

**SESSIONAL AND OTHER ORDERS OF CONTINUING EFFECT  
MADE DURING THE 48<sup>TH</sup> PARLIAMENT**

**(as at 4 March 2008)**

From time to time the House makes orders which supplement or suspend provisions of the Standing Orders. In certain respects the Business Committee has power to do this too.

Listed below are those orders which 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. This list indicates those orders which have been rescinded or become spent.

***First readings of Members' bills***

*Agreed*, That the time limits for speeches on the first reading of Members' bills would be as follows:

- 2 x 10 minute speeches
- 8 x 5 minute speeches
- Member in reply 5-minute speech

(Business Committee determination – 8 November 2005)

***Reporting back times for bills (spent)***

*By leave*, agreed that all bills reinstated in this Parliament be reported back to the House by 28 February 2006.

(8 November 2005)

***Financial review (spent)***

*By leave*, agreed that the time by which each select committee must finally report on the 2004/2005 financial reviews of the performance and current operations of departments and Offices of Parliament be extended to 31 March 2006.

(8 November 2005)

***Business Committee determinations***

*By leave*, agreed that for the purposes of Standing Order 77(1), the publication and circulation of determinations of the Business Committee may be effected by electronic notification to all members of Parliament.

(8 November 2005)

***Sitting programme (2005/2006) (spent)***

*Resolved*, That the sitting days for the remainder of 2005 and for 2006 up to Thursday 14 December be as follows:

2005

November 17, 22, 23 and 24

December 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15

2006

February 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 and 28

March 1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30

April 4, 5 and 6

May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25

June 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29

July 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27

August 1, 2, 3, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31

September 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14

October 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26

November 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23

December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14.

(16 November 2005)

***Annual financial statements of the Government (spent)***

*By leave*, agreed that the date by which the Finance and Expenditure Committee must finally report the annual financial statements of the Government for the year ended 30 June 2005 be extended to 31 March 2006.

(24 November 2005)

***Consideration of reports on bills***

*By leave*, agreed that bills introduced before 18 October 1999 (the date of the dissolution of the forty-fifth Parliament) be set down for consideration of report following report back from select committees and that the same rules for the debate on the consideration of the report be followed as apply to the second reading of a bill.

(24 November 2005)

***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) so that they conform to the Standing Orders as amended on 8 September 1999, and
- (b) to incorporate other changes relating to the format of legislation effective from 1 January 2000—

but not so as to alter the meaning of the provisions of those bills.

(24 November 2005)

***Party votes***

*By leave*, agreed that members who are absent on official parliamentary travel funded by the Office of the Clerk be regarded as present within the precincts of Parliament for the purposes of casting party votes.

(24 November 2005)

***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.

(24 November 2005)

***Ministerial statements***

*By leave*, agreed that, in addition to the members able to comment on a ministerial statement under Standing Order 349, the leaders of each party with fewer than six members or a member authorised by the leader may comment on a ministerial statement for up to two minutes.

(24 November 2005)

***Financial review debate (spent)***

*By leave*, agreed that the financial review debate be held on Tuesday 4 April, notwithstanding Standing Order 338(5).

(16 February 2006)

### ***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.

(15 March 2006)

### ***Preliminary clauses***

*By leave*, agreed that a clause in a bill confined to stating that the bill amends an existing Act (a principal Act clause) be treated as a preliminary clause that may be taken together with the title and commencement clauses in committee.

(15 March 2006)

### ***Urgent debates***

*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.
- (SO 76(c) and (d))

(Business Committee determination – 21 March 2006)

***Intelligence and Security Committee***

*Resolved, That—*

- (a) the Intelligence and Security Committee shall examine the Estimates Vote for each intelligence and security agency (Standing Orders 248, 249, 250, 330 are to be read and applied accordingly)
- (b) the Intelligence and Security Committee shall examine the Supplementary Estimates for each intelligence and security agency (Standing Orders 248, 249, 250, 333 are to be read and applied accordingly)
- (c) the Intelligence and Security Committee shall conduct a financial review of the performance in the previous financial year and the current operations of each intelligence and security agency (Standing Orders 248, 249, 250, 335, 336 are to be read and applied accordingly)
- (d) no select committee shall 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 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 275, 276, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 291, 292, 294, 295, 296 are to be read and applied accordingly)
- (f) the Clerk shall allocate any petition relating to an intelligence and security agency to the Intelligence and Security Committee (Standing Order 361)
- (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

(22 March 2006)

***Party votes (spent)***

*Agreed, that members who will be New Zealand representatives in the international observer team for the parliamentary elections in the Solomon Islands, be regarded as attending official business and present within the precincts for the purposes of any party vote (S.O. 144(3)(b)).*

(Business Committee determination – 28 March 2006)

**Members' bills (expired)**

*By leave*, agreed that—

- (a) notwithstanding Standing Order 277(1), if,
  - (i) whenever the Clerk is to conduct a ballot under Standing Order 277(2), or
  - (ii) on a Wednesday on which Government orders of the day take precedence,

it appears that there will not be four orders of the day for the first readings of Members' bills available for consideration at the next Wednesday's sitting at which Members' orders of the day take precedence, the Clerk may accept notices for the introduction of Members' bills so as to bring the number of orders available that day up to four, and

- (b) this order expires on 31 March 2007.

(29 March 2006)

**Party votes (spent)**

*Agreed*, that members who will be New Zealand representatives in the observer mission for the parliamentary elections in Fiji, be regarded as attending official business and present within the precincts for the purposes of any party vote (S.O. 144(3)(b)).

(Business Committee determination – 2 May 2006)

**Estimates (spent)**

*By leave*, agreed that the Social Services Committee have the authority to make its final reports on Vote Housing and Vote Community and Voluntary Sector by Thursday, 20 July 2006, notwithstanding Standing Order 330(2).

(15 June 2006)

**Party votes (spent)**

*Agreed*, that Hon Paul Swain MP and John Carter MP, or another National member, who will be conducting an induction seminar for members of the Fiji Parliament from 26 to 29 June 2006, be considered within the parliamentary precincts for the purposes of party votes (Standing Order 144(3)(b)).

(Business Committee determination – 20 June 2006)

***Party votes (spent)***

*Agreed*, that members attending the CPA/WTO Regional Workshop in Fiji from 24-26 October 2006 be considered within the parliamentary precincts for the purposes of party votes (Standing Order 144(3)(b)).

*Agreed*, that members travelling as part of the official party to the unveiling of the New Zealand Remembrance Monument in London from 5-16 November 2006, be considered within the parliamentary precincts for the purposes of party votes (Standing Order 144(3)(b)).

(Business Committee determinations – 10 October 2006)

***Party votes (spent)***

*Agreed*, that members participating in the annual CDI Parliamentary Dialogue in Apia, Samoa from 11-15 December 2006 be considered on official business for the purposes of casting party votes (Standing Order 144(3)(b)).

(Business Committee determination – 21 November 2006)

***Sitting programme (2007)***

*Resolved*, That the House do now adjourn until 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 13 February 2007, and that the sitting days in 2007 be as follows:

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

and that the House do, at its rising on Thursday, 6 December 2007, adjourn until Tuesday, 11 December 2007.

(12 December 2006)

***Party votes (spent)***

*Agreed*, that the attendance of members at the Commonwealth Local Government Conference be considered official business for the purposes of casting party votes (Standing Order 144(3)(b)).

(Business Committee determination – 20 February 2007)

***Members' bills***

*By leave*, agreed that, notwithstanding Standing Order 277(1), if,

- (i) whenever the Clerk is to conduct a ballot under Standing Order 277(2), or
- (ii) on a Wednesday on which Government orders of the day take precedence,

it appears that there will not be four orders of the day for the first readings of Members' bills available for consideration at the next Wednesday's sitting at which Members' orders of the day take precedence, the Clerk may accept notices for the introduction of Members' bills so as to bring the number of orders available that day up to four.

(15 May 2007)

***Party votes (spent)***

*Agreed*, that members attending the State funeral in Samoa of His Highness Malietoa Tanuafili II be considered within the parliamentary precincts for the purposes of casting party votes (SO 144 (3)(b)).

*Agreed*, that up to one representative per parliamentary party attending the memorial service for His Highness Malietoa Tanuafili II, organised by the Auckland Samoa Advisory Council on Friday, 18 May 2007 be considered within the parliamentary precincts for the purposes of casting party votes (SO 144 (3)(b)).

(Business Committee determinations – 15 May 2007)

***Party votes (spent)***

*Agreed*, that members participating in monitoring the general election in Timor-Leste be considered within the parliamentary precincts for the purposes of casting party votes (SO 144(3)(b)).

(Business Committee determinations – 26 June 2007)

## *Televising the House*

That—

(1) A provider of television coverage of the House must comply with the following rules:

### **Television coverage rules**

1. The cameras will cover the member who has been called to speak until the member's speech is finished or the member's call is terminated by the Speaker. Coverage will normally be medium range, head and shoulders. The director may choose to vary the camera angle to add interest to the coverage. Switching between such shots should be done at an appropriate point in the speech.

2. The default shot will be on the Speaker or presiding officer, including the arrival of the Speaker's procession.

3. The television director may choose other shots to reflect the business transacted, such as a wide angle shot of the chamber or, during oral questions, a reaction shot of the Minister being asked a question or of a member listening to the reply to a question.

4. The television director may use a wide angle shot of the chamber as a continuity shot, for instance, at the end of oral questions or when the House is going into committee. Sound from the Speaker or ambient noise microphones can be added to this shot.

5. Generally, interjections are not covered. But if the member speaking engages with the interjector, the interjector's reaction can be filmed.

6. Officials (Clerks, interpreters, Serjeant-at-Arms) should be shown when they are participating in the business of the House by making announcements, calling party votes, interpreting speeches, or carrying the mace.

7. While a personal vote is in progress a graphic to this effect should be shown in place of live coverage. This graphic would be shown from the time the Speaker directs the Ayes to the right, the Noes to the left and appoints the tellers, until the announcement of the result.

8. Shots unrelated to the proceedings are not permitted, that is, interruptions from the gallery and business occurring outside the House.

9. In case of general disorder on the floor of the House, coverage will revert to the Speaker or presiding officer.

10. During an interruption to proceedings such as prolonged disturbance from the gallery, the coverage will be of the Speaker or presiding officer, with sound from only the Speaker's and ambient noise microphones. Coverage from the chamber should continue, unless the Speaker or presiding officer indicates otherwise, either by suspending or adjourning the House, or specifically directing that coverage should cease. Television coverage recommences when the House resumes or at the direction of the Speaker or presiding officer.

11. Coverage ceases as soon as the Speaker or presiding officer announces that the House stands adjourned or the Speaker or presiding officer leaves the chair for the suspension of a sitting.

These rules apply also to any other filming from the gallery.

The Serjeant-at-Arms will intervene if it becomes apparent that cameras are filming matters not within the rules. Broadcasters who offend the rules may have their privilege of filming in the Chamber withdrawn;

(2) Any use of the television coverage of the House in any medium, must comply with the following conditions:

**Conditions of use of coverage**

Live coverage of the proceedings of the House of Representatives is made available for television broadcast, webcast, and recording in other mediums to provide greater public access to the legislature. The coverage is made available on the following conditions:

1. Any broadcast or rebroadcast of coverage must comply with the Broadcasting Standards Authority rules.
2. Coverage of proceedings must not be used in any medium for—
  - political advertising or election campaigning (except with the permission of all members shown)
  - satire, ridicule or denigration
  - commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising.
3. Reports that use extracts of coverage of proceedings and purport to be summaries must be fair and accurate.

Breach of these conditions may result in a loss of access to coverage, and may be treated as a contempt and proceeded against accordingly; and

(3) The House may treat as a contempt the use of television coverage of the House, in any medium, contrary to paragraph (2) of this order.

(28 June 2007)

***Party votes (spent)***

*Agreed*, that members who will be attending the Pacific parliamentarians dialogue in Papua New Guinea from Sunday, 9 December to Saturday, 15 December be regarded as present within the parliamentary precincts for the purposes of any party vote (SO.144(3)(b)).

(Business Committee determination – 4 December 2007)

***First readings of private and local bills***

*Agreed*, that the time limits for speeches on the first readings of private and local bills would be as follows:

- 2 x 10 minute speeches
- 8 x 5 minute speeches
- Member in reply 5-minute speech

(Business Committee determination – 4 March 2008)