



House of Representatives

Sessional and other orders of continuing effect

Forty-ninth Parliament

(as at 18 February 2010)

From time to time the House makes orders which supplement or suspend provisions of the Standing Orders. These orders may have effect for a specified time or until the end of the current session of Parliament. In certain respects the Business Committee also has the power to make determinations that have continuing effect. For the purposes of this document, all such decisions of the House or the Business Committee are described as 'Sessional orders'.

Listed below are the orders that have been made during the course of this Parliament and which should be read along with the Standing Orders. The date shown in brackets is the date that the order or determination was made. References to relevant Standing Orders are shown where possible. Sessional orders that are spent (no longer applicable) are shown at the end.

Current sessional orders

General provisions

Public organisations

By leave, agreed that the Abortion Supervisory Committee, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand and Air New Zealand Limited be public organisations for the purposes of the Standing Orders.

(Standing Order 3(1); 16 December 2008)

Office-holders

Election of Speaker

Hon Dr Lockwood Smith was elected as Speaker.

(Standing Order 17; 8 December 2008)

Appointment of Deputy Speaker and Assistant Speakers

Resolved, That William Lindsay Tisch be appointed Deputy Speaker.

Resolved, That Richard John Barker be appointed Assistant Speaker.

Resolved, That Eric Wilbur Roy be appointed Assistant Speaker.

(Standing Orders 26 and 28; 9 December 2008)

Sittings of the House

Sitting programme for 2010

Resolved, That, the House do now adjourn until 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 9 February 2010, and that the sitting days in 2010 be as follows:

February 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25;
March 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31;
April 1, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29;
May 4, 5, 6, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27;
June 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30;
July 1, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29;
August 3, 4, 5, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26;
September 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23;
October 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28;
November 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25;
December 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16.

(Standing Order 78; 16 December 2009)

Reinstatement of business

The House resolved that certain business be reinstated. For a list of reinstated business, see the [full motion](#) as set out in the Journals for the week beginning Monday, 8 December 2008.

(Standing Order 79 and Constitution Act 1986, s 20(2); 9 December 2008)

Select committees

Establishment of committees—Auckland Governance Legislation Committee

Resolved, That this House establish a committee to consider and report to it on such legislation concerning the governance of Auckland that may be referred to it; the committee to consist of 11 members to be nominated by parties to the Speaker as follows: New Zealand National 5, New Zealand Labour 3, Green Party 1, ACT New Zealand 1, and Māori Party 1, and that the committee have authority to meet at any time while the House is sitting, except during oral questions; during any evening on a day on which there has been a sitting of the House; on a Friday in a week in which there has been a sitting of the House; and outside the Wellington region during a sitting of the House, despite Standing Orders 187, 189, and 190(1)(b) and (c).

(Standing Order 180(2); 13 May 2009)

Legislative procedures

General provisions—reprinting of bills

By leave, agreed that the Clerk of the House of Representatives, when reprinting bills at any stage during their passage through the House or when preparing them for the Royal assent, after consultation with the Chief Parliamentary Counsel or (as the case may be) the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, may make amendments to bills currently before the House or its committees—

- (a) to incorporate the changes in drafting style adopted by the Parliamentary Counsel Office referred to in the document *Changes in drafting style: List of proposed changes in drafting style in legislation*, presented to the House on 15 March 2006; and
- (b) to amend bills by omitting where applicable any clause 1(2) (relating to the principal Act) and substituting a new clause that describes the principal Act being amended— but, in each case, not so as to alter the meaning of the provisions of those bills.

(Standing Order 263; 16 December 2008)

Members' bills—ballot for introduction—and postponement

By leave, agreed that the following sessional orders be adopted:

- That following the coming into force of this sessional order, where the member in whose name a Member's bill stands postpones the order of the day for its first reading for a second or subsequent time, on the Members' day on which the bill next becomes available for debate, it is set down for first reading after all other orders of the day for the first reading of Members' bills (*Standing Order 71 to be read accordingly*).
- That the number of orders of the day for the first readings of Members' bills that may be before the House at any one time be increased from four to six (*Standing Order 272(1) and (4) to be read accordingly*).

(Standing Orders 71 and 272; 17 February 2010)

Non-legislative procedures

Ministerial statements

By leave, agreed that in addition to the members able to comment on a ministerial statement under Standing Order 348, the leaders of each party with five or fewer members, or a member authorised by the leader, may comment on a ministerial statement for up to two minutes.

(Standing Order 348 and Appendix A; 16 December 2008)

Debate on a matter of urgent public importance

Agreed, That the time limits for speeches on a motion to take note of a matter of urgent public importance would be as follows:

Mover and next speaker, 15 minutes each

5 x 10 minute speeches

2 x 5 minute speeches

(Standing Order 76 (c) and (d), 381 and Appendix A;
Business Committee determination, 16 December 2008)

Statutory and non-Standing Orders procedures

Intelligence and Security Committee

Resolved, That under section 8 of the Intelligence and Security Committee Act 1996, this House endorse the following as members of the Intelligence and Security Committee:

- Hon Tariana Turia and Hon Rodney Hide, nominated by the Prime Minister under section 7(1)(c) of the Act; and
- Dr Russel Norman, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition under section 7(1)(d) of the Act.

(Intelligence and Security Committee Act 1996, s 8; 11 March 2009)

Resolved, That—

- (a) the Intelligence and Security Committee will examine the Estimates Vote for each intelligence and security agency (Standing Orders 243, 244, 245, and 328 are to be read and applied accordingly)
- (b) the Intelligence and Security Committee will examine the Supplementary Estimates for each intelligence and security agency (Standing Orders 243, 244, 245, and 331 are to be read and applied accordingly)
- (c) the Intelligence and Security Committee will conduct a financial review of the performance in the previous financial year and the current operations of each intelligence and security agency (Standing Orders 243, 244, 245, 334, and 335 are to be read and applied accordingly)

- (d) no select committee can examine an intelligence and security agency
- (e) a bill or other matter relating to an intelligence and security agency may be referred by the House to the Intelligence and Security Committee (Standing Orders 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 270, 271, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 286, 287, 289, 290, and 291 are to be read and applied accordingly)
- (f) the Clerk will allocate any petition relating to an intelligence and security agency to the Intelligence and Security Committee (Standing Order 360)
- (g) for the purposes of this order—
“intelligence and security agency” means the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service or the Government Communications Security Bureau; and
“Intelligence and Security Committee” means the Intelligence and Security Committee established by section 5 of the Intelligence and Security Committee Act 1996.

(Intelligence and Security Committee Act 1996; 11 March 2009)

Membership of Parliamentary Service Commission

Resolved, That, pursuant to section 15(1)(d) of the Parliamentary Service Act 2000, the following members be appointed as members of the Parliamentary Service Commission: Nathan Guy, Hon Darren Hughes, Metiria Turei, John Boscawen, Te Ururoa Flavell, and Hon Jim Anderton.

(Parliamentary Service Act 2000, s 15(1)(d); 16 December 2008)

By leave, agreed that, pursuant to section 15(1)(d) of the Parliamentary Service Act 2000, Chris Tremain be appointed as a member of the Parliamentary Service Commission in place of Hon Nathan Guy.

(Parliamentary Service Act 2000, s 15(1)(d); 24 June 2009)

Spent sessional orders

Sittings of the House

Sitting programme for 2009

Resolved, That the House do at its rising adjourn until 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 10 February 2009, and that the sitting programme for 2009 recommended by the Business Committee be adopted.

The sitting programme is as follows:

February 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19;
March 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26 and 31;
April 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 28, 29 and 30;
May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 26, 27 and 28;
June 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 and 30;
July 1, 2, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30;
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September 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24;
October 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29;
November 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26;
December 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 and 22.

(Standing Order 78; 16 December 2008)

Select committees

Establishment of committees—Emissions Trading Scheme Review Committee

Resolved, That a special select committee to review the Emissions Trading Scheme and related matters be established with the following membership: Hon Peter Dunne, Craig Foss, Nicky Wagner, Dr Paul Hutchison, Hekia Parata, Hon Rodney Hide, Hon David Parker, Moana Mackey, Charles Chauvel, Jeanette Fitzsimons, and one member of the Māori Party, and that Hon Peter Dunne be Chairperson.

And the terms of reference of the committee shall be to:

- hear views from trade and diplomatic experts on the international relations aspects of this issue
- consider the prospects for an international agreement on climate change post Kyoto 1, and the form such an agreement might take
- identify the central/benchmark projections which are being used as the motivation for international agreements to combat climate change; and consider the uncertainties and risks surrounding those projections
- require a high quality, quantified regulatory impact analysis to be produced to identify the net benefits or costs to New Zealand of any policy action, including international relations and commercial benefits and costs
- consider the impact on the New Zealand economy and New Zealand households of any climate change policies, having regard to the weak state of the economy, the need to safeguard New Zealand's international competitiveness, the position of trade-exposed industries, and the actions of competing countries
- examine the relative merits of a mitigation or adaptation approach to climate change for New Zealand
- consider the case for increasing resources devoted to New Zealand-specific climate change research

- examine the relative merits of an emissions trading scheme or a tax on carbon or energy as a New Zealand response to climate change
 - consider the need for any additional regulatory interventions to combat climate change if a price mechanism (an ETS or a tax) is introduced
 - consider the timing of introduction of any New Zealand measures, with particular reference to the outcome of the December 2009 Copenhagen meeting, the position of the United States, and the timetable for decisions and their implementation by the Australian government
- and report to the House accordingly.

(Standing Order 180(2); 9 December 2008)

Legislative procedures

Select committee consideration—reporting time for bills

By leave, agreed that all bills reinstated in this Parliament are to be reported back to the House by 30 June 2009.

(Standing Order 286; 9 December 2008)

Financial procedures

Reporting time for financial reviews and related matters

By leave, agreed that the time by which each select committee must finally report on the 2007/08 financial reviews of the performance and current operations of departments and Offices of Parliament, the annual financial statements of the Government for the year ending June 2008, and the 2007/08 reports on non-departmental appropriations be extended to 31 March 2009.

(Standing Orders 335(1)–(2) and 336(3); 9 December 2008)

Timing of financial review debate

By leave, agreed that the financial review debate be held on 7 April 2009, despite Standing Order 338(5).

(Standing Order 338; 16 December 2008)