

## *Chapter 14*

### *Control and conduct of debate*

#### **Personal explanations (p. 497)**

New provision adopted 13/11/2013:

If a Member has given a personal explanation to correct a misrepresentation and another Member subsequently repeats the matter complained of, the Speaker may intervene [S.O. 68].

#### **Interventions**

Revised provision adopted 13/11/2013:

Interventions procedure allows another Member to ask a short question or make a brief response immediately relevant to a Member's speech, for a period not exceeding 30 seconds. Interventions now extended to the House as well as the Federation Chamber [S.O. 66A].

#### **Statements by indulgence referred to the Federation Chamber (p. 500)**

Time limits of 10 minutes in the Federation Chamber for statements referred, adopted 13/11/2013 [S.O. 1]. The practice of listing such further statements as items of business on the Notice Paper was discontinued in 2013.

#### **Time limits for speeches (p. 528)**

New time limits (where time limits previously did not apply) adopted 13/11/2013:

Valedictory speeches, 20 minutes; statements referred to the Federation Chamber, 10 minutes [S.O. 1].

#### **Ministerial statements (p. 501)**

New standing order 63A adopted 26/3/2015 provides that when the House has granted a Minister leave to make a ministerial statement, the House shall be deemed to have granted leave for the Leader of the Opposition or Member representing (i.e. the shadow minister) to speak in response to the statement for an equivalent amount of time. This new procedure makes the opportunity to speak in response automatic, avoiding the need to suspend standing orders.