy Chair. The deputy Chair shall act as Chair of the committee whenever the Chair is not present at a meeting. If neither the Chair nor deputy Chair is present at a meeting, the members present shall elect another member to act as Chair at the meeting.</p> <p>232 Election of Committee Chair and Deputy Chair</p> <p>(a) Unless otherwise provided the Chair of a committee shall be elected by secret ballot under <i>standing order 137A (Ballot for Committee Chair)</i>.</p> <p>(b) Before the start of business a committee shall elect a non-government member as its Deputy Chair, who shall act as Chair of the committee whenever the Chair is not present at a meeting. If neither the Chair nor deputy Chair is present at a meeting, the members present shall elect another member to act as Chair at the meeting.</p> <p>(c) The Chair shall have a casting vote only.</p>	<p>New standing order to reflect proposed election of Chairs by the House as a whole.</p>
<p>247 Report presented</p> <p>(a) A member of the committee must present the report of the committee together with the minutes of proceedings, to the House <u>or Federation Chamber</u>.</p> <p>(b) When a report is presented to the House, it may be ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper with or without the documents accompanying it.</p> <p>(c) Special arrangements are required for times when the House is not sitting and a committee has completed a report of an inquiry. The committee may send the report to the Speaker, or to the Deputy Speaker if the Speaker is unavailable. When the Speaker or the</p>	<p>Reflect standing orders 39(b)(i) and 222(a)(i)</p>

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Deputy Speaker receives the report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the report may be published; and (ii) he or she may give directions for the printing and circulation of the report. The committee must then present the report to the House <u>or Federation Chamber</u> as soon as possible. <p style="text-align: center;">...</p>	

Proposed standing order to provide procedures for electing chairs of committees

137A Ballot for Committee Chair

Nomination

- (a) Whenever a position of Committee Chair that is elected under this standing order is vacant the Speaker must call for nominations for the position and will set a closing day for nominations and a day for the ballot. The closing day for nominations must be four sitting days after the call for nominations. The day for the ballot shall be a sitting day as soon as practical after the closing day for nominations.
- (b) Only government Members are eligible for nomination. Ministers, including Assistant Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, are not eligible.
- (c) Nominations of candidates shall be in writing and must be received by the Clerk of the House by 5.00 pm on the closing day for nominations.
- (d) The Clerk shall publish lists of the candidates and their accompanying signatories as soon as practicable following the close of nominations.
- (e) Each nomination shall consist of a signed statement made by the candidate declaring his or her willingness to stand for election, accompanied by the signatures of at least three other Members. At least one of the three must be a Member who is not a member of the same party as the candidate.
- (f) A Member may not sign the statement of more than one candidate for chair of the same committee.
- (g) A Member may not be a candidate for more than one position of chair elected under this standing order.

Election

- (h) Election shall be by secret ballot held between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm in a place appointed by the Speaker. All Members of the House are eligible to vote.
- (i) If there is only one candidate for the chair of a committee, that candidate shall be declared elected without a ballot.

- (j) Each Member intending to vote shall be provided with a ballot paper for each committee bearing the names of the candidates listed in alphabetical order.
- (k) Members vote by ranking all candidates in order of preference. Any candidate who receives more than half the first preferences shall be declared elected. If no candidate is so elected, the candidate or candidates with the lowest number of first preferences shall be eliminated and their votes distributed among the remaining candidates according to the preferences on them. If no candidate has more than half the votes, the process of elimination and distribution is repeated, until one candidate has more than half the votes.
- (l) Counting shall take place under arrangements made by the Clerk of the House. Any Member may act as a scrutineer during the count.
- (m) The Speaker shall have power to give directions on any matter of doubt arising from the conduct of a ballot or from an individual ballot paper and to vary the timings given in paragraph (h).
- (n) The Speaker shall declare the successful candidates elected as soon as practicable after the closing of the ballot.
- (o) A chair elected under this order is a member of the committee of which he or she is elected chair.

