



Appendix C – Draft standing orders for consideration

Proposed amendment	Reason for amendment
<p>Debate management motions and of urgent matters</p> <p>82 Urgent bill</p> <p>(a) A Minister may declare a bill, <u>or a number of related bills</u>, to be urgent at any time.</p> <p>(b) When a bill <u>or bills are</u> is declared urgent, the question— That the bill(s) be considered urgent— must be put immediately and resolved without amendment or debate.</p> <p>(c) — If the question is agreed to, a Minister may move at any time, except when a Member is speaking, a motion specifying times for any stage of the bill. Any motion shall be subject to <i>standing orders 84 (limited debate on allotment of time) and 85 (proceedings on urgent matter)</i>.</p> <p>(d) — The order for the consideration in detail stage may allocate times to particular clauses or parts of the bill.</p>	<p>Declaration may cover more than one bill (currently SOs need to be suspended for this)</p> <p>Deleted provisions in (c) and (d) are now included below in SO 84(b)</p>
<p>83 Urgent motion</p> <p>(a) Once a motion has been moved, a Minister may declare the motion to be urgent.</p> <p>(b) When a motion is declared urgent, the question— That the motion be considered urgent— must be put immediately and resolved without amendment or debate.</p> <p>(c) — If the question is agreed to, a Minister may immediately move a motion specifying times for the urgent motion. Any motion is subject to <i>standing orders 84 (limited debate on allotment of time) and 85 (proceedings on urgent matter)</i>.</p>	<p>Deleted provision in (c) now included below in SO 84(b)</p>

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<p>84 Limited debate on motion for allotment of time <u>Debate management motion</u></p> <p>(a) A debate management motion may be moved by a Minister</p> <p>(i) _____ on notice;</p> <p>(ii) _____ without notice, in respect of matters that the House has agreed be considered urgent pursuant to <i>standing orders 82 or 83</i>.</p> <p>(b) The motion may specify times for a motion or for any stage of a bill. For the consideration in detail stage of a bill the motion may allocate times to particular clauses or parts of the bill.</p> <p>(c) A debate management motion may cover more than one related items of business, may set out special procedures to be followed, and may provide for cognate debate.</p> <p>(d)(a) The maximum times for debate on a <u>debate management motion for allotment of time</u> are: whole debate 20 minutes; each Member 5 minutes.</p> <p>(e)(b) After 20 minutes, or if debate concludes earlier, the Speaker must immediately put the question on any amendment or motion already proposed from the Chair.</p>	<p>New para 84(a) — ‘allotment of time motion’ renamed ‘debate management motion and defined</p> <p>New para 84(b) incorporates deleted elements from 82 and 83 above</p> <p>New para 84(c) expands the scope of debate management motion to match current practice.</p> <p>Debate times remain same as for current allotment of time motion (shorter than suspension motions)</p>								
<p>85 Proceedings on urgent matter subject to <u>debate management motion</u></p> <p>(a) If a time has been set for the start of an urgent matter which is subject to a debate management motion, at the set time the business before the House or the Federation Chamber must be interrupted and all necessary steps taken so that the urgent matter can proceed.</p> <p>(b) At the end of the times allotted for particular proceedings the Speaker must conclude the proceedings:</p> <p>(i) First the Speaker shall immediately put any question already proposed from the Chair, and then put any other question required to dispose of the urgent matter.</p> <p>(ii) If the Government has circulated copies of amendments, new clauses and schedules, and modifications to a bill, at least two hours before the end of the allotted time, they shall be treated as if they have been moved.</p> <p>(c) <i>Standing order 81</i>, providing for the closure of a question, shall not apply to any proceedings for which time has been allotted which are subject to a debate management motion.</p>	<p>No changes to SO 85 apart from name of motion</p>								
<p>1 Maximum speaking times</p> <p>Suspension of standing or other orders on notice relating to the programming of government business</p> <table data-bbox="244 1666 1086 1832"> <tr> <td>Whole debate</td> <td>25 mins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mover</td> <td>15 mins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member next speaking</td> <td>10 mins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Any other Member</td> <td>5 mins</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>(standing order 47)</i></p>	Whole debate	25 mins	Mover	15 mins	Member next speaking	10 mins	Any other Member	5 mins	<p>Related to above changes</p>
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<p>133 Deferred divisions on Mondays and Tuesdays</p> <p>...</p> <p>(e) This standing order does not apply to a division called on a motion moved by a Minister on Mondays and Tuesdays, during the periods specified in this standing order.</p> <p><u>(e) Except that if a motion is moved by a Minister during a period specified in this standing order, the Minister can require that a division on the motion not be deferred.</u></p>	<p>Clarifies the Minister's ability to call a division</p>