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AS ACTING DEPUTY-SPEAKER:

Chair:

A member was directed to address his remarks through the Chair, 8637.

Debate:

A member needed no assistance from other members, 8636.

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

Members who wish to converse were directed to do so outside the Chamber, 8703.

As Hansard appeared to have difficulty hearing the proceedings, the Chair asked members to cease interjecting, 8589.

If members did not cease interjecting the Chair would have them removed from the Chamber, 8636, 8637.

A member was directed to disregard interjections, 8637.

Members who had been called to order were deemed to be on three calls to order. The next member to be called to order would be removed from the Chamber, 8637.

Points of order:

Not involved: 8705, 8719, 8722, 9027.

Upheld:

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Procedure:

A member was granted the call before another member had sought to adjourn the debate, 8705.

AS ACTING-SPEAKER:

Chair:

Members should address their remarks through the Chair, 1708,2581, 4288, 4289, 5169,5173, 5282.

Members must resume their seats when the occupant of the chair rises. 2668.

The Chair does not require the assistance of a member to decide a point of order, 7306.

Debate:

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A Minister was granted the same degree of latitude as had been previously granted to a member speaking in the debate, 142.

Members may contribute or reply to the debate at the appropriate time, 540, 2697, 4810, 5589, 7946, 7947.

The Chair accepted an explanation given by a member that the member was **referring** to notes, not reading a speech. Subsequently the Chair **ruled** that the member was reading a speech and called the member to order, stating that the member should speak from notes, rather than read them, 646.

In wide-ranging debate a member may refer to his electorate, 1708.

Members were asked to confine their remarks to the matter being debated, 1851, 3176.

Members are entitled to be heard in silence, 1851

A member who moved an amendment was entitled to speak to it, 1851.

Members would have an opportunity to discuss the budget at the appropriate time, 1853.

A censure motion is a serious matter that the member the subject of the censure, and other members, have the right to defend, 2582.

A member needed no assistance from other members, 3177.

A member speaking in reply may refer to previous debate, 7314, but may not introduce new material, 7314.

Documents:

A member was directed to verify the document to which he was referring, 3388.

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MR R. J. CLOUGH:

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Leave to incorporate a letter was not granted, 4819.

Hansard expurgation:

The Chair advised the House of advice from the Clerk that by resolution of the House the record could be expunged, 9449.

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

A member who has been called to order should not enter into a contest with the Chair, 141.

Members should be heard in silence, 1854.

Members should refrain from interjecting, 2581, 4289, 4810,5045, 5173, 5282, 5588, 7310, 7456, 7946, 7947.

Members were directed to cease conversing across the Chamber, 2668, 3176.

Exchanges between members, especially when schoolchildren are present in the gallery, are not acceptable, 2668.

Members were directed to resume their seats, 3348, 3487

The Chair and Hansard were having difficulty hearing the member with the call. Members were requested to cease conversing in the Chamber, 3487.

Members were directed to remain quiet in order that a member could complete his contribution and the debate could come to an orderly conclusion, 5044.

Members should refer to other members by their correct titles, 7306.

The Chair did not want a repetition of the misbehaviour that occurred in the House earlier that afternoon. The Chair would take disciplinary action against members who did not abide by the standing members and would remove them from the Chamber, 9449.

Matters of public importance:

In making a statement on a matter of public importance a Minister may read a speech that had been delivered during the hearings of the estimates committees, 2430.

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Member readmitted:

A member who had been named and removed from the House earlier that day was readmitted, following the passing of a motion to that effect, 9449.

Offensive and objectionable remarks, imputations and aspersions:

Expressions required to be withdrawn: "You dill", 5366.

Points of order:

Not involved: 39, 540, 541, 646, 1852, 1854, 2430, 3218, 7307, 7310, 7313, 7314, 7851, 9585.

Not upheld:

Censure motion, 2580, 2581. Interjections, 7451. Member's time for speaking, 5367. Prepared speeches, 646.

Upheld:

Reference to documents, 3388. References to members, 7309.

A member was directed to be seated while another member took a point of order, 141.

Members were directed to state the point of order, 142, 2430, 5044, 7306.

A member who had not established a point of order was directed to resume his seat, 5044.

Private members' statements:

A Minister may reply on behalf of a ministerial colleague, 39.

Privilege:

A member was advised to follow the correct procedure in raising a matter of privilege, 5045.

Two members who had established a prima facie case of privilege were directed to prepare notices of motions that the Chair would recommend have precedence on the next sitting day, 5046.

Procedure:

It is for the Chair to control the proceedings of the House, 1852.

Standing orders do not preclude a member from reading a speech. However, members should not read speeches unless they can vouch that they have prepared the documents, 3218.

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MR R. J. CLOUGH:

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Procedure (continued):

In relation to a ruling given earlier regarding the reading of speeches, the Chair advised that May's Parliamentary Practice states that members may not read speeches but may refer to notes, 3237.

AS ACTING-CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:

Amendments:

An amendment that was outside the scope of the bill as it related to a specific person, whereas the bill was generic and prospective, was ruled out of order, 8346.

Chair:

A member may not assume that the Chair has allowed any licence in the debate, 8348.

Members should address their remarks through the Chair. 8349.

Debate:

A Minister was directed to ignore interjections,

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

The Chair **will** not tolerate raucous interjections, 8435.

People in the public gallery were advised that they had no part in the Committee debate and that they should remain silent, 8346.

The Chair would not tolerate further interjections, 8347

A member was directed to wait until the Committee came to order, 8346.

Members should not engage in cross-table debate with other members, 8347.

A Minister was directed to ignore interjections, 8350.

AS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:

Amendments:

A member was asked to confine his remarks to the amendments agreed to in the upper House, 6703.

An amendment was ruled to be outside the leave of the bill, 9553.

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MR R. J. CLOUGH:

As Temporary Chairman of Committees (continued):

Divisions:

To allow ail members to be seated, the Chair proposed to follow a precedent set by Speaker Kelly and to nominate those members sitting in the last two rows to be voting with the noes, 3518.

Points of order:

Upheld:

Relevance. 6703.

MR B. J. GAUDRY:

AS ACTING-SPEAKER:

Chair:

Members should address remarks through the Chair, 252, 785, 913, 1051, 1823, 4390, 4691, 5864, 6471, 8646.

A member was asked to resume his seat because of his disrespect to the Chair, 785.

Debate:

Members may contribute or reply to the debate at the appropriate time, 736, 1124, 4193,4690, 4692, 8647. 9048.

Members were directed to return to the leave of the motion, 737, 1050, 4198, 7304, 7367, 7937, 7938.

Members were directed to resume their seats, 785, 1828.

Members needed no assistance from other members, 1051, 6471, 8643.

Though a member may make passing reference to other matters, debate should be confined to the substance of the motion, 4391.

The Chair had not had the advantage of listening to ail the debate but ruled that a Minister had introduced additional material and should return to the leave of the debate, 6453.

A member was directed to conclude introductory remarks, 7304.

A member was in order in making broad comments on an issue, 7543.

Members should refer to other members by their correct titles, 9114.

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MR B. J. GAUDRY:

As Acting-Speaker (continued):

Documents:

A member was permitted to make passing reference to a report, but not to debate its detail, 4390.

A member was directed to give a reference for a quotation read onto the record, 9114.

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

A member had had an opportunity to contribute to the debate, 163, 4690.

Members should listen to the debate in silence, 252, 4690.

Members who wish to converse should do so outside the Chamber, 251, 1052, 2450.

Members should refrain from interjecting, 736, 784, 1515, 1823,2854, 4691, 6471,7304, 10783.

A member was directed to resist replying to interjections, 4691.

A member was directed to remain silent and remain in his seat, 6454.

The member with the call was directed to refrain from inciting members opposite, 8646.

The Chair **directed** an attendant to remove a gentleman from the public gallery, 9543.

At the direction of the Chair, a member withdrew and apologised for an interjection, 9548.

Matters of public importance:

A matter was ruled to be a matter of public importance as it dealt with community concern, 164

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Points of order:

Not involved: 1050, 1051, 1516, 1708, 1825, 1829, 4194, 4197, 4198, 4199, 4388, 4389, 4393, 6454, 6468, 10409.

Not upheld:

Matter of public importance, 165.

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MR B. J. GAUDRY:

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Points of order (continued):

Not upheld (continued):

Private members' statements, 914. Relevance, 782, 7421, 7543.

A member was directed to remain silent while another member took a point of order, 1050.

The Chair had heard enough on a point of order, 7543.

Procedure:

With the agreement of the House, the Chair intended to allow a member to conclude her second reading speech before proceeding to private members' statements, 2836.

The Chair sought the agreement of the House to suspend standing orders and interrupt debate in order to allow a member to make an inaugural speech, 3058.

A member was asked to identify the source of an article referred to, 7421.

AS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:

Points of order:

Not involved: 1269.

MR J. C. MILLS:

AS ACTING-SPEAKER:

Chair:

Members should address their remarks through the Chair, 5011, 8096, 8650.

Debate:

Members should refer to other members by their correct titles, 4313.

A member who had made a contribution to the debate had a right of reply, 4313.

Given the wide-ranging nature of the debate, a member was permitted to continue his contribution, 4696.

Only one member has the call, 5330.

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MR J. C. MILLS:

AS ACTING-SPEAKER (continued):

Debate (continued):

Members may contribute or reply to the debate at the appropriate time, 5656, 7558, 7748.

As a member appeared to be using her own handwritten notes, she was permitted to continue with her contribution, 7974.

A member was told that he would receive no protection from the Chair if he used first person references across the table, and that he should direct his remarks through the Chair, 8651.

The Chair was unsure whether a member was taking a point of order, or arguing with the Chair, but reminded the member that he had the call to continue his contribution on the budget debate, 8652.

A member was directed to continue his speech, or the Chair would give the call to the next speaker, 8652

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

Members should refrain from interjecting, 4312, 4313, 5011, 5332, 5471, 5656, 7231, 7235, 7238, 7985,8104, 8650, 8720,8721, 8872.

There was far too much interjection from both sides of the House, 4696, 5012, 5332.

A member with the call should be accorded the same respect that was given to a member who had spoken previously in the debate, 4696.

People in the public gallery were directed not to lean over the bar into the Chamber, 4937.

If the ruckus in the gallery behind the Chair did not cease, the Serjeant-at-Arms would be directed to remove people in that part of the House, 4938.

The Leader of the Opposition should deflect interjection by concluding his remarks, 5332.

The Chair was sick and tired of the barrage of interjections from Opposition members and directed that they restrain themselves, 8650.

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MR J. C. MILLS:

As Acting-Speaker (continued):

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(continued):

If a member did not restrain himself he would be called to order, 8650.

Members were directed to resume their seats, 8651,

A member who had already been called to order and had been granted considerable tolerance by the Chair, 8652.

There was too much audible conversation in the Chamber. 8881.

Offensive and objectionable remarks, imputations and aspersions:

Expressions required to be withdrawn: "You are a liar", 5331; "You wrote his speech", 7863.

Remarks complained of are a matter for debate and the member who complained could reject them in her contribution to the debate, 5332.

A member was directed to withdraw an inference behind a comment as it was not characteristic for those sorts of remarks to be made in Parliament, 8652.

The Chair had not heard words complained of, 8652.

The Chair would not rule the term "scumbag" to be unparliamentary, 8652.

An interjection complained of was not offensive, 8881.

Personal explanations:

A member was granted leave to make a personal explanation, 9438.

The Chair heard further from a member on his contention that his character had been impugned, 9438.

Points of order:

Not involved: 4311,4695, 4696, 4938, 5009, 7236, 7557,7974, 8880,9438.

Not upheld:

Anticipation of debate, 9446. Offensive expressions, 5332, 8652.

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MR J. C. MILLS:

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Not upheld (continued): Relevance, 5011, 8719, 8722. Threatening language, 4314

Upheld:

Offensive expressions, 5331. Interjections, 7231. References to members, 8718

A member was directed to address the point of order, not debate the matter, 5331.

MR P. A. ROGAN:

AS ACTING-SPEAKER:

Amendments:

An amendment that related to the substance of the motion was **ruled** in order, 1133.

A member was directed to hand to the Clerk a signed copy of an amendment, 1479.

Members who wish to move amendments should provide a copy to the Clerk in order that the Chair may be aware of any proposed amendments, 1479.

Chair:

Members should address their remarks through the Chair, 368, 1355.

The Chair took exception to a member speaking back to the Chair, 2665.

Debate:

Members may contribute or reply to the debate at the appropriate time, 371, 779, 780, 1356, 1389.

Previous Speakers have ruled that debate on censure motions is broad ranging and that great tolerance is allowed to all members speaking in the debate. The Minister the subject of the censure motion was ruled to be in order, 371.

As the mover of the motion to adjourn debate had already replied to the substantive motion, it was not in order for the member to move for the adjournment of the matter, 741.

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MR P. A. ROGAN (continued):

As ACTING-SPEAKER (continued):

Debate (continued):

Although the leave of the bill was limited, the Chair allowed members to make introductory comments before addressing the subject matter, 778.

A member was directed to return to the leave of the motion, 1024.

A member was permitted to make introductory remarks before addressing the specific wording of a motion, 1831.

Members who wish to speak in the debate should seek the call at the appropriate time, 2664, 2665.

Documents:

A member was not permitted to table a document but was directed to identify it and to vouch for its authenticity, 745.

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

Members should maintain **decorum** during a censure debate, 369.

Although interjection encourages vigorous debate, members should conduct themselves with decorum,

It is discourteous for members to conduct conversations in the Chamber. Members who wish to converse should do so outside the Chamber, 2452; otherwise the Chair would name them, 3183.

Members should refrain from interjecting, 2709, 2664.

Members were requested to cease conversing across the Chamber, 3183.

Offensive and objectionable remarks, imputations and aspersions:

A member was directed not to make threatening remarks across the Chamber, and to withdraw remarks already made, 2709.

Points of order:

Not involved: 1831.

Assembly Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

ACTINGSPEAKERS AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES (continued):

MR P. A. ROGAN (continued):

Points of order (continued):

Not upheld:

Competence of amendment, 1133.

AS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:

Amendments:

In Committee, members may speak only to the amendments before the Committee and those parts of the **bill** to which the amendments relate, 3347.

Debate:

Committee debate is not an opportunity for members to canvass second reading speeches or, in effect, to make second reading **speeches**. Members should confine their remarks to the amendments as they relate to the bill, 3347.

DEPUTY-SPEAKER AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (MR JOHN CHARLES PRICE):

AS DEPUTY-SPEAKER:

Chair:

Members should address their remarks through the Chair, 800, 4208, 4396, 7247.

Chamber amplification system:

The Chamber sound system malfunctioned and was turned off, 905.

Debate

Members were asked to extend to members making their **first** or maiden speeches the usual courtesy of listening to the speeches in silence, 679.

Members may contribute or reply to the debate at the appropriate time, 798, 800, 903, 4210, 4396, 5871, 7246.

Although a certain amount of latitude is allowed in debate, members should keep their remarks relevant to the matter before the Chair, 1833, 1834, 1835, 6368.

A Minister was permitted to answer allegations that were put to him before a point of order was taken, 1834.

Members who wish to make personal allegations against other members should do so by way of substantive motions, 1833, 1835.

DEPUTY-SPEAKER AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (MR JOHN CHARLES PRICE) (continued):

AS DEPUTY-SPEAKER (continued):

Debate (continued):

A member was permitted to continue his contribution, provided his references were brief and pertinent to the motion, 1836.

Members should confine their remarks to the leave of the motion, 1464, 1837, 1838, 4396, 4397, 6026, 6362, 7356, 7643, 7972.

It is traditional **during** debate for members to refer to statements made by other members, 1838.

A member was reminded that he had already made a contribution to the debate, 4326.

Members should refer to other members by their correct titles, 4398.

A member was directed to continue a contribution, 4400.

A member's comments were outside the leave of the motion and the member was directed to confine his remarks to the motion. 5343.

A member was directed to return to the leave of the motion and away from the personal denigration of a member of the House, 6361.

Members need no assistance from other members, 7643.

Members who had contributed to the debate were directed to listen in silence, 7645.

Documents:

As a member had identified a document, she was permitted to continue **referring** to it, 901.

An article could not be quoted unless a member verified its veracity, 1132.

A member was requested to identify the document to which reference was made, 2579.

A member was requested to identify a document as a 2789

Although standing orders do not provide for members to table documents, it is in order for a member to provide a copy of proposed amendments to the Clerk, 3475.

Assembly Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

DEPUTY-SPEAKER AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (MR JOHN CHARLES PRICE) (continued):

AS DEPUTY-SPEAKER (continued):

Documents (continued):

A member is at liberty to make copies of a document available to members but is not at liberty to incorporate it in *Hansard*, 6449.

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

Members should refrain from interjecting, 60, 800, 904, 1838,3076,3077, 3816,3817, 4208, 4211, 4398,4399,5018, 5568, 6372, 7645.

Members should ignore interjections, 800.

Members who wish to converse should do so outside the Chamber, 1127, 7246; and should lower the level of conversation in the Chamber, 4207.

Members who fail to remain silent while the Chair stands will be removed for being disrespectful, 1371.

Members were directed to disregard interjections and to continue their contributions, 1617, 6371.

Members were directed to remain silent, 4204, 4208, 4399,5871.

Members were directed to resume their seats, 6361, 6362

If a member did not cease interjecting he would be removed from the Chamber. 6373.

Notices of motions:

Unless advice was received to the contrary, the Chair would **rule** a matter out of order and have it expunged from the notice paper. Following advice from the Clerk the Chair **ruled** that a member may continue his contribution provided that he abided by the standing orders, 4401.

Offensive and objectionable remarks, imputations and aspersions:

A member withdrew remarks complained of, 6371.

Points of order:

Not involved: 59, 383, 928, 1833, 1834, 1839, 2482, 6362, 7367.

Not upheld:

Imputations, 1839. Introductory remarks, 2785, 4401. Relevance, 6372.

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DEPUTY-SPEAKER AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (MR JOHN CHARLES PRICE)

(continued):

As Deputy-Speaker (continued):

Points of order (continued):

Upheld:

Amendments. 3360. Bills procedure, 6422, 6423. Debate, 7356. Imputations, 1839. References to members, 7249 Relevance, 1836, 1837, 7646, 7972. Sub judice, 6361. Tabling of papers, 4400. Use of lectern by Ministers, 6425. Veracity of quoted articles, 1132.

A member was directed to state the point of order, 5788

Private members' statements:

Members should listen in silence to Ministers' responses to private members' statements, 5585.

Procedure:

In response to a member calling the attention of the Chair to the state of the House, the Chair invoked the provisions of Standing Order 45 and directed that the business of the House should proceed, 2690.

Although a member had sought the call, the Chair was obliged to give the call to the mover of the motion in reply, 5340.

The Clerk was directed to read the order of the day, 5787.

It is unacceptable conduct for Opposition members to vacate the Chamber in support of a call for a quorum. Disciplinary action may have to be taken if such conduct is repeated, 5788.

A 30-minute time limit applies to debate on each committee report, 7667.

Relevance:

A Minister's comments were ruled to be relevant to the debate, 9267.

As Chairman of Committees:

Amendments:

A member was directed to formally move an amendment, 1018.

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DEPUTY-SPEAKER AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (Mr JOHN CHARLES PRICE)

(continued)

As ChaiRman of Committees (continued):

Amendments (continued):

Two amendments were ruled to be in conflict with the principles agreed to at the second reading of the bill and were ruled out of order, 1360.

As there was a clash of amendments the Chair proposed that the Minister in charge of the bill move Government amendments and that the Opposition shadow minister then move a modified version of the Opposition's circulated amendments,

A member was directed to speak to the amendments, 10523.

Points of order:

Upheld:

Amendments, 1360, 5167

MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY **MURRAY**):

Amendments:

As a member was speaking to his amendment, he was allowed to continue his speech, 1382.

The Chair suggested that the word "school" should be deleted from an amendment in order to make the amendment suitable, 1382.

An amendment was ruled in order as it referred to implications set out in the original motion, 2672.

An amendment was ruled out of order as it was irregular. The amendment sought to reinstate those parts of the original motion that were deleted by a previous amendment. The result of the second amendment may be that the House would be required to vote a second time on the original motion, 2728.

The Chair requested that a copy of the amendment be handed to the Chair, 4306.

An amendment was ruled to be impractical and therefore out of order as it called on the Government to carry out an action which could not be carried out, 4307.

Members should confine their remarks to the amendments, 4717.

An amendment to a motion of no confidence in the Speaker was ruled out of order as Standing Order 123A states that such a motion may not be postponed or amended, 5792.

MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Amendments (continued):

An amendment was ruled in order as the reasons listed in the amendment were different from those listed in the original motion, 8612.

Announcements:

Information Technology Showcase, 651.

One hundred and fortieth anniversary of the first meeting of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, 1369.

Special Air Services helicopter crash, 3022.
Serjeant-at-Arms, anniversary of service, 4776.
War Widows Guild of Australia, 5213, 5223.
Parliament House Internet site, 5421.
Parliament House facilities, 5524.
United States presidential visit, 6299.
Cancer Council morning tea, 9533.
Auditor-General's briefings for members, 893, 10374.

As a mark of respect to the victims of the Port **Arthur** tragedy, the Chair announced that the House would adjourn for 35 minutes, 635.

The Chair announced the 20-year anniversary of the election to Parliament of the Leader of the House, 659.

The Chair announced that the Auditor-General had offered to provide briefings on Audit Office reports for all members the day following the tabling of any Audit Office report, 893; and that future Audit office reports would be available on the Internet, 9217.

The Chair advised that the House had requested the attendance of the Hon. M. R. Egan in order that the Treasurer might deliver the Budget Speech, and asked members to extend the usual courtesy and listen in silence to the speech, 1241, 8062.

The Chair announced that Mr Lee, Sun Jae, Deputy Speaker of the Seoul Metropolitan Council, had been invited to address the Chamber, as part of an exchange of visits between the New South Wales Parliament and the Parliament of the Seoul Metropolitan Council, and in recognition of the sister-State relationship between the parliaments of the Seoul Metropolitan Council and New South Wales, 8993.

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MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Announcements (continued):

The Chair referred to a disturbance in the House the previous day, following an **interruption** from the gallery, and commended the prompt action of those members involved in assisting the Minister for Gaming and Racing to subdue an intruder into the House, 9123.

The Chair announced that, pursuant to a resolution of the House, **Ms** Nancy de Vries would address the House on the subject of stolen Aboriginal children, 10525.

Anticipation of debate:

As the budget debate extends over many sitting weeks and covers virtually all aspects of activities of government, and affects all citizens in some way or other, to apply the anticipation of debate rule in Standing Order 86 during the currency of the budget debate would be too restrictive to members. The Chair proposed that this rule should not apply during the currency of the budget debate on the basis that the budget debate is not necessarily the most effective means for all issues related to the budget to be raised. The Chair ruled that, unless otherwise directed by the House, during the currency of the debate on the State budget the anticipation of debate rule would not apply to any other procedure available to members, 8317. The Chair stated that the same ruling would apply to debate on the Federal budget, 8607.

In endeavouring to establish priority of a notice of motion for urgent consideration a member was not anticipating debate on the substantive motion, 266.

Behaviour of members:

In the context of the behaviour of members during question time the previous week and threats of actions by members reported in the weekend media, the Chair made a statement about the general behaviour of members. The Chair noted that Parliament is held in respect by society but that in order to earn and maintain that respect members must set examples as role models. Rowdy behaviour contradicts and undermines the positive values of a participatory democracy being instilled through civics education. Though members have an undoubted right of freedom of speech and are protected from legal proceedings being taken against them, to balance this freedom of speech there is a countervailing responsibility to use this right with considered care and due caution. The Chair would not tolerate a repeat of behaviour exhibited during question time the previous week, 5126.

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MR SPEAKER (TEE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Bills:

A member should establish the reasons for the restoration of the matter to the notice paper, 727.

The Chair advised members that additional copies of a bill would be made available by the Clerk, **756**.

Censure:

Standing orders refer only to censure of a member and not specifically to censure of the Speaker or a Minister. In the debate concerning censure of the Speaker, the Chair interpreted the standing orders to permit the Leader of the House to use the 10-minute response time, as the Leader of the House undertook the original 10 minutes of the debate allocated for the member named, 1509.

Chair:

Members should address their remarks through the Chair, 257, 258, 354, 469, 527, 654, 656, 670, 792, 1045, 1239, 1374, 1376, 1457, 1491, 1504, 2563, 4493, 4713, 5146, 5280, 5436, 5525,5569, 7250, 7253, 7519, 8048, 8060, 8224, 8452, 8650, 9233, 9430, 10795.

A member was directed to resume his seat as he was canvassing the ruling of the Chair, 468, 469.

If a member commented upon the ruling of the Chair, the member would be directed to resume his seat, 1594.

Members should not canvass the rulings of the Chair, 1046, 6310, and those who did would be directed to resume their seats, 6310.

The Chair stated that it understood that a member felt emotional about a matter and that in such circumstances members may make statements in the House that they may later regret. A member was given the opportunity to withdraw a reference to the Chair, but in doing so should use commonsense and show respect to the Chair, 9419.

Withdrawals of references to the Chair are unconditional. 9419.

Chamber power failure:

As a result of a power failure in the Chamber, the Chair left the Chamber until power was restored, 7639

Consideration of urgent motions:

Members should confine their remarks to why their motion should receive priority, 269, 1152, 1378, 1379, 1591, 1592, 1594, 1741, 1742, 2422, 2423, 2568,2688, 3374, 4419, 4420, 4488,4714, 4715, 5136,5362, 5433, 5561, 5434, 5562,5884, 6554, 7445,7446,8437,8607,8608, 8836,9006.

Assembly Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Consideration of urgent motions (continued): Members should not debate the substantive motion, 269, 1591, 1592, 1594, 1741, 1742, 2688, 4715, 5136, 5362, 5434, 6554.

As there was an amendment to a motion, members' comments were permitted beyond the terms of the original motion, 1600.

The Chair was of the opinion that there was consensus when one motion for urgent consideration was withdrawn, and proposed to put the question that the second notice for urgent consideration be proceeded with, 2570.

A member who flouted the ruling of the Chair and debated the substance of the motion would be directed to resume his seat, 2688.

Motions ruled in order, 3213, 8213.

The Chair advised the House that prior to the conclusion of the last sitting the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee had examined the issue of points of order in relation to motions for urgent consideration and that it was decided that more flexibility would be allowed in the debate to establish urgency, 4302. However, this procedure had broken down and therefore the Chair had reverted to interpreting the standing orders strictly, 5039.

Members should abide by the standing orders relating to the consideration of urgent motions, 4303,4601, 5561, 5562, 8435.

Though the wording of a motion was wide-ranging, debate should be confined to the reason that urgency should be granted, 4714.

A member was entitled to refer to points raised by another member in relation to a notice of motion, in order to explain why one notice of motion should have priority over another, 5040.

The Chair allowed some latitude to a member at the commencement of a contribution, 5434.

A motion was ruled not to be the same as a motion on the notice paper, 6057.

In giving notice of a motion a member should not comment on the motion, 7816.

MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Consideration of urgent motions (continued):

A member who had given notice of a **lengthy** motion was permitted to refer to it, 7206.

Members may avail themselves of other forms of the House to rebut matters put to the House, 7445.

As the Opposition did not agree to a Minister's request to change the date in a notice of motion, the Minister must debate the urgency of the motion in the form in which notice of it was given, 7514.

It was unnecessary for a member to read a notice of motion before the priority of competing motions was determined, 7830.

A member was advised to amend a notice of motion, 7830.

It is for the House to determine whether a motion is urgent, 7831.

The Chair advised the House that should a motion that contained five parts proceed, and should a point of order be taken in relation to it, the Chair would **rule** the **first** and second parts of the motion out of order,

In arguing the priority of a notice of motion for urgent consideration a member is entitled to read the motion, 8436.

The Chair expressed concern about the length of urgency notices, bearing in mind the time limit of five minutes for each of two speakers to such notices of motions to establish priority. Notices of motions are being treated at debating points rather than notices of debate to be conducted at a later stage. The Chair indicated that a statement would be made on this matter the next day, 8595.

As foreshadowed the previous day, the Chair gave a considered ruling on the general trend for notices of motions, and notices of motions for urgent consideration, to contain argumentative and emotive terms, unnecessary statements of fact, points for debate and verbosity. The Chair referred the House to a statement of Speaker Snedden to the House of Representatives on 4 May 1977 in which Speaker Snedden stated that in future he would intervene in cases of notices of motions that were inordinately and unnecessarily long and would require the member to reform the notice or, alternatively, would have the clerks eliminate the argument and unnecessary statements of fact, 8729.

Assembly Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Consideration of urgent motions (continued):

The House was advised that the Chair would rule out of order notices that did not put a concise proposition upon which the House could vote. The Chair further reminded members to avail themselves of the advice of the Clerk in drafting motions. The matter of notices of motions is to be placed before the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee for consideration at its next meeting, 8729

The Chair reminded the Leader of the Opposition of a previous ruling relating to the length of notices of motions for urgent consideration. The Chair accepted the notice of motion but warned all members that in future lengthy notices of motions would not be accepted, 9217.

As the member who had given notice of motion for urgent consideration was not within the precincts of the House, the matter lapsed, 9432.

It is in order for a member to seek to establish priority in order to move a substantive motion, and the House will decide whether a matter should be referred to an outside body, 9578.

The Chair noted nothing offensive in a notice of motion that required the intervention of the Chair, 9578.

The Chair advised a member that the letter the member had written to Mr Speaker regarding the operation of Standing Order 120(4)(a) relating to the priority debate on the consideration of urgent motions had been referred to the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee and had been dealt with by that committee, 9591.

Debate:

A degree of latitude was allowed in the debate and members should not abuse that privilege, 52.

Members are entitled to be heard in silence, 52, 4697,5432,7319.

Members need no assistance from other members, 53.

Members may contribute or reply to the debate at the appropriate time, 55, 270, 271, 769, 1163, 1237, 1365, 1504, 2653, 2730, 4493, 4777, 5256, 5437, 5685, 7250, 7854, 8344, 8441, 9430.

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MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Debate (continued):

Although a degree of latitude had been allowed in the debate, the Chair would not allow it to continue, 56.

Members should refer to other members by their correct titles, 268, 3023, 3203, 5572, 5654, 6051, 6554.

A Minister was permitted to continue quoting from references, but was directed to be constrained in the use of the quotes. 354, 5432, 7934.

A member whose time for speaking had expired was directed to resume his seat, 531.

Members should return to the essence of the debate, 534, 2825, 5432, 5578, 6148.

A censure motion was ruled not to be restrictive, and the Minister's response was ruled in order, 666.

It is in order for members to quote from newspapers, so long as the quotes do not constitute the major portion of the speech, 795.

Members should return to the leave of the motion, 1045, 1119, 1366,4579,5259,5269,5572,5687, 6705, 7521, 7522, 7834, 9234, 10794.

A member may take a broad-brush approach to debate on a matter of public importance, but may not talk in detail about a bill before the House, 1048.

As the debate had been wide-ranging, a member was permitted to continue, 1384, 4578, 5146, 5887, 6145, 9426, but was reminded not to stray from the matter before the Chair, 4578.

A member was permitted to make introductory remarks as the nature of the bill allowed for wideranging debate and referred to a referendum of all electors of the State, 2653.

Members who wish to contribute to debate should seek the call, 4304, 10384.

Members should not to test the patience of the Chair, 4304.

It is in order for a member to refer to copious notes, 4311.

Members had had an opportunity to speak in the debate, 4493, 8344.

A Minister was asked to rephrase a comment, 4575.

Assembly Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Debate (continued):

In order to streamline debate the Chair allowed members to speak on a second or third occasion to motions relating to new standing orders, but suggested that members introduce new material rather than rehash material introduced by other members, 4579.

If a Minister deferred his comments until other members had spoken in the debate, the Minister could reply to all contributions, 4582.

Members were asked to extend to members making their fust or maiden speeches the usual courtesy of listening to the speeches in silence, 4590, 4802, 7857.

A member was straying from the standing orders which required him to establish why his notice of motion should be reordered to have precedence the next day, 4908.

A member who was straying from the content of the motion should not refer to a matter that was before the House and would be debated at another time, 5253.

A Minister should not debate the subject of another notice of motion before the House, 5270.

A member is entitled to refer to an interjection, 5561.

A considerable amount of licence had been given to one member in the debate and the same licence would be extended to another member. 5573.

The Chair always allows flexibility in debates relating to precedence of business, 6312, 6704.

It is not in order for members to anticipate debate, 6431.

Comments were ruled to be relevant to the motion, 7522.

In reply a member may refer to any matter raised in the debate, 7523, 7662.

A Minister is entitled to reply to debate without interruption from members, who have an opportunity to debate the matter in Committee, 8345.

MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Divisions:

As a member had not been able to come to the Chamber for a division, the Chair allowed the whips to discuss the matter, 531.

Standing Order 195 invoked, 1135

As the lifts were out of order a division was called off, the doors opened, and the bells rung for 30 seconds, 5328.

Members should remain seated during divisions, 5578

Standing orders do not allow for a division to be recommitted to enable a member to sit other than where that member was when the doors were locked, 5873

A member was directed to abide by the standing orders and to sit where she was when the doors were locked, that is, on the Opposition side, 5873.

Divisions deferred because of a disturbance in the gallery, 9014, 9123.

The Chair ruled that a member was entitled to vote as the question to be decided did not involve a direct pecuniary interest of the member whose right to vote had been challenged, 9578.

Documents:

Although a newspaper article had been tabled, the Minister should assure the House that the quotations are accurate, 468.

A member was asked to identify or verify a document, 896, 2736,3027, 4304.

Members may quote from newspaper articles. However, standing orders and rulings of previous Speakers provide that members may not wave around newspaper articles or other documents, 1371.

The Chair ruled that a Minister had not read from an article, 2689.

Members are permitted to quote from newspaper articles if they verify the documents when required to do so, 3781.

A member was permitted to lay a draft report on the table for the perusal of members, 5325.

The Chair advised the House that normal practice had been followed, that a Minister had tabled a map with a bill and that it was available for perusal by members, 9601.

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MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Euthanasia discussion:

The Chair advised the House of the unique nature of the proceedings, with two guest speakers being invited onto the floor of the House to address members on the subject of euthanasia, 4850.

Interjections, interruptions and disorder: *Chair*

When the Chair is on its feet members should remain silent and should not interject, 1227, 1503.

Members should remain silent when the Chair it on its feet, or they would be removed from the Chamber, 1371, 4697, 5150.

Conversation

Conversations being conducted in the Chamber make it difficult for those involved in debate to maintain clarity of thought, 4589.

Members were directed to cease conversing in the Chamber, 5146, 5351, 5525, 5788, 6317, 8046.

Members who wish to converse could do so outside the Chamber, 5860, 6598, 7243.

Interjection

Members should refrain from interjecting, 52, 272, 522, 664, 1032, 1149, 1230, 1248, 1370, 1371, 1374, 1375, 1382, 1494, 1503, 1586, 1592, 1738, 2558, 2716, 2707,2719, 2730, 2738,4155, 4306, 4493,4494, 4496, 4777, 5126, 5135, 5146, 5148, 5432, 5433, 5434, 5476, 5550,5685, 5686, 5901, 6316, 7415, 7519, 8060, 8067, 8452, 8593, 8606, 8614, 8998, 9233,9234, 9419, 10374, 10375, 10795, 10798.

If members continued to interject they would be placed on three calls to order, 272, 664.

Members were placed on three calls to order and warned that if they attracted the attention of the Chair again they would be removed from the Chamber, 665, 670, 756, 758, 3225, 5572.

It was difficult for Hansard to hear the member speaking as a number of members were interjecting, 758.

A member interjecting would have the opportunity to make a personal explanation at the end of question time, 897.

Often a degree of latitude is allowed to members when responding to interjections, 1236, 2567.

Members should keep interjections to a minimum, 1236, 7519.

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MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Interjections, interruptions and disorder (continued):

Interjection (continued):

If members did not refrain from interjecting, or if they attracted the attention of the Chair for disorderly conduct, they would be removed from the Chamber, 1372. 2566,2568, 5147, 5148, 5525, 5526, 7445, 9419,

A member who had just entered the Chamber should not interject, 1495.

Members were advised that there was too much interjection and that a video of the proceedings, the subject of the censure motion being debated, was available for viewing, should members not wish to remain in the Chamber, 1502.

A member, who had attracted the attention of the Chair during question time, should remain silent during the debate, 1503.

Government members should not interject while the Leader of the Opposition makes a personal explanation, 4419.

The Chair could not hear a member taking a point of order over the level of interjections, 5135.

Members were directed not to respond to interjections, 5362, 7198, 7250.

There was too much interjection in the Chamber, 5236, 5432, 7206, 7519.

Order and decorum

The Serjeant-at-Arms was directed to attend to a person in the public gallery who was photographing members in the Chamber, 23.

Although a degree of latitude had been allowed in debate, members should maintain decorum, 53.

Members would have the opportunity to speak to a motion for urgent consideration if the matter proceeded, 258, 4488.

Members should maintain order and decorum in the House, 258, 522, 8344, 9055.

Members should listen to the reply to a censure motion in silence, and should extend to the Minister in reply the same courtesy that had been given to the mover of the motion, 664, 2738.

Assembly Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Interjections, interruptions and disorder (continued):

Order and decorum (continued):

The Chair appealed to Government members to listen to the debate in silence, 758, 4275.

Members were directed to remain silent, 877, 1032, 1044, 1247, 1365, 1740,2679, 3195, 4306, 4705, 4777, 5043,5250, 5280, 5422,5432, 5433, 5476, 5525, 5526, 5571, 5572, 5574, 5747, 5788, 5942, 6051, 6057, 6598, 6705, 6707, 7253, 8046, 8594, 8647, 10795.

The House was called to order, 1033, 1504, 2810, 3195, 4593,5524, 6705, 6707.

Although the House was lively, the Chair called for silence in order that a member could give notice of a matter for urgent consideration, 1582.

A member was warned that if he continued to behave as he had been, he would be placed on three calls to order, 7319.

Members would be removed from the Chamber if they continued to behave as they had been, 2568, 4602.

A member who entered the Chamber after proceedings had commenced and made comments to the member with the call was ruled to be discourteous and placed on three calls to order, 2677.

Members who had already been called to order for disorderly behaviour were deemed to be on three calls to order, 2679.

Members were directed to resume their seats, 1239, 1366, 1585, 2730, 3748, 5042, 5126, 5135, 5149, 5237, 5434,5435, 8616, 9419, 9432, and to remain quiet, 756, 5788, 5861, 8616, or they would be removed from the Chamber, 9428.

A member who was already on two calls to order was placed on three calls and warned that the Chair would have him removed from the services of the Chamber if he continued to behave in the manner in which he had been behaving. The member was requested to remain silent until he received the call, 2734.

The Chair suggested that a member should leave the Chamber, otherwise the Serjeant-at-Arms would escort him from the Chamber. 2734.

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Order and decorum (continued):

The Chair directed the attendants to remove those who were causing a disturbance in the gallery, 4597.

Member are entitled to be heard in silence, 4705, 5876.

The Leader of the House for Opposition business was stretching the tolerance of the Chair and should set a good example for Opposition members, 4775.

The Chair has in the past allowed some tolerance to members clapping in the Chamber. However the removal of a member from the Chamber by a vote of the House was not an appropriate occasion for members to clap and on such serious matters in the future the Chair would uphold the standing orders strictly, 5149.

The fact that a member had made his initial speech the previous night was no reason for him to jump out of his seat this day, 5237.

The Chair will not tolerate interjection and disorder. If another member attracted the Chair's attention, the member with the call would be required to resume his seat, 5150.

It is difficult for Hansard to report the proceedings over noise in the Chamber, 5351, 6598.

A member was directed to desist from throwing papers across the Chamber, 5572.

A member who had disobeyed two previous directions from the Chair would be removed from the Chamber if he disobeyed another direction, 5574.

A Minister was directed to cease inciting the Leader of the Opposition, 5788.

People in the public gallery should not clap in the Chamber, 7319.

The Chair appealed to people in the public gallery to comply with the procedures of the Parliament, 7320.

The Chair appealed to people in the public gallery to abide by the procedures of the House and noted that this was the third occasion on which the Chair had had to ask for the cooperation of people in the public gallery. The Chair advised that if there was cause to appeal to the gallery on a fourth occasion, the gallery would be cleared, 7322.

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MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Interjections, interruptions and disorder (continued):

Order and decorum (continued):

The Chair **directed** the Serjeant-at-Arms to remove **from** the public gallery those who were **disrupting** the orderly conduct of business in the House, 7322.

When notices of motions are being given members should refrain from interjecting so that the Chair and Hansard can hear the member with the call, 8202

Though a member may have been upset, he was directed to abide by the standing orders and to contain himself. 8344.

Members should exit the Chamber quietly, 8617

As a result of an interruption from the public gallery, and subsequent disturbance in the House, a division was deferred. 9014.

A member was directed to resume his seat until the House came to order, at which time the member would be given the call to speak about words said to be offensive, 9418.

A number of members were directed not to engage in unparliamentary conduct. If they persisted in acting in that manner the Chair would have no hesitation in directing that they be removed from the Chamber, 9418, 9419.

A member was reminded that he was on three calls to order, 9420.

The Chair took offence at the manner of a member to whom the Chair had been lenient and warned the member not to provoke the Chair, 9428.

Members should not engage in unparliamentary behaviour, 10377.

Points of order

Members need no assistance from other members in order to take points of order, 259.

If a member did not resume his seat, the Chair would direct the Serjeant-at-Arms to escort him from the Chamber, 273.

A member was ruled to be out of order and was directed to resume his seat, 274.

Members were directed to resume their seats, 1491, 1505.

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Points of order

Members who wish to take points of order should do so, and should not engage in conversation across the Chamber, 1491, 5427.

Members who interject while points of order are being taken will have time deducted from their speaking time, 3195.

As the Chair had **ruled** on a point of order, a member was directed to resume his seat, 4305.

The Leader of the Opposition was directed to resume his seat. If he continued to disregard the standing orders he would be removed from the House, 4418, 4419.

The Chair is entitled to hear points of order, 4061, 4769.

Interjections make it difficult for the Chair to hear points of order, 4601, 5433.

The House was called to order so that a member could take a point of order, 4601.

Members should remain silent while a member addresses the House on a point of order, 5029.

Members who wish to proceed with points of order should address their remarks through the Chair, 5560.

Members are entitled to raise points of order and to be heard in silence, 5433.

A point of order should be heard in silence as it may have an impact on future orders of the House, 5524.

Members should not interject while points of order are being taken, 7819.

Question time

Members should refrain from interjecting, 24, 28, 148, 656, 898, 1038, 1144, 1370, 1375, 1733, 1846, 2686, 3025, 3197, 3371, 3778, 3782, 4159, 4411, 4415, 4417, 4481, 4706, 4708, 4769, 4770, 4915, 5030, 5033, 5132, 5134, 5354, 5359,5423, 5427, 5429, 5554, 5557, 5678, 5682, 5749, 5877, 5881, 6052, 6138, 6142, 6306, 6426, 6430, 6546, 6710, 6711,7197,7198,7202,7324,7326,7327,7436, 7511, 7757, 7965, 7970, 8048, 8049, 8052, 8053, 8056, 8203, 8208, 8429, 8433, 8598, 8831, 9000, 9218,9417, 9423, 9570, 10550, 10551, 10743, 10748, 10749.

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MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

interjections, interruptions and disorder (continued):

Question time (continued):

Members should maintain decorum during question time, 27, 265, 468, 3203, 4299, 4708, 6304.

On the first day of the session many members had been called to order. The Chair stated that it would be disappointed if any member had to be suspended from the service of the House and thus denied the opportunity to be presented to the Governor that afternoon, 27.

Members were directed to wait until the House came to order before proceeding, 29, 2686, 4160, 4161, 4297,5678, 6430, 6544, 7817, 8054, 8205, 8356, 8827, 9000, 9218, 9225.

The House was called to order, 148, 523, 1038, 1148, 2721, 2809, 3369, 3782, 4481,4593, 4595, 4711, 4769, 4770, 5033, 5128, 5135, 5358, 5430, 5553, 5879, 6054, 7507, 7638, 8052, 8429, 8999, 9220,10547,10548.

Members should listen to answers in silence, 150, 154, 766, 897, 1732, 2680, 2681, 2720, 2810, 4166,4295, 4708, 5131, 5422, 5676, 5749, 5877, 5882,9569, 9573, 10749.

Members were reminded that a number of members were already on three calls to order, 152, 154, 1233, 1845, 2421, 4161, 4162, 5358, 7819, 8205, 8428, 8740, 9001, 9221, 9423, 10747, 10748, 10750.

Members who were on three calls to order were in danger of being removed from the House if they attracted the attention of the Chair again, 153, 527, 1846, 2421, 4163, 5356, 8428, 8429, 10745.

Ministers should not provoke members to interject, 153, 5036, 10552.

Members would have an opportunity to ask questions later in question time, 153, 1038, 1488, 1733, 4162,4415,4483,7433.

The Chair would not tolerate the continuation of behaviour that had so far been exhibited during question time, 259.

Members who had already been called to order were deemed to be on three calls to order, 259, 355, 357,468,656,657,660,5245,5426,5553,5677, 6140, 6430, 6710, 7324, 7441, 7638, 7966, 8210, 8430, 9000, 9001, 9219.

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Question time (continued):

Members who were called to order during question time would be deemed to be on three calls to order, 259, 463, 8430.

Members were directed to resume their seats, 260, 894, 897, 1376, 2414,2686, 3198, 4294, 4482, 4769, 4770, 5031, 5033, 5036, 5037, 5134, 5239, 5352, 5356, 5357, 5553, 5679,5751, 5788, 6426, 6428, 6433, 6710, 6712, 7326,7437, 8051, 8052, 9001,9219,9418,9423, 10751.

The Leader of the Opposition, by his continual interjections, was not setting a good example for other members or for children in the gallery, 260, 4295,5680, 9418,4295.

The level of interjection and conversation made it difficult for the Chair and Hansard to hear the proceedings, 265, 357, 4164,4297, 5035, 5424, 5428,5554,5556,8048,8049,8050,8055, 8596, 10749.

Members were directed to remain silent, 353, 354, 529, 894, 896, 897, 1492, 3198,4163, 4483,4595, 4600,4712,4768,4769, 4770,5036, 5127, 5130, 5132, 5243, 5356, 5360, 5749,5751, 5879, 5880, 6056, 6140, 6144, 6307, 6428, 6545, 6548, 6709, 6710, 6711, 7197, 7199, 7201, 7324, 7326, 7434, 7437, 7639, 8427, 8834, 10549.

There was far too much interjection, 463, 2720, 4301, 4410, 4484, 5238, 5244, 5353, 7637, 7816, 8827, 9000, 9218, 10375.

Members who continued to interject would be placed on three calls to order, 467, 10743.

Members who continued to interject would be removed from the Chamber, 660, 898, 3779,4416, 5882, 7203, 7326,7512, 7819,7824, 7965, 8598, 9418, 9422, 10378.

Members should address their remarks through the Chair, 761, 900, 1376, 4415, 4418, 5031, 5243, 5355, 5356, 7323, 7326, 7441, 7510, 7638, 7966, 8427, 8598.

The House is entitled to hear ministerial replies to questions without interjection, 894.

Ministers are entitled to hear questions without interjection, 896, 5877.

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MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

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Question time (continued):

Members were advised that, having asked questions, they should Listen to the answers in silence, 1375, 2812, 3024, 3196, 4159, 4597,4912, 6138, 6141, 7321,7507,8203,8742.

Members were advised that if they continued to interject the Chair would call them to order, 1733, 10551.

Members who had been called to order during question time would be deemed to be on three calls to order if they were called to order again, 1736, 3025, 4160, 7637, 9131.

The Leader of the Opposition was directed to remove from the table documents he had placed there, 1734.

Members were directed to cease conversing across the Chamber, 1843, 2681,2720, 3199, 3367, 4910, 5030,5034,5127,5131,5357,5358,5423,5427, 5558, 5678, 6547, 7824, 10746.

Ministers are entitled to answer questions without interjections from Opposition members, 2416, 2421.

Member should not make background noises, 2558.

A member was directed to cease talking while a Minister was giving an answer, 2683, 8357.

The Chair had been very tolerant towards a member, but if that member attracted the attention of the Chair again, he would be removed from the Chamber, 2683.

Opposition members would have a right of reply after question time, 2685.

Members should not test the patience of the Chair, 3203, 3778, 4294, 4708, 5429,5677, 5678.

Members should behave courteously, 3203.

Members should not engage in laughter and mass interjections, 3368.

The Chair stated that as this was the last question time before the House adjourned for the winter recess, continual interjections would not be tolerated. All members who had been called to order were deemed to be on three calls to order, 3777.

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Question time (continued):

Members may participate in debate at the conclusion of question time and were requested not to interject during question time, 3778, 3782.

There was too much audible conversation in the Chamber, 4160, 7637, 7817, 7824, 7963, 8357, 8427, 8599, 8737, 8740, 8827, 8834, 8999, 9005, 9220, 9225, 10744, 10745, 10746.

Government members were asked to show courtesy to the Leader of the Opposition and listen to his question in silence, 4410.

Ministers need no assistance in order to answer questions, 4599, 4769, 5680, 6550, 7638, 7969, 8999, 9221, 9573.

Interjections are likely to prolong Ministers' answers, 4706, 5029, 5881, 6710, 7511, 10743.

A member who was called to order three times was reminded that the House was about to take a **two-**week recess, 4710.

The attitude of a member was unbecoming. The member was warned that if he batted an eyelid for the remainder of question time he would be removed from the Chamber immediately, 5029.

A member may not ask a question and then to comment upon it, whether provoked by others or not. 5031.

Members who had already been called to order during question time would be removed from the Chamber if they were called to order again, 5032.

The Chair expressed concern about the behaviour of members, particularly the amount of interjection from both sides of the House, 5032, 5423.

Members should disregard interjections, 5033, 5036, 7511, and proceed with questions, 5036.

If the Leader of the Opposition did not cease interjecting, the Opposition backbencher with the call would be required to resume his seat, 5034.

The Leader of the Opposition should show leadership by not interjecting, 5034, 5680.

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MR SPEAKER (TEE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Interjections, interruptions and disorder (continued):

Question time (continued):

The Chair took offence at the Leader of the Opposition interjecting and calling names across the Chamber, 5128.

A member was reminded that he was on three calls to order and that the House was due to debate a matter of public importance that he had placed on notice, 5130.

A member would have an opportunity to ask a supplementary question if he wished to do so, 5240, 6545.

Ministers should disregard interjections and answer the questions, 5244, 5356, 7198, 7757, 10552.

Ministers answers should be heard in silence, 5353, 5358, 7441, 7632, 10751.

A Minister was dijected not to comment on the removal of a member from the House during question time. If the Minister made another similar comment he would be required to resume his seat and would not have the opportunity to complete the answer. The Minister was directed to show deference to the Chair and to the House, and members were directed to listen to his answer in silence, 5358.

The Chair would not hesitate to call the House to order, 5423.

Ministers were permitted to resume answers, 5426, 5427, 5680.

Interjections from the Leader of the Opposition would provoke a response from the Premier, 5427.

The Leader of the Opposition was directed not to trifle with the Chair, and to resume his seat, 5553.

Members should refer to other members by their correct titles, 5553, 5554, 7327.

Behaviour in the Chamber was abysmal and the Chair would not hesitate to remove from the Chamber any members who were disrespectful, including members who laughed while Ministers were answering questions, 5677.

Members were reminded of an earlier direction not to laugh and **interject** during the delivery of answers, 5681.

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MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued)

Interjections, interruptions and disorder (continued):

Question time (continued):

Members who were not interested in the subject matter of a question were advised to leave the Chamber. If they remained in the Chamber they should show courtesy to the **Minister** with the call, 5877

Over the past couple of days a number of members had been removed from the House for interjecting. If members continued to breach standing orders by interjecting, the Chair would continue to remove them from the House, 6051, 8205, 10751.

If members continued to disregard previous directions about interjecting, they could not expect the Minister with the call to ignore the interjections and give a precise answer, 6052.

One member had already left the Chamber for interjecting, 6052, although this seemed to have had no impact on other members, 8430.

If members interject while a member who has been named is making a statement to the House, they will be removed from the Chamber. 6053.

The Chair was sick of the level of interjection during question time, 6140.

Members who persistently interject will be removed from the Chamber, 6141, 6544, 9417.

The tolerance or patience of the Chair was exhausted or being tested, 6710, 7200, 7753, 8205.

As it was close to the end of the session the Chair asked members to remain silent for the remainder of question time, 6710.

All members were placed on three calls to order, 7200,9418.

The Chair needs no assistance from members, 7326, 9001

The behaviour of Opposition members and the level of interjection from and conversation among Opposition members were unacceptable, 7440, 8430, 9219.

The Chair is entitled to hear a question, 7440.

Members are not entitled to respond to Ministers who are in the course of answering questions, 7441.

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MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

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Question time (continued):

Members were directed not to excite people in the public gallery, 7329.

Pwple leaving the public gallery were asked to do so quickly and quietly, 7329.

Members should not engage in false or unnecessary laughing, 7756, 7819.

One member had been removed from the Chamber during question time the previous week and the Chair would not hesitate to remove members who behaved in such a manner, 7756, 7819.

Members were directed to provide a better example of behaviour to children in the gallery, 7819.

Although the whips may move about the Chamber during question time, other members should remain seated and listen to answers in silence. 7819.

Members who wish to converse should do so outside the Chamber, 7824, 7967, 10548, 10745.

The Leader of the Opposition should cease talking with Opposition frontbench members, 7963.

Ministers are entitled to respond to interjections during question time, 8209, 9219.

Members who flout the rulings of the Chair will be removed from the Chamber, 8429.

Unruly behaviour is unacceptable, 8598.

The Chair expressed its displeasure at the use of a poster and directed that it be placed in the rubbish bin, 8738.

The Leader of the Opposition was reminded of previous **rulings** relating to the waving around of documents. 8826.

It was difficult for the Chair to ask a Minister to respond directly to a question without notice when members from both sides interjected, and the Chair appealed to all members to cease interjecting, 9219.

A member was placed on three calls to order for trifling with the House, 10748.

Members who did not remain silent would be removed from the Chamber, 10751.

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Matters of public importance:

A motion dealt with the leasing by the former coalition Government of Noel Park House at Tamworth, not the head office of the Department of School Education, 2825.

Members named: 1371,5148, 6053, 9418, 10376.

The Serjeant-at-Arms was directed to bring back to the Chamber the member for Gordon, 1371.

The member for Gordon, having returned to the Chamber, was named by Mr Speaker, 1371. The member was directed to resume his seat and was reminded that in giving an explanation he should not reflect on the decision of the Chair, 1372.

The member for Gordon, having given his explanation, **left** the Chamber. Mr Speaker **asked** that the member return to the Chamber in order that he might be escorted from the Chamber by the Serjeant-at-Arms, 1372.

On the question of jurisdiction, Mr Speaker informed members that he had been advised that the precincts of the House extended to the front gate. In that connection the House had interpreted the meaning of precincts in a different manner from the interpretation placed on it by the upper House. Mr Speaker noted that there were difficulties in defining the precincts of the House and noted also the suggestion that the matter be brought to the attending of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee, 1372.

As this was the first occasion during the session upon which the honourable member for Gordon had been suspended from the services of the House, the suspension was for two sitting days, 1373.

Points of order had been taken, prior to the suspension from the House of the member for Gordon, regarding the power of the Chair to compel the return of the member to the Chamber. It was not the intention of the Chair to convey that force should be used to ensure the return of the member and the Chair understood that force had not been used. Since *Willis* and *Christie v Perry* it had not been the practice of the Chamber to forcibly compel the return of a member to the Chamber, 3821.

A member named is entitled to address the House for five minutes and to be heard in silence. 10376.

The Chair extended tolerance to a member named to enable the member to address the House, 10377.

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MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Members removed: 259, 275, 657, 662, 1845, 4711,4713, 5133, 5149, 5358, 5882, 6051, 6054, 6055,6431, 7325, 7328, 7439, 7512, 7825, 8053, 8071, 8205, 8430, 8601, 9001. 9420, 9422, 10378, 10751

Members removed from the Chamber for the duration of question time, 1038, 1370, 1371, 4164, 4415, 8430, 10747, 10750.

A member was entitled to ask how many times a member who was removed from the Chamber had been called to order, 8053.

The Chair noted that a member had been suspended from the service of the House for four days but that, with the adjournment of the House, four days would not have elapsed until after the House resumed following the winter recess. The Chair proposed to overcome the technicality by ruling that the suspension conclude with the adjournment of the House that day, 10830.

Ministerial statements:

A Minister was permitted to continue, 4488.

The Leader of the Opposition was directed to disregard interjections and continue with his response, 8593.

Opposition members would have the opportunity to respond, 7628.

Notices of motions:

A member was directed to expedite the giving of a notice of motion, 258.

Members who wish to have the call should seek it, 258.

The Minister for Agriculture was directed to amend a notice of motion for urgent consideration as it contained unparliamentary language, 258.

The Chair directed that a notice of motion given earlier in the day should not be published in the business paper as it contained argumentative material and a non-existent circumstance, and was more appropriately a matter for debate. The honourable member concerned was invited to speak with Mr Speaker in his office should he wish to discuss the matter, 472.

The Chair postponed ruling on the admissibility of a notice of motion, 522, 5351.

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Notices of motions:

A member was **permitted** to continue giving a lengthy notice of motion and the Chair would rule later on its admissibility, 1581.

In accordance with practice following a member's resignation, notices on the business paper in the name of that member were struck off. 4224.

An amended notice of motion from the honourable member for Ku-ring-gai in relation to censure of the Minister for Education and Training was accepted, 5365

Notices of motions must be printed and handed up, and the notice of motion read to the House should be in the same form as the printed notice, 7321.

A member was in order in addressing the reason to reorder a notice of motion, 7630.

The Chair accepted a notice of motion but warned members that **similar** motions would be looked at closely to ensure they complied with the spirit of the standing orders. The Chair stated that a considered statement would be issued the next day about the length and content of notices of motions, 8594,

As foreshadowed the previous day, the Chair gave a considered ruling on the general trend for notices of motions and notices of motions for urgent consideration to contain argumentative and emotive terms, unnecessary statements of fact, points for debate and verbosity. The Chair referred the House to a statement of Speaker Snedden to the House of Representatives on 4 May 1977 in which Speaker Snedden stated that in future he would intervene in cases of notices of motions that were inordinately and unnecessarily long and would require the member to reform the notice or, alternatively, would have the clerks eliminate the argument and unnecessary statements of fact.

The Chair advised the House that the Chair would rule out of order notices that did not put a concise proposition upon which the House may vote. The Chair further reminded members to avail themselves of the advice of the Clerk in drafting motions. The matter of notices of motions was to be placed before the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee for consideration at its next meeting, 8729.

Offensive and objectionable remarks, imputations and aspersions:

A Minister was ruled to be quoting from a report, rather than making a substantive attack on another member, 353.

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A Minister was not impugning the character of another member, 355.

The words "corrupt conduct" used in answers relating to references to the Independent Commission Against Corruption were allowed, 354.

Expressions required to be withdrawn: "For God's sake", 365; "More lies!", 660; "Fool", 1036; "What a grub!", 2566; "Boofheads", 2653; "Liar", 4699; "Shut your fat face", 5038; "Weaseling out", 5148; "Dope", 5890; "Dregs", 6055; "Shut up", 7326

The Chair ruled that a member had said that another member had lied to the House, not that the member was a liar, and was therefore in order, 669.

The Chair stated that a member had withdrawn words said to be offensive, 760.

Although a phrase used by a Minister was unbecoming, the Minister did not name a member when he uttered the phrase and the Chair had difficulty in seeking withdrawal of the comments, 2566.

The Chair was unable to hear the Premier because he had his back to the Chair. Had the Chair heard language from the Premier that was out of order, the Premier would have been asked to withdraw it, 4415.

It is usual for a member who makes a statement directed at another member to withdraw the statement if requested to do so. However the debate was very heated at the time the statement was made and neither the Minister nor Opposition members was in full control of their thought processes. The Chair suggested that in the interests of the general demeanour of the House the Minister might withdraw the remarks, 5043.

The Chair noted that the Minister, after considering the general tone within the House, would recognise that in the heat of the moment he probably went a little overboard. The Chair stated that the Chair had interpreted the **Minister's** remarks differently from the manner in which the Minister asserted they had been made. The Chair stated that if the Minister informed the Chair that he had made a certain utterance, and not one previously thought to have been made, the Chair would accept that assurance from the Minister.

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The Chair further noted that in the heat of the moment, with four members **yelling** and shouting on one side of the House, and three or four yelling on the other side, it was very difficult for the Chair to hear every syllable that every member uttered, 5044.

As the Chair had not heard words a Minister had said by way of interjection, but had merely heard the Minister utter something, the Minister was not required to withdraw remarks that were said to be offensive, 5134.

The Chair had not heard a Minister interject and was unaware whether the Minister was in the Chamber and, if so, where she was sitting, and therefore the Minister was not required to withdraw remarks that were said to be offensive, 5149.

The Chair ruled that in the relaxed circumstances of the debate a certain amount of leniency is allowed and that a Minister was not required to withdraw remarked that were said to be offensive, 5256.

In order to placate all members, a Minister was directed to withdraw a remark that a member was a liar, if that inference had been made by the Minister, 5890.

A member was directed to withdraw a reference to another member and to refer to a member by her correct title, 7202.

A member should not be so thin-skinned as to be offended by words complained of, 7204.

Although a member might believe that the word "dishonest" is unparliamentary, in a robust Chamber few would be fragile enough to take exception to that word in the heat of debate, 7435.

The Chair had not heard words complained of, 8059, 8606, 8617, 9224.

The House would not pursue a matter further in relation to offensive remarks but would proceed with question time, 7438.

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Offensive and objectionable remarks, imputations and aspersions (continued):

The Chair chose to overlook that the form of withdrawal of remarks complained of was not completely acceptable, 7445.

The Chair told a member who complained about language used by the Leader of the Opposition that the Legislative Assembly was a fairly robust Chamber and that the Leader of the Opposition was not referring to any particular Government members when he made the remarks, 7515.

The Chair asked members not to use of the word "liar", 7529, or the term "has told lies", 7530.

The Minister for Ports was asked by the Chair whether he had made a comment complained of, 9417.

The Minister stated that he made no individual reference to members of the Opposition, but did it in globo. The Chair informed the House that the Chair had not heard the remark complained of, 9418.

The Chair noted that a member who had been given an opportunity to leave the Chamber and had chosen not to do so was named by the Chair and suspended from the House for two days. Subsequently the Minister for Ports apologised for remarks complained of. In view of the Minister's apology the Chair might not have named the member. However, the matter was now out of the hands of the Chair and in the hands of the House, 9420.

A member having asked the Chair to strike from the record words complained of, the Chair advised that only the House had power to deal with the matter. However, the Chair advised the member that when the House had completed consideration of a matter of public importance, the member would be given an opportunity to bring the matter before the House, 9432.

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MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Offensive and objectionable remarks, imputations and aspersions (continued):

The Chair can take action only when a matter is directed personally at a member, and the Chair did not interpret remarks complained of in that vein, 10378.

Parliament House security and staffing:

The Chair drew attention to statements made in the House earlier that day by the Leader of the National Party. By longstanding convention, matters pertaining to the administration of Parliament and the provision of members' services are discussed privately with the Presiding Officers. However, on this occasion the Leader of the National Party did not discuss the matter with the Presiding Officers but, rather, raised the issue in the House. All members should be assured that the Presiding Officers have members' utmost interests at heart, 147.

Personal explanations:

A member making a personal explanation may not debate the issue, 358.

A member making a personal explanation was ruled out of order, 662, 4419.

Members may make a personal explanation at the end of question time or other debate, 897, 1844, 4594, 5357, 5431, 5680, 5749, 6052, 6433, 7662, 7755, 7757, 7818, 8049, 8451, 8617, 9011, 9126, 9234.

The purpose of a personal explanation is to explain to the House how one's integrity has been impinged upon or maligned, 4419, 4714, 5142,5433, 6056, 7970, 8059, 9427.

Members should not engage in debate across the Chamber with other members, 4419, 5142.

The Leader of the Opposition was directed to confine his remarks to the ambit of a personal explanation,

A member making a personal explanation was directed to resume his seat, 4714.

In making a personal explanation a member may not reply to statements made by other members on the basis that the member had been misrepresented, 5142.

A member was allowed to make a personal explanation, should the member wish to do so, 5147.

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MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Personal explanations (continued):

In making a personal explanation a member cannot attempt to impugn the character of another member, 5150.

It is not in order to debate the matter when making a personal explanation, 5150, 7970, 8059, 9427.

The purpose of a personal explanation is to explain how one has difficulty undertaking parliamentary duties because of some misrepresentation, 5560.

Members were directed to come to the essence of the personal explanation as quickly as possible, 5560.

If a member was so precious that he could not take a bit of criticism, he could make a personal explanation at the end of question time, 5352.

A member was directed to state the reason for a personal explanation, 5526.

A member's comments were ruled to be outside the ambit of a personal explanation, 5526, 5755.

Members may not make personal explanations about events that occurred on another sitting day, 6056.

A member who sought to make a personal explanation at the end of question time was advised that pursuant to a resolution of the House, private members' statements had to be dealt with before the member could raise a personal explanation, 6436.

The purpose of a personal explanation is not to seek to have comments withdrawn, 8059.

Members should not reflect on other members when making personal explanations, 9427.

A Minister had made a statement that another member objected to, following which the Minister withdrew the statement. Therefore, there could be no personal explanation because the matter had been withdrawn from the House, 9427.

Leave was withdrawn by the Chair for a member to make a personal explanation as the matter had been dealt with, 9431, 9432.

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MR SPEAKER **(THE** *HON.* JOHN HENRY MURRAY) *(continued)*:

Petitions:

The Chair informed the House of an irregularity that had come to light in petitions praying for the building of a polyclinic in the Lake Macquarie electorate presented to the House on 10, 11 and 12 October 1996 by the member for Lake Macquarie. As the petitions contained an alteration, in contravention of Standing Order 130(1), they were ruled out of order. The Chair directed that the records of the House note that the petitions presented on those days were out of order, and that the Clerk write to the appropriate Minister advising of the ruling, 2907.

Placing or disposal of business:

The Chair ruled on a point of order taken earlier that day relating to the placing or disposal of business. Standing orders make no specific provision about the ordering of part-heard censure or no confidence motions. The Chair proposed to refer this matter to the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee, along with the issue of multiple motions being placed on the notice paper and being part-heard, thus denying members from both sides the opportunity to raise matters of public importance. The Chair further proposed that censure and no confidence motions, except no confidence motions in the Government, would appear on the business paper under a separate heading of business taking the place of matters of public importance. In relation to the notices that lapsed the previous night when they were called on and the mover was not in the Chamber, the Chair noted that the mover could give fresh notices in order to have the notices appear again on the business paper, 5550.

Points of order:

Not involved: 53, 56, 148, 150, 259, 260, 273, 274, 351, 354, 355, 395, 439, 463, 465, 466, 467, 469, 471, 526, 527, 530, 531, 652, 653, 654, 656, 658, 659, 660, 669, 670, 730, 763, 897, 1035, 1038, 1039, 1041, 1046, 1049, 1144, 1152, 1163, 1227, 1229, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1368, 1370, 1371, 1372, 1376, 1378, 1494, 1495, 1505, 1582, 1583, 1587, 1589, 1591, 1600, 1737, 1740, 1814,2423, 2558, 2559,2563, 2564, 2567, 2568,2588,2653, 2655, 2672,2678,2679,2681,2682,2685,2686, 2688, 2689,2715, 2716,2729, 3025, 3035,3195, 3198, 3203,3371, 3748, 3777, 3779,3780,3783, 4155, 4294,4297, 4302,4303, 4304,4305, 4306, 4307, 4309, 4384, 4412, 4418, 4479, 4488, 4598, 4707, 4710,4715, 4719, 4769, 4770, 4772, 4773, 4775, 4908, 5029, 5033, 5036, 5040, 5042, 5044, 5145, 5150, 5357, 5364, 5426, 5428, 5431, 5434, 5435, 5553, 5561, 5574, 5679, 5680, 5747, 5750, 5878, 5879, 5887, 6051, 6052, 6137, 6138, 6141, 6146, 6302, 6303, 6305, 6307, 6308, 6319, 6426, 6428,

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Points of order (continued):

Not involved (continued):

6429, 6705, 6709, 7319, 7322, 7325, 7327, 7332, 7433, 7441, 7510, 7512, 7513, 7514, 7515, 7519, 7521, 7523, 7631, 7632, 7633, 7634, 7639, 7640, 7662, 7758, 7818, 7819, 7820, 7831, 7833, 7934, 7969, 8060, 8184, 8203, 8206, 8212, 8213, 8356, 8428, 8430, 8431, 8435, 8436, 8437, 8451, 8601, 8617, 8734, 8737, 8739, 8740, 8831, 8840, 8998, 9011, 9130, 9131, 9222, 9226, 9234, 9409, 9420, 9422, 9423, 9425, 9426, 9571, 9572, 10547, 10549, 10552, 10553, 10747, 10748, 10749.

Not upheld:

Amendment, 2672.

Answers to questions without notice, 260, 463, 465,466, 467, 524, 653, 654, 2810.

Anticipation of debate, 266, 1368, 7508.

Censure of Mr Speaker, 1510.

Consideration of urgent motions, 359, 530, 531, 1494, 2422,2567, 2570, 3375, 4420, 7332. 7830, 8213, 8435, 8441, 8607, 8834.

Debate on bills, 5874.

Imputations, 354, 355.

Members reading from notes, 5440.

Personal explanation, 5560.

Privilege, 5150.

Questions without notice, 4713, 5133, 5359, 5879,

5880, 8050, 8596,9002, 9416.

Quotations from documents, 1144, 1145, 1751, 4305, 5433.

Relevance, 274, 6052, 6145, 8218, 8441.

Standing orders, 4579.

Substantive motion, 7435.

Tabling of documents, 667, 1493.

Time for debate. 667.

Reserved:

Notices of motions, 5351.

Placing or disposal of business, 5526.

Upheld:

Address remarks through Chair, 7323, 8735.

Clock setting, 2688.

Consideration of urgent motions, 269, 359, 360, 531, 1036, 1379, 1591, 2422, 2423, 2567, 2568,

2688, 2815, 4420,4488, 4489, 4601, 4714, 5040, 5135,5136, 5361, 5434, 5561, 5562,

5884, 6554, 7514, 7515, 7639, 7640, 7761,

7830, 7831, 8211, 8435, 8436, 8835, 9006, 9229.

Documents laid on the table, 4598.

Form of motion, 258.

Identification or verification of documents, 4305, 7325.

Imputations, 395.

Interjection, 7757, 8067, 9231, 9593.

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Points of order (continued):

Upheld (continued):

Limit of debate, 7216.

Offensive words, 1036.

Personal explanation, 4419.

Questions without notice, 154, 466, 2414,2564, 5037,5130,6433, 6710,9004, 9222.

References to members, 268, 1846, 2671, 2726, 4710,5553,5554, 5654,7323, 7325,7757,7853, 9423, 9569.

Relevance, 269, 1382, 2734, 2735, 3382, 7213, 7445, 7518, 7821, 7822, 7836, 10794.

Reordering of general business, 1368.

Right to speak to the motion, 273.

Second reading debate, 728.

Substantive motion, 9129.

Tabling of documents, 1734.

Unbecoming behaviour, 4172.

Waving around of documents or newspapers, 3781, 6049, 6052.

Members should remain seated while another member takes a point of order, 56, 152, 153, 268, 652, 1376, 7319, 8212.

The Chair would hear no further on a point of order, 56, 4305, 7323, 8594.

The Chair would not entertain a point of order, 258, 7437.

The Chair sought the cooperation of members with regard to the proliferation of points of order during question time, 468, 5428, 8052.

Members should speak to points of order only when given the call, 468, 469.

Members were directed to state the point of order, 469, 526, 660, 1039, 1229, 1370, 1494, 1587, 2423, 2688, 4411, 4488, 4773, 5426, 5434, 5526, 5679, 5680,5750,5879,6051,6138,6141,6303,6305, 6308, 6704, 7322, 7327, 7830, 8052, 8212, 8435, 8436, 10743, 10751.

In taking a point or order a member should not give a preamble, 469.

The Chair would not entertain a point of order from a member and directed the member to resume his seat, 469. 8435.

Members were warned against taking inappropriate or frivolous points of order, 660, 762, 897, 1039, 1370, 4412, 7327.

A point of order was in the frivolous category, 763.

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Points of order (continued):

A member was warned that should he take a point of order in a **similar** vein he would be removed from the Chamber, 897.

A member was advised that he should have noted the warning given the previous day about **taking** frivolous points of order, and was removed from the Chamber. 1038.

A member was directed not to debate a point of order on which the Chair had already ruled, 1119

As a matter was before a judge, but not before a jury, it was acceptable to debate it in the House as it was unlikely that such debate would prejudice the judge's thinking on the matter, 1153.

The Chair would hear no points of order until the member for Gordon returned to the Chamber, 1371.

A point of order was premature, 1494.

The Chair was unable to rule on a point of order because it did not know what the Minister intended to say in reply to a question. However, the Chair stated that the Minister would have noted the comments, 1585.

In order to take a point of order a member should stand in his or her place, 1585.

Members should not debate points of order, 2423, 6145.

The Chair was deaf to a point of order and ruled there was no point of order, 2563.

The Chair would not rule on a point of order until further submissions had been made, 2688.

The Chair stated that in ruling on an earlier point of order the Chair had not made reference to the aspect raised by the member in the point of order now before the Chair, 2689.

The Chair would not entertain further points of order, 4155, 7437, 8050, 8437, 8608, 8835, 9417, 9420.

A member was directed to resume his seat, unless he wished to raise a point of order that did not pertain to the substance of a previous point of order, 4305.

The Chair heard further from members on points of order, 4601, 4602, 5148, 5884.

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Points of order (continued):

The Chair stated that it suspected that members were taking points of order as a disruptive tactic rather than as genuine points of order, 4773.

As a member's time for speaking had expired, a point of order had no further relevance, 5040.

Although a member is entitled to draw matters to the attention of the House, they must not be outside the realm of a point of order, 5241.

As the Deputy Leader of the Opposition had chosen to discuss the matter across the Chamber, the Chair declined to rule on the point of order. If the member took a point of order again and did not address his remarks to the Chair, he would be removed from the Chamber, 5553.

The Chair would not entertain a point of order until the member with the call had spoken on a matter of privilege, 5560.

The Leader of the Opposition was directed to state the point of order, or the Chair would have him removed from the Chamber. 5434.

As the Chair had ruled on a point of order, a member was directed to resume his seat. 5526.

A member was directed to resume his seat until he had his thought processes in order and wished to enunciate his point of order, 6057.

A point of order did not relate to a new matter, 6302.

Although the Chair had already ruled that there was no point of order, a member was allowed to further address the Chair on the point of order, 6705.

The Chair asked to hear further on a point of order, 7435.

The Chair would not rule on a point of order because it did not hear the words complained of, 7437.

The Chair would not entertain a point of order during question time as the Minister had not commenced the answer, 7510.

Before the Chair entertained a point of order, a member was **permitted** to speak further to the priority of the motion, 7515.

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Points of order (continued):

The Chair needs no assistance from members in order to rule on a point of order, 8595.

A point of order taken by the Leader of the Opposition was totally uncalled for, and the Chair directed that the member resume his seat, 8596.

Precincts of the Parliament:

On the question of jurisdiction, Mr Speaker informed members that he had been advised that the precincts of the House extended to the front gate. In that connection the House had interpreted the meaning of precincts in a different manner from the interpretation placed on it by the upper House. Mr Speaker noted that there were difficulties in defining the precincts of the House and noted also the suggestion that the matter be brought to the attention of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee. 1372.

Private members' statements:

During private members' statements a member is permitted to allude briefly to a matter raised in earlier proceedings, but not to develop an argument, 449.

A member had gone far enough in alluding to a matter and was directed to return to the leave of private members' statements, 449.

The Chair drew the attention of the House to a ruling of previous Speaker Rozzoli, namely, that the type of matter raised in a member's capacity as a shadow minister would generally be outside the spirit of a private member's statement. In the case before the House a shadow minister had made remarks in his capacity as a private member dealing with matters concerning his constituents rather than non-constituents, and had made those comments within the guidelines applying to private members' statements, 5000.

A member may raise a matter affecting a constituent, although the matter may relate to something outside the member's electorate, 5151

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Private members' statements (continued):

The Chair drew the attention of members to a private member's statement given by the honourable member for Northcott on 23 April 1997 during which the member personally attacked Mr David Hill under the guise of a statement about State Rail services. The Chair also reminded members of the ruling given by Speaker Rozzoli on 2 May 1989 regarding the content of matter to be raised by way of a private member's statement. The Chair reiterated that certain times are more appropriate than others to raise the types of matters raised by the member for Northcott. It was inappropriate for members to make such speeches during private members' statements when members have limited time for debate. If a matter to be raised was of consequence it should be done by way of a substantive motion when the member had more speaking time and an opportunity was given for other members to defend the attacked person. The Chair ruled that in future such statements would be ruled out of order, 8076.

Privilege:

No matter of privilege was involved, 154.

A member was advised to come to the essence of the matter so that the Chair could rule whether there was a breach of privilege, 4155.

The Chair directed a member to hand up a proposed motion of privilege so that the Chair could rule on the matter, 4156.

In relation to a matter of privilege raised the previous day, the Chair ruled that as the matter contained in the proposed motion related to internal party arrangements, and did not fully impinge on the privilege of any member of the House, there was no prima facie case of privilege established, 4292.

The Chair referred to matters of privilege raised by the honourable member for Ermington and the honourable member for Monaro on which Mr Acting-Speaker Clough had ruled that notices of motions from the members relating to privilege have precedence the next sitting day. The Chair reminded members of a ruling given on 18 September 1996, that one element of a breach of privilege is the reflection upon the character or the actions in the House of a member which prevents that member from carrying out his or her duties. However, to make a matter of privilege out of every heated exchange in a robust House would make proceedings unworkable. The Chair noted that the comment complained of was not the subject of a point of order by either the honourable member for Ermington or the honourable member for Monaro, but another

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Privilege (continued):

member, and that neither the honourable member for Ermington nor the honourable member for Monaro spoke to the point of order. The Chair ruled that no prima facie case had been established as the members had failed to demonstrate how what was said would impede them in the performance of their duties as members. The Chair directed that the notices be struck from the business paper, and allowed each member to speak to the ruling on the matter, 5147.

If the Chair heard a remark that was considered to be disrespectful, the member would be asked to withdraw the remark. On this occasion the Chair failed to hear the remark complained of. If the Chair were to uphold a point of order that the Chair should ask the member whether the remark was made would require the Chair to continually be asking members to explain whether they had made such comments. The Chair ruled that the Chair would not be run in that manner and that the Chair would allow robust debate, 5150.

A member whose comments were outside the standing orders was permitted to conclude his remarks. 5150.

A member's comments did not relate to privilege and the member was permitted to make a personal explanation if he wished to do so, 5560.

A member was allowed to raise a matter of privilege, rather than make a personal explanation, 6057.

A member may establish a case of privilege and bring a motion before the House, 6057.

Procedure:

A member was directed to resume his seat, unless he wished to take a point of order, as he had not been given the call, 54.

A member who has already spoken in the debate cannot move closure, 1163.

Standing orders provide for only one reply to a debate, 1368.

A member was advised to seek leave to move for the suspension of standing orders, 1377.

A member was directed to formally move a motion, 3030.

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Procedure (continued):

The Chair advised that, pursuant to a resolution of the House, and until the House disposed of certain motions of no confidence, no matter of public importance could be dealt with at the time set out in the routine of business. The motions would have priority in the order in which they were given, unless the House determined otherwise. In the meantime, members were free to submit matters of public importance to the office of Mr Speaker if they so wished, 5238.

The Chair was not privy to any private arrangements made **between** the whips and other members of the House in relation to pairs, 5550.

Any member is entitled to seek the call, if the member with the call has concluded his contribution, 5524.

It is in order for a Minister to foreshadow amendments to be moved in Committee during a Minister's reply on the second reading of a bill, 5942.

The Chair directed that a member's time for speaking re-commence as his presentation to the House had been **interrupted** by discourse across the Chamber, 5788.

As leave was granted for the third reading of a bill, the Chair was bound by the wish of the House, not by the wish of an individual member who sought to have the bill dealt with by the Committee of the Whole, 5874.

A motion that the question be now put could not be proceeded with, 6312.

A bill was removed from the notice paper in order that the five-day rule could be complied with, 6422, 6423.

The Chair directed the Clerk to stop the clock while the House dealt with points of order relating to sub judice, 7215.

Members have various avenues by which they can pursue issues, 7441.

There was no point of clarification and a member was directed to resume his seat, 8051.

A member should not hold a glass when addressing the Chair, 8209.

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Procedure (continued):

A letter a member had written to Mr Speaker regarding the operation of Standing Order 120(4)(a) relating to the priority debate on the consideration of urgent motions had been referred to the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee and had been dealt with by that committee, 9591.

It is in order for a member to give notice of motion to disallow part of a regulation, 10374.

The Chair drew the attention of the House to an earlier action when the House gave approval for the Joint Select Committee upon Injecting Rooms to be administered by the President and the Speaker. The Chair stated that the longstanding tradition of the House was that if a committee was initiated in that House, it came under the jurisdiction and administration of the Speaker. As the upper House had already risen, the Chair did not consider it appropriate to seek amendment so that the precedent would be maintained. The Chair drew the attention of the House to the fact that a precedent should not be set where the President has joint control with the Speaker over a committee initiated in the Legislative Assembly, 10829.

Questions upon notice:

It is not competent for one member to withdraw a question upon notice asked by another member, especially without the Chair having an indication from that member that he wanted the question withdrawn. The Chair upheld the practice of the House and directed that if a member wishes to withdraw a question the member should seek personally to do so at the time for the placing or disposal of business the next sitting day, 6374.

Questions without notice:

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Members were asked to rephrase or restate questions, 29, 2414, 4484, 4709, 4711,4911, 5130,5135, 5430, 7330, 7440, 7505, 8742, 9416, 9570, 10547.

Questions ruled in order, 471, 527, 653, 763, 3204, 5131,5242, 7512, 7820, 8050, 8055, 9002, on the basis that it was not a matter already before the House, 266. and not to be too long, 2810.

A member was asked to read a question again, 523.

During the previous session it became precedent during question time not to refer to matters before the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

The Chair expressed the view that it was difficult to rule a question out of order on the basis that it was

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Form (continued):

before a court, when the ICAC was not a court as most people understand that term. The Chair declined to rule on the matter, but would rule at a later time on the admissibility of such questions, 1227.

Questions relating to the personal affairs of members are out of order, 1489, 5752, 6713. The Chair left it to a Minister to decide whether to answer the question, 1489.

The Leader of the Opposition was permitted to ask a question, but not to comment on the question once it was asked, 1582.

Standing orders limit the number of questions that can be asked during question time, but not the length of time taken to answer them. 1586.

No time limits were applied to answers to questions without notice, and members should pay attention to Ministers' answers, 2720.

A comment was ruled to be an aside and not part of the question, 2810.

A question seeking a legal opinion was ruled out of order, 2811.

The Chair advised that to ensure the orderly conduct of the business of the Chamber, any question containing additional irrelevant and unnecessary material would be ruled out of order. 2814.

As a question contained more than one question, a member was requested to rephrase it, 3202.

Wide-ranging or **lengthy** questions would elicit lengthy responses, 4769, 5130.

Questions ruled out of order, 5031, 6713.

A question was ruled out of order because of the actions of the member who asked it, not because of its content, 5033.

As some hypothetical elements were allowed in a question, the Chair ruled that the Minister was entitled to reply in a similar vein, 6709.

The Chair allowed a question that included comment, as the comment might assist the Minister to answer it, 7506.

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Questions without notice (continued):

Form (continued):

The Chair continued the precedent set by Speaker Rozzoli that questions that seek factual information for use in forthcoming debate are in order, 7508.

A member was advised that if he wished to make a comment about a statement made by another member, forms of the House, other than question time, were available to do so, 10549.

Minister's latitude

Ministers were directed to return to the answer to the question, 26, 154, 259, 463, 1146, 1231, 2420, 4594, 4713, 5427, 5879, 6049, 6138, 6430, 7435, 7441, 7634, 7821, 8209.

A Minister was permitted to make passing reference to a matter outside the leave of the question, 152.

Ministers were directed to conclude their remarks, 260, 264, 466, 1585, 6710, 8358, 8830, 9004.

Though the Chair has some control over questions, it has no control over answers given by Ministers, 260, 463, 8606.

The Chair cannot direct Ministers how to answer questions, 652, 1847, 5033, 5132, 5553, 6305.

A Minister's answer was ruled not to be a ministerial statement, 264, 526, 654, 4707, 5356.

A Minister, having been refused leave to table documentation, was at liberty to detail the matter to the House, 264.

In the Light of information provided to the House by the Minister, the Minister was permitted to answer the question, 524.

A certain amount of latitude was allowed to a Minister to give a preamble or make introductory remarks to an answer, 529, 6138.

It was up to Ministers to decide whether to answer questions, 653, 8050.

Ministers should circumvent their introductory remarks and give the answers, 1144, 1230.

The Premier was warned that the course he was embarking on was in contravention of standing orders and that if he continued he would be asked to resume his seat, 1373.

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Minister's latitude (continued):

A Minister who had been allowed a certain degree of latitude in answering a question was directed to make his comments relevant to the answer, 1585.

In answering a question a Minister may respond to interjections, 1586, 2686.

The Chair drew the Premier's attention to the question that was asked, 4594.

The Chair could not foresee what a Minister might say in response to a question and would wait until the Minister had read some correspondence to the House before ruling on the answer, 4770.

A Minister's answer was ruled in order, 5356, 5357, 6544, 6709, 6711, 7433,7509, 8430, 9225, 9577.

Although the subject matter of a question was sensitive, the Premier was in order in answering it, 5750.

Ministers may make passing reference to a document but may not wave it or parade it around the Chamber, 5879, 6545.

A Minister was directed to resume his reply in a dignified manner, 5879.

The Chair could not determine whether a Minister was about to conclude an answer, 6305.

A Minister was not permitted to continue his answer in the same vein that he had been, 6433.

A Minister was permitted to continue the answer, 7204.

Ministers who quote from media reports should verify their source, 7820.

There was a fine line between an announcement about policy and a change in the implementation of policy. A Minister was ruled to be providing to the House details about implementation of policy rather than policy itself, and was permitted to continue, 8828, 8830.

Procedure

A member was advised to ask a question directly of a Minister and to address it through the Chair, 29.

Questions must be addressed through the Chair, 148.

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MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Questions without notice (continued):

Procedure (continued):

A member may direct a question to any Minister. It is for Ministers to decide whether to answer questions or whether to refer them to other Ministers for reply, 148.

The Chair expressed concern about the number of points of order being taken during question time, 468, 5428.

Although a matter was before the House, there was no guarantee it would be debated and a Minister was permitted to continue answering a question,

Although there was some veracity in a point of order, a Minister was permitted to continue with an answer to a question, 1846.

It is in order for matters to be discussed in question time relating to bills on the notice paper, in order that members may be better informed, 3367.

A member who had sought the call, but did not get the call, was permitted to ask a question, 5359.

In the absence of the Leader of the Opposition the call for the first question was given to the first member who sought the call, that is, a Government member. However, the absence of the Leader of the Opposition would not preclude the House from dealing with 10 questions during question time, as provided for in the standing orders, 6302.

The Chair ruled that, having given the call to a member who then chose to engage in discussion with another member, the member who had been given the call had forfeited the call and should resume his seat, 6310.

A motion that a member be further heard was out of order as the Chair had ordered the member to resume his seat and the member therefore did not have the call, 6310.

A question that elicited additional information relating to a matter that had been dealt with by the House was ruled in order, 6431.

It is for the Chair to determine who would speak in debate, not members, 7326.

The 11th question in question time was ruled to be in order as it was a supplementary question, 7331.

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MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Questions without notice (continued):

Procedure (continued):

The primary purpose of question time is to obtain answers to question, 7438.

A Minister needs no assistance with his answer, 7638.

Supplementary

A member was advised that he could not ask a further supplementary question, 154.

A Minister was permitted to give a supplementary answer, 659.

Questions ruled not to be supplementary questions, 4416, 4487, 4771, 8604.

Questions ruled to be supplementary questions, 4418.

Members may ask a supplementary question at the end of the answer, 6545.

The manner in which a member asked a supplementary question was out of order and the question was **ruled** out of order, 7637.

The Chair drew the attention of the House to the provisions of Standing Order 140(5) that allow for a Minister to provide additional information at the conclusion of the question period to questions already answered at the current or a previous sitting, 8605.

Relevance:

A member was directed to return to the essence of the debate, 1382.

A member's comments bore no resemblance to the subject matter of the notice of motion, 1494.

Although a member's comments were strictly outside the leave of the motion, the member was permitted to continue as debate had been wide-ranging, 1384.

A contribution was in response to material introduced by the Minister in charge of the bill, 7934.

Reordering of general business:

As two members had given notices to reorder general business for tomorrow, the Chair advised the member moving the second motion that he would have an opportunity to speak to that motion after the Minister had spoken in reply and if the question in relation to the first motion was resolved in the negative, 5236.

Assembly Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Reordering of general business (continued): When a point of order was taken that on a previous occasion an Opposition member had not been permitted to reply to the first motion before the second motion was spoken to, the Chair advised that assistance would be sought from the Clerks,

The Leader of the Opposition was granted leave to withdraw a motion to reorder business. 5237.

In relation to a point of order taken earlier relating to the reordering of general business the Chair stated that on 22 May 1996 the House dealt with two motions to reorder general business. The member who had given notice of the first motion spoke to the motion and was followed by the member who had given notice of the second motion. When the Leader of the House for Opposition business then sought the call the Chair had ruled that the right of reply, as specified in Standing Order 118, had already been exercised. However, on the occasion before the House this day the Leader of the House had sought the call immediately after the member who had given notice of the first motion had spoken, and was therefore in order, 5244.

It is in order to address the reason for reordering a notice of motion, 7630.

The Chair advised the House that the Chair was in error in allowing the Leader of the Opposition to proceed with a motion to rwrder general business. Standing orders allowed for the reordering of orders of the day for bills, but not for general business notices of motions for bills. The motion was therefore ruled out of order, 8201.

The Chair observed that a point of order taken by the Deputy Premier may have some validity. However, earlier that day the Chair indicated that a considered statement would be made the following day concerning notices of motions. Were the Chair to grant precedence in the present case, yet rule such matters out of order in the considered statement to be given to the House, the order granting precedence would become redundant and would preclude another member from having a matter reordered. In the circumstances the Chair ruled the motion out of order. 8595.

Standing orders do not allow a second member to move a motion to rwrder general business, although they do allow for the member to speak against the motion before the House, 8997.

Assembly Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Reordering of general business (continued):

In speaking against a motion to reorder general business, a member must speak to the motion itself, and not to any proposed alternative motion, 8997, although passing reference may be made to a proposed motion, 8998.

Routine of business:

Although agreement had been given to the reordering of general business, a member was advised that he was at liberty to continue his remarks in support of the reordering, 3195.

Second reading speeches:

The established practice of the House dictates that second reading speeches for Government bills are delivered only by Ministers and the Chair suggested that a Minister continue the speech that had been commenced by another member, 9101.

Sub judice rule:

The Chair announced the receipt of a letter from the Attorney General foreshadowing the moving of a motion by the Opposition in relation to an alleged incident of school violence at Marrickville High School. The Chair stated that it would adhere to the advice of the Attorney General that to discuss the matter in Parliament would be sub judice. However, the Chair ruled that debate could be confined to paragraph (d) of the motion as it did not refer to the specifics of the case, 7214.

The Chair advised the House of the receipt of advice from the Attorney General that debate that touched the matters the subject of court proceedings on the alleged contamination of Wallis Lake oysters would breach the sub judice rule, and asked members to abide by that advice, 7630. The Chair was obliged to inform the House of that advice, but acknowledged that the House would make its own decision, 7631.

Tabling of documents:

A member who wished a Minister to table an item should seek to have the item tabled when the matter was under discussion, not after the Minister had passed on to other matters, 665.

Tabling of a document is not warranted until sufficient of the document has been quoted, 667.

Standing orders do not permit the Leader of the Opposition to table photographs, 4167, 4306.

Standing orders allow for a Minister to table documents if the Minister so chooses, but the Chair cannot direct the Minister to do so, 1493.

Assembly Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

MR SPEAKER (THE HON. JOHN HENRY MURRAY) (continued):

Tabling of documents (continued):

A member was not at liberty to table a document until he had spoken in he debate, 4307.

A member cannot table a document but can make it available for other members, 5145.

A Minister cannot give leave for a member to table a document, 5146.

A member was no permitted to table a videotape, but was permitted to lay the tape on the table, 5475.

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Members should check not only the proof but also the corrected version of the Questions and Answers paper in order to determine the date by which unanswered questions upon notice are to be answered, 5421.

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Council: 1R 3523 2R 3684 3708 Com. 3710 3R 3716 assent 3997

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(COGNATE):
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8633 2R 8633 8863 8888 9113 9255 9279
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Council: 1R 10179 s.s.o. 10179 2R 10269
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Council: int. 605 1R 2R 605 4435 4455 Com. 4532 ad. rep. 4539 3R 4670 ret. 5603 assent 6475

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MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL: Assembly: int. 7286 1R 7286 2R 7286 7608 s.s.o. 7857 2R 7857 Com. 7865 ad. rep. 7869 3R 7943 ret. 10374 assent 10802 Council: 1R 7910 s.s.o. 7910 2R 8772 8792 9364 10184 Com. 10192 3R 10203 assent 11158

MINING AMENDMENT (RATTING) BILL:

Assembly: int. 5647 1R 5647 2R 5647 withdrawn 7504

MINING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: int. 5538 1R 5538 2R 5538 5941 Corn. 5942 6168 ad. rep. 6178 3R 6277 ret. 7192 assent 7192

Council: 1R 6225 s.s.o. 6225 2R 6966 Com. 6974 3R 6975 assent 7141

MOTOR ACCIDENTS AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: 1R 7196 2R 7196 7302 3R 7302 assent 8047

Council: int. 6266 1R 6266 2R 6266 6799 Com. 6801 3R 6801 ret. 7257 assent 7989 MOTOR VEHICLES TAXATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995 (COGNATE):

Assembly: assent 32 Council: assent 1

MOTOR VEHICLES TAXATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996 (COGNATE):

Assembly: int. 1240 1R 1240 2R 1241 1246 1594 1617 1722 1754 2761 2771 2783 2829 2845 2885 3043 3055 3067 3079 3164 3189 3192 3233 3256 3450 Com. 3455 3R 3458 ret. 3754 assent 4156

Council: 1R 3523 2R 3684 3708 Com. 3710 3R 3716 assent 3997

NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (NEW SOUTH WALES) BILL (COGNATE):

Assembly: 1R 9599 2R 9599 10598 3R 10601 assent 10802

Council: int. 8494 1R 8494 2R 8494 9484 3R 9490 rer. 10518 assent 10919

NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE AMENDMENT BILL: Assembly: ret. 3754 Com. 3754 ad. rep. 3757 mes. 3757 assent 4156

Council: rest. 63 2R 97 718 3716 Com. 3718 3R 3723 ret. 3754 assent 3997 mes. 3997

NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE AMENDMENT
(ABERCROMBIE, JENOLAN AND WOMBEYAN KARST
CONSERVATION RESERVES) BILL:

Assembly: int. 3184 1R 3184 2R 3184 6285 Com. 6294 ad. rep. 6299 3R 6413 cons. amdts. 7302 ad. rep. 7303 mes. 7303 assent 8047

Council: 1R 6375 s.s.o. 6375 2R 7039 Com. 7045 3R 7049 ret. 7192 mes. 7257 assent 7989

NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE AMENDMENT (ABORIGINALOWNERSHIP) BILL:

Assembly: int. 6274 1R 6274 2R 6274 6423 6685 6715 Com. 6724 3R 6726 ret. 7192 assent 7192

Council: 1R 6644 s.s.o. 6644 2R 7049 3R 7086 assent 7141

Bills (continued):

NEW SOUTH WALES CANCER COUNCIL

AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: s.s.o. 10416 int. 10418 1R 10418 2R 10418 s.s.o. 10721 2R 10757 3R 10761 ref. 10815

Council: 1R 10682 s.s.o. 10682 2R 11311 3R 11317

NEW SOUTH WALES CRIME COMMISSION

AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: int. 5700 1R 5700 2R 5700 5784 Com. 5785 3R 5785 ref. 5943 cons. amdts 6277 ad. rep. 6277 mes. 6277 assent 6580 Council: 1R 5802 s.s.o. 5802 2R 5825 Com. 5829 3R 5830 mes. 6225 assent 6497

NEW SOUTH WALES LOTTERIES CORPORATISATION BILL (COGNATE):

Assembly: int. 4279 1R 4279 2R 4279 s.s.o. 4926 2R 4926 3R 4929 ret. 5476 assent 5746

Council: 1R 4939 2R 5413 Com. 5417 3R 5418 assent 5709

Non-Indigenous animals **Amendment Bill**: Assembly: **int**. 125 1R 125 2R 125 387 ret. 1765 **Com**. 2704 ad. rep. 2704 mes. 2704 assent 3365

Council: 1R 344 s.s.o. 344 2R 714 1660 Com. 1670 3R 1671 rnes. 2909 assent 3280

NOXIOUS WEEDS AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: int. 1712 1R 1712 2R 1712 2851 3R 2858 ret. 4157 cons. amdts. 10587 ad. rep. 10589 mes. 10589 10815

Council: 1R 2909 s.s.o. 2909 2R 4005 Com. 4009 ad. rep. 4011 3R 4023 mes. 10518 cons. amdts. 11310 ad. rep. 11311 mes. 11311

NURSES AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: int. 1720 1R 1720 2R 1720 2797 3R 2799 ret. 4157 assent 4479 Council: 1R 2909 s.s.o. 2909 2R 4023 3R 4025 assent 4435

OATHS AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: s.s.o. 4808 int. 4808 1R 4808 2R 4808 5167 3R 5169 ret. 5469 assent 5746 Council: 1R 5183 s.s.o. 5183 2R 5407 3R 5408 assent 5709

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENT

Assembly: 1R 10586 2R 10586 Com. 10813 3R 10815

Council: int. 8500 1R 8500 2R 8500 10238 3R 10241

OMBUDSMAN AMENDMENT (COMPENSATION) BILL: Council: int. 10633 1R 10633 2R 10633

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES ENABLING

AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: s.s.o. 10806 int. 10806 1R 10806 2R 10806 3R 10806 ret. 10815 Council: 1R 11202 s.s.o. 11202 3R 11265 3

Council: 1R 11202 s.s.o. 11202 2R 11265 3R 11265

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES ENABLING BILL:

Assembly: s.s.o. 6739 int. 6739 1R 6739 2R 6739 3R 6739 ret. 7192 assent 7192

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  Council: 1R 6684 s.s.o. 6684 2R 7039 3R
   7039 assent 7141
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS
AMENDMENT (PARTY AFFILIATION) BILL:
  Assembly: int. 2648 1R 2648 2R 2648
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS
 AMENDMENT (REDISTRIBUTION) BILL:
  Assembly: rest. 232 2R 728
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS
 AMENDMENT (TERMS OF OFFICE) BILL:
  Assembly: int. 725 1R 725 2R 725 1117 1453
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS
 AMENDMENT (VOTER IDENTIFICATION) BILL:
 Assembly: rest. 233
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  Council: int. 10634 1R 10634 2R 10634 10635
PARLIAMENTARY PRECINCTS BILL:
  Assembly: int. 7724 1R 7724 2R 7724 s.s.o.
   10771 2R 10771 3R 10771 ret. 10815
  Council: 1R 10682 s.s.o. 10682 2R 11244 3R
   11245
PASSENGER TRANSPORT AMENDMENT BILL:
  Assembly: s.s.o. 9474 int. 9474 1R 9474 2R
  9474 10447 3R 10449 ret. 10815
  Council: 1R 10451 s.s.o. 10451 2R 11317 3R
   11320
PAWNBROKERS AND SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL:
  Assembly: int. 438 1R 438 2R 438 644 679
   1014 Corn. 1017 3R 1021 ret. 1808 assent
  Council: 1R 945 2R 1673 Com. 1682 3R 1685
  assent 2612
PAY-ROLL TAX (COUNTRY INDUSTRIES EXEMPTION)
 AMENDMENT BILL:
 Assembly: int. 726 1R 726 2R 726 1117
PERIODIC DETENTION OF PRISONERS AMENDMENT
 Assembly: ret. 1765 Corn. 2704 ad. rep. 2704
  mes. 2704 assent 3022
  Council: rest. 63 2R 100 1535 1550 1641
   Com. 1642 ad. rep. 1642 3R 1642 assent
  2909 mes. 2909
PTTTWATER (WINNERERREMY BAY) OPEN SPACE
 Assembly: int. 6024 1R 6024 2R 6024
POISONS AMENDMENT (THERAPEUTIC GOODS) BILL:
 Assembly: ret. 522 assent 893
  Council: rest. 63 2R 85 415 assent 827
POLICE CORRUPTION COMMISSION BILL 1996
(COGNATE):
 Assembly: int. 441 1R 441 2R 441 1248
  withdrawn 1840
 POLICE INTEGRITY COMMISSION BILL 1997
(COGNATE):
 Assembly: int. 2464 1R 2464 2R 2464 2466
  2749 Corn. 2760 ad. rep. 2761 3R 2781 ret.
  3022 cons. amdts. 3255 ad. rep. 3255 mes.
  3255 assent 3460
  Council: 1R 2909 s.s.o. 2909 2R 2925 2952
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Com. 2955 3R 2955 mes. 3158 assent 3523

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Bills (continued):
POLICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL
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  Assembly: int. 441 1R 441 2R 441 1248
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 (COGNATE):
  Assembly: int. 2464 1R 2464 2R 2464 2466
   2749 Com. 2760 ad. rep. 2761 3R 2781 ret.
   3022 cons. amdts. 3255 ad. rep. 3255 rnes.
   3255 assent 3460
  Council: 1R 2909 s.s.o. 2909 2R 2925 2952
   Com. 2955 3R 2955 assent 3523
POLICE LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:
  Assembly: int. 5909 1R 5909 2R 5909 6147
   6166 6192 6198 Com. 6198 3R 6201 ret.
   6739 cons. amdts. 6739 ad. rep. 6739 rnes.
   6739 assent 7192
  Council: 1R 6202 s.s.o. 6202 2R 6475 6497
   6608 Corn. 6612 6642 3R 6644 rnes. 6651
   assent 6819
POLICE SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL:
  Assembly: s.s.o. 10561 int. 10561 1R 10561
   2R 10561 s.s.o. 10612 2R 10612 3R 10613
   ret. 10802 assent 10802
  Council: 1R 10518 s.s.o. 10518 2R 10682 3R
   10690 assent 11064
POLICE SERVICE AMENDMENT (COMMISSIONED
 OFFICERS) BILL:
  Assembly: int. 5698 1R 5698 2R 5698 5783
  3R 5784 ret. 5943 assent 6543
  Council: 1R 5802 s.s.o. 5802 2R 5823 3R
   5825 assent 6475
POLLUTION CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL:
  Assembly: int. 5857 1R 5857 2R 5857 6282
  3R 6285 ret. 7192 assent 7192
  Council: 1R 6225 s.s.o. 6225 2R 6873 Com.
   6877 3R 6877 assent 7141
PORT KEMBLA DEVELOPMENT (SPECIAL
 PROVISIONS) BILL:
  Assembly: s.s.o. 9425 int. 9461 1R 9461 2R
   9461 9556 3R 9558 ret. 10802
  Council: 1R 9503 2R 10707 10831 10850
  s.s.o. 10861 Com. 10861 ad. rep. 10863 3R
   10863
PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
 AMENDMENT BILL:
  Assembly: int. 7603 1R 7603 2R 7603 9028
  3R 9038 ret. 10815 Com. 10816 cons.
  amdts. 10816 ad. rep. 10825 rnes. 10825
  Council: 1R 8958 s.s.o. 8958 2R 10487
   10675 10699 11158 11176 corn. 11202 3R
   11218
PRISONS AMENDMENT BILL:
  Assembly: ret. 2715 Corn. 2781 ad. rep. 2781
  mes. 2781 assent 3460
  Council: rest. 63 2R 102 2R 2626 2632
   Com. 2635 3R 2636 mes. 2909 assent 3523
PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION BILL:
 Assembly: int. 234 1R 234 2R 234 731 5326
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PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: ret. 522 assent 893

Council: rest. 63 2R 87 418 assent 827

Bills (continued):

PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENT (TOBACCO) BILL:

Assembly: int. 434 1R 434 2R 434 550 560 3R 567 ret. 3405 assent 3747

Council: 1R 516 2R 717 3304 3R 3316 assent 3547

PUBLIC HEALTH (SMOKING IN VEHICLES)

AMENDMENT BILL:

Council: int. 10636 1R 10636 2R 10636 PUBLIC LOTTERIES BILL (COGNATE):

Assembty: int. 4279 1R 4279 2R 4279 s.s.o. 4926 2R 4926 4929 ret. 5476 cons. amdts 5599 ad. rep. 5599 mes. 5599 assent 5746 Council: 1R 4939 2R 5413 Com. 5417 3R 5418 mes. 5603 assent 5709

PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT (MOBILITY) BILL:

Assembly: s.s.o. 5891 int. 5894 1R 5894 2R 5894 6336 6342 3R 6343 ret. 7192 assent 7192

Council: 1R 6259 s.s.o. 6259 2R 6765 6768 3R 6769 assent 6873

PUBLIC SERVANT HOUSING AUTHORITY (DISSOLUTION)BILL:

Assembly: int. 229 1R 229 2R 229 728 3R 728 ret. 1765 assent 2677

Council: 1R 827 2R 1642 3R 1643 assent 2612

PUBLIC TRUSTEE CORPORATION BILL:

Assembly: int. 10389 1R 10389 2R 10389 s.s.o. 10613 2R 10613 3R 10615

Council: 1R 10518 s.s.o. 10518 2R 11226 11258

REAL PROPERTY AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: s.s.o. 4798 int. 4798 1R 4798 2R 4798 5462 3R 5466 ret. 5600 assent 5746 Council: 1R 5477 s.s.o. 5477 2R 5499 3R 5501 assent 5709

REGISTERED CLUBS AND LIQUOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: s.s.o. 10409 int. 10409 1R 10409 2R 10409 s.s.o. 10721 2R 10721 3R 10722 ret. 10815

Council: 1R 10647 s.s.o. 10647 2R 11308 3R 11310

REGULATORY REDUCTION BILL:

Assembly: int. 5526 1R 5526 2R 5526 s.s.o. 5896 2R 5896 5907 3R 5909 ret. 6330 cons. amdts 6413 ad. rep. 6413 mes. 6413 assent 7192

Council: 1R 5944 s.s.o. 5944 2R 5981 Com. 6129 6203 3R 6205 rnes. 6375 assent 6819

RESIDENTIAL ENANCIES AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: int. 4329 1R 4329 2R 4329 4512 Com. 4514 ad. rep. 4515 3R 4616 ret. 4926 cons. amdts. 5167 ad. rep. 5167 mes. 5167 assent 5746

Council: 1R 4565 s.s.o. 4565 2R 4824 Com. 4827 3R 4828 mes. 4828 mes. 5183 assent 5709

RETAIL LEASES AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: 1R 10443 s.s.o. 10806 2R 10807 10825 3R 10825

Bills (continued):

RETAIL LEASES AMENDMENT BILL (continued): Council: int. 7595 1R 7595 2R 7595 9490 9505 10203 10226 Com. 10228 ad. rep. 10228 3R 10269

ROAD IMPROVEMENT (SPECIAL FUNDING)

AMENDMENT BILL 1996 (COGNATE):

 Assembly:
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 ret.
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 4156

Council: 1R 3523 2R 3684 3708 Com. 3710 3R 3716 assent 3997

ROAD IMPROVEMENT (SPECIAL FUNDING) FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 1995 (COGNATE):

Assembly: assent 32

Council: assent 1

ROADS AMENDMENT (STREET VENDING) BILL:

Assembty: ret. 1638 assent 2677

Council: rest. 63 2R 90 613 3R 1527 assent 2612

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS AND DOMAIN TRUST AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembty: rest. 127 **2R** 127 169 **3R** 171 ret. 2704 assent 3022

Council: 1R 172 2R 2615 3R 2619 assent 2909

RURAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT (BOARD MEMBERSHIP) BILL:

Assembly: int. 1714 1R 1714 2R 1714 2849 2898 Com. 2899 3R 2899 ret. 4157 assent 4479

Council: 1R 2909 s.s.o. 2909 2R 4011 3R 4012 assent 4435

RURAL FIRES BILL:

Assembly: int. 9467 1R 9467 2R 9467 10555 10624 Com. 10625 3R 10626 ret. 10802 Council: 1R 10647 s.s.o. 10647 2R 11095 11111 Com. 11134 3R 11139

RURAL LANDS PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL:
Assembly: s.s.o. 10419 int. 10419 1R 10419
2R 10419 s.s.o. 10615 2R 10615 3R 10617
ret. 10802

Council: 1R 10628 s.s.o. 10628 2R 10690 3R 10698

SENTENCING AMENDMENT (PAROLE) BILL (COGNATE):

Council: int. 972 2R 972 s.s.o. 4966 withdrawn 4966

SENTENCING **AMENDMENT** (PAROLE) BILL (No. 2): Assembly: int. 5533 1R 5533 2R 5533 6350 3R 6354 ret. 7192 assent 7192

Council: 1R 6263 s.s.o. 6263 2R 7012 Com. 7020 3R 7023 assent 7141

SENTENCING AMENDMENT (TRANSITIONAL) BILL:

Assembly: s.s.o. 8463 int. 8463 1R 8463 2R 8463 3R 8466 ret. 8656 assent 8995

Council: 1R 8423 s.s.o. 8423 2R 8516 8544 3R 8546 assent 8890

SENTENCING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: int. 6742 1R 6742 2R 6742 7296 3R 7300 ret. 7562 assent 8047

Bills (continued):

SENTENCING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (continued):

Council: 1R 7257 2R 7465 3R 7470 assent 7989

SENTENCING LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: s.s.o. 8337 int. 8337 1R 8337 2R 8337 8341 Com. 8345 3R 8350 ret. 8425 assent 8425

Council: 1R 8289 s.s.o. 8289 2R 8289 3R 8315 assent 8367

SEXUAL OFFENCE DAMAGES BILL:

Council: restoration 8287

SMOKE-FREE AREAS (ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES)
BILL:

Assembly: int. 5323 1R 5323 2R 5323

SMOKING REGULATION BILL:

Assembly: 1R 8656 2R 8973 9038 9048 Com. 9050 3R 9054 rnes. 9140 assent 9599 Council: s.s.o. 5288 int. 5288 1R 5288 2R 5288 s.s.o. 7257 2R 7257 s.s.o. 7871 2R 7871 s.s.o. 8030 Com. 8030 ad. rep. 8040 3R 8108 ret. 9058 s.s.o. 9077 cons. amdts. 9077 ad. rep. 9079 rnes. 9079 assent 9527

SNOWY HYDRO CORPORATISATION BILL:

Assembly: s.s.o. 9599 int. 9599 1R 9599 2R 9599 10564 10618 10751 3R 10752

Council: 1R 10663 s.s.o. 10663

SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME

(WATER INQUIRY) BILL:

Assembly: s.s.o. 10812

Council: s.s.o. 11277 int. 11277 1R 11277 2R 11277

STATE EMERGENCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL: Assembly: assent 32

Council: assent 2

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING (PERMISSIBLE MINING) BILL:

Assembly: int. 2700 1R 2700 2R 2700 2785 3R 2796 ret. 3233 assent 3460

Council: 1R 2909 s.s.o. 2909 2R 2957 2965 2971 2987 Com. 3016 3R 3021 assent 3523 STATE REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Assembly: int. 2781 1R 2781 2R 2781 3065 3R 3066 ret. 3405 assent 3747

Council: 1R 3021 s.s.o. 3021 2R 3296 3R 3298 assent 3547

STATE REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1997 (COGNATE):

Assembly: int. 8062 1R 8062 2R 8062 8073 8442 s.s.o. 8471 2R 8471 8572 8578 s.s.o. 8633 2R 8633 8863 8888 9113 9255 9279 9377 9595 3R 9597 ret. 10521 cons. amdts. 10523 10544 ad. rep. 10545 mes. 10545 assent 10802

Council: 1R 10179 s.s.o. 10179 2R 10269 10304 Corn. 10368 ad. rep. 10370 3R 10370 mes. 10487 assent 11158 **Bills** (continued):

STATE REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HOWARD AND COSTELLO) BILL (COGNATE):

Assembly: s.s.o. 3347 int. 3349 1R 3349 2R 3349 3450 Com. 3455 3R 3458 ret. 3754 cons. amdts. 3757 ad. rep. 3759 mes. 3759 Council: 1R 3523 2R 3684 3708 Com. 3710 3R 3716

STATE REVENUE LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 1995:

Assembly: assent 32

Council: assent 2 rnes. 5

STATE REVENUE LEGISLATION FURTHER

AMENDMENT BILL 1996: (known as State Revenue Legislation Amendment (Howard and Costello) Bill):

Assembly: assent 4156

Council: assent 3997 rnes. 3997

STATE REVENUE LEGISLATION FURTHER

AMENDMENT BILL 1997:

Assembly: int. 9463 1R 9463 2R 9463 10439 3R 10441 ret. 10802

Council: 1R 10371 s.s.o. 10371 2R 10863 3R 10866

STATE REVENUE LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL:

Assembly: int. 6280 1R 6280 2R 6280 6423 6456 3R 6459 ret. 6762 assent 7192 Council: 1R 6411 s.s.o. 6411 2R 6666 3R

6670 assent 6873

STATE SPORTS CENTRE TRUST AMENDMENT BILL: Assembly: int. 126 1R 126 2R 126 395 ret. 1638 assent 2677

Council: 1R 344 s.s.o. 344 2R 716 1533 3R 1534 assent 2612

STATUS OF CHILDREN BILL:

Assembly: 1R 3366 2R 3386 4590 4802 5164 5169 3R 5169 assent 5469

Council: int. 1639 1R 1639 2R 1639 3158 3R 3160 ret. 5183 assent 5408

STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL 1996:

Assembly: int. 2422 1R 2422 2R 2422 2776 3R 2780 ret. 3366 Com. 3392 ad. rep. 3392 rnes. 3392 assent 3460

Council: 1R 2909 s.s.o. 2909 2R 3156 Com. 3158 3R 3158 mes. 3316 assent 3523

STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL 1997:

Assembly: int. 9460 1R 9460 2R 9460 10554 10594 Com. 10597 10627 3R 10627 ret. 10802

Council: 1R 10647 s.s.o. 10647 2R 11072 11074 3R 11075

STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL (No. 2) 1995:

Assembly: assent 32

Council: assent 2 mes. 5

STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL (NO. 2) 1996:

Assembly: int. 5853 1R 5853 2R 5853 6350 3R 6350 ret. 6763 cons. amdts. 6763 ad. rep. 6764 mes. 6764 assent 7192

Bills (continued):

STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL (No. 2) 1996 (continued):

Council: 1R 6263 s.s.o. 6263 2R 6679 Com. 6681 3R 6681 mes. 6775 assent 6873

STOCK (CHEMICAL RESIDUES) AMENDMENT BILL: Assembly: ret. 1765 Com. 2704 ad. rep. 2704 mes. 2704 assent 3022

Council: rest. 63 2R 89 1656 Com. 1659 3R 1660 assent 2909 mes. 2909

STOCK FOODS AMENDMENT BILL:

Assembly: int. 5214 1r 5214 2r 5214 5466 3r 5467 ret. 5778 cons. andts 6277 ad. rep. 6277 mes. 6277 assent 6580

Council: 1R 5477 s.s.o. 5477 2R 5497 5709 Com. 5718 3R 5719 mes. 6225 assent 6497

STRATA SCHEMES MANAGEMENT BILL (COGNATE):
Assembty: int. 5915 1R 5915 2R 5915 6413
3R 6420 ret. 7192 assent 7192

Council: 1R 6386 s.s.o. 6386 2R 6955 3R 6964 assent 7141

STRATA SCHEMES MANAGEMENT (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL:

Assembty: int. 5915 1R 5915 2R 5915 6413 3R 6420 ret. 7192 assent 7192

Council: 1R 6386 s.s.o. 6386 2R 6955 3R 6964 assent 7141

STRATA TITLES AMENDMENT BILL (COGNATE):
Assembly: int. 4800 1R 4800 2R 4800 5163
5167 3R 5167 ret. 5469 assent 5746
Council: 1R 5183 s.s.o. 5183 2R 5408 assent
5709

SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (OFFENSIVE IMPLEMENTS) BILL:

Assembly: int. 5650 1R 5650 2R 5650

SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (SELLING SPRAY PAINT TO MINORS) BILL:

Council: int. 8659 1R 8659 2R 8659 SUPERANNUATION ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT RILL:

Council: int. 9484 1R 9484

SUPERANNUATION ADMINISTRATION BILL (COGNATE): Assembly: int. 2827 1R 2827 2R 2827 3066 3R 3067 ret. 3405 cons. amdts. 3449 ad. rep. 3450 mes. 3450 assent 3747

Council: 1R 3021 s.s.o. 3021 2R 3298 Com. 3301 ad. rep. 3301 3R 3301 mes. 3523 assent 3679

SUPERANNUATION (AXIOM FUNDS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION) BILL (COGNATE):

Assembly: int. 2827 1R 2827 2R 2827 3066 3067 3R 3067 ret. 3405 cons. amdts. 3449 ad. rep. 3450 mes. 3450 assent 3747 Council: 1R 3021 2R 3298 Com. 3301 ad. rep. 3301 3R 3301 mes. 3523 assent 3679 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996:

Assembty: int. 5547 1R 5547 2R 5547 5766 3R 5767 ret. 5943 assent 6543 Council: 1R 5740 s.s.o. 5740 2R 5815 Com.

5818 3R 5820 assent 6475

Bills (continued):

SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1997:

Assembly: s.s.o. 10420 int. 10421 1R 10421 2R 10421 s.s.o. 10721 2R 10734 3R 10734 ret. 10802

Council: 1R 10647 s.s.o. 10647 2R 11067 3R 11072

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT BILL:

Assembly: assent 32

Council: assent 2 mes. 5

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A member should not reflect upon the Chair, 5518.

Debate

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A member's comments were ruled to be generic and not impugning on any particular member, 8520.

Points of order:

Not involved: 5516, 8520.

AS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

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Members should address their remarks through the Chair, 4069, 5968.

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Members should refer to other members by their correct titles, 573.

If it was the intention of a member speaking during the third reading stage of a bill not to oppose the bill, the member was out of order. The member would have an opportunity to put forward her views during the adjournment debate, 3302.

Members need no assistance from other members, 5205.

Members may contribute to the debate at the appropriate time, 5968, 9339.

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

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Members were asked to adopt a more courteous approach to the parliamentary reporters as the level of conversation made it extremely difficult for Hansard to hear members' contributions, 7905, 8504.

The reading of newspapers in the Chamber is disorderly, 11197.

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Amendments ruled in order, 6905.

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Members who wish to take part in the debate should seek the call, 10942.

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

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The reading of newspapers in the Chamber is disorderly, 10937.

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As a photograph was readily available in the Library, the Chair ruled that it would be a burden on the resources of the Parliament to have it incorporated in *Hansard*, 2602.

A member was asked to identify a document, 2989.

It is a drain on the resources of the State for a member to read on to the record material that is readily available, 2990, 2996.

A member was doing a disservice to the House by continually quoting from a document that was readily available and was asked to desist, 2996.

Members should abbreviate the content of quotations if all members have copies of the same correspondence, 11035.

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

Members were directed to cease conversing across the Chamber, 2995.

Members should refrain from interjecting, 2602, 11181.

Council Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

DEPUTY-PRESIDENTS AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES (continued):

THE HON. JOHN RICHARD JOHNSON (continued):

As Deputy-President (continued):

Interjections, interruptions and disorder (continued):

Members were **directed** not to respond to interjections, 2991.

Offensive and objectionable remarks, imputations and aspersions:

If a member believed he had been misrepresented, he should make a statement at the appropriate time, 1577.

Expressions required to be withdrawn: "Ignorant", 1767

Personal explanations:

Members would have the opportunity to make a personal explanation at the appropriate time, 11181.

Points of order:

Not involved: 3286, 4942.

Not upheld:

Imputations, 1577. Relevance, 4942.

It is competent for any member to raise a point of order, 2989

A member was directed to address the point of order, 2998.

As the Chair accepted a member's explanation relating to a point of order, it became unnecessary to rule on the point of order, 3000.

AS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:

Procedure:

As no member had sought the call to debate consideration of amendments from the other House, the motion having been moved that the Temporary Chairman report to the House that the Committee had agreed to the other House's amendments, any further debate was ruled out of order, as the Chair had to proceed in accordance with the standing orders and report the bill to the House, 9079.

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DEPUTY-PRESIDENTS AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES (continued):

THE HON. HELEN WAI-HAR SHAM-HO:

AS DEPUTY-PRESIDENT:

Chair:

Members should address their remarks through the Chair, 10855.

Debate:

A member was directed to return to the leave of the motion, 4545.

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

The reading of newspapers in the Chamber is disorderly, 10351.

Members should refrain from interjecting, 10356, 10357.

Members were directed to resume their seats, 10357.

The use of mobile phones in the Chamber is disorderly, 11316.

Points of order:

Not involved: 10357.

Procedure:

A member's time for speaking had expired, 8118.

AS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:

Amendments:

A member was asked if he wished to have amendments put seriatim, 8037.

THE HON. ELIZABETH ANN SYMONDS:

As Deputy-President:

Debate:

From time to time members make ill-considered responses in the House. Argument in the House would be barren if a strict interpretation of the standing orders allowed debate to be stifled, 1789.

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

Members should refrain from interjecting, 1789

The level of conversation behind the Minister was distracting and members who wished to converse were advised to do so outside the Chamber, 6655.

Council Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

DEPUTY-PRESIDENTS AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES (continued):

The Hon. ELIZABETH ANN SYMONDS (continued):

As DEPUTY-PRESIDENT (continued):

Interjections, interruptions and disorder (continued):

Members of the public should remain quiet while the Chamber is conducting debate. If they wish to raise matters, they should do so with Ministers and interested parties at the appropriate time, 9155.

The Chair left the Chamber in order the gallery could be cleared of those who were causing a disturbance, 9155.

Points of order:

Not involved: 1789, 1790, 1791.

Not upheld:

Offensive remarks, 1789.

A member who raised a point of order should not be too sensitive in seeking to defend a member who was satisfied with the outcome of the matter, the subject of the point of order, 1790.

As Temporary Chairman of Committees:

Bills:

The Chair observed that section 5 of the Constitution Act provides that all money bills must originate in the Legislative Assembly, and invited the member to speak further to the point of order, 6676.

Debate:

A Minister was directed to address the matter before the Chair, 5418.

Offensive and objectionable remarks, imputations and aspersions:

It was the prerogative of the Chair to determine if a matter was offensive. Though a Minister's words may have offended a member, the Chair did not find them to be of offence to the Committee, 5418.

Points of order:

Not involved: 6676, 6678.

A member was directed to be seated while another member took a point of order, 5418.

Council Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

DEPUTY-PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (THE HON. DUNCAN JOHN GAY):

AS DEPUTY-PRESIDENT:

Amendments:

An amendment was ruled not to be an amendment of an amendment already before the Chair, but an amendment of the **original** motion, 221.

Chair:

Members should address their remarks through the Chair, 5614, 8807.

Debate:

Members should extend to members making their first or maiden speeches the usual courtesy of listening to the speeches in silence, 1565.

Members were directed to return to the leave of the motion, 7397, 7887,7897.

A longstanding tradition of the House is that in the reply to the budget members are given wide latitude to canvass issues. A member's comments were ruled to be in order, 8802.

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

Members should refrain from interjecting, 184.

Members need no assistance to answer a question, 4081.

A member was directed to desist from continually questioning a Minister, 5479.

The Chair had difficulty hearing a Minister's answer over the chatter in the Chamber, and directed members to be **courteous** to the Chair and to Hansard by desisting from chattering, 5615.

Members should seek the call if they wish to make a contribution to the debate, 8803, 9520.

Members were directed to reduce the level of noise in the Chamber, 11056.

As the Chair, Hansard and members were having trouble hearing the member with the call, members were directed to reduce the level of noise in the Chamber, 8370, 8806, 8807, 8812, 8813, 9081.

The Chair directed Government members to desist from behaving like football hooligans, and from calling out across the Chamber, as such behaviour was unparliamentary, 8810.

Council Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

DEPUTY-PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (THE HON. DUNCAN JOHN GAY) (continued):

Interjections, interruptions and disorder (continued):

The Chair reminded members of the President's memorandum concerning behaviour in the President's gallery and the privileges that the President grants for members to use the gallery, where conversations should be kept to a minimum, 9342

The reading of newspapers in the Chamber is disorderly, 10674.

Members⁷ dress:

The size of badges worn in the House should not exceed the size of the Legislative Council badge, 8805

Offensive and objectionable remarks, imputations and aspersions:

Expressions required to be withdrawn: "That fool", 408.

Members should not use unparliamentary language, 419.

It is for the Chair to decide whether a matter complained of is offensive, 10273.

Points of order:

Not involved: 408,3106, 5614, 5617, 8803, 10273.

Not upheld:

Relevance, 7397, 8802

Upheld:

Disorder, **8370**. Relevance, 224,225. Wearing of badges, 8805.

A member was directed to stand in his place only if he wished to take a point of order; otherwise he should remain seated, 4081.

Procedure:

Members sitting in the President's gallery are technically present in the Chamber and not permitted to leave it while quorum bells are being rung, 327.

Questions without notice:

A member was directed to ask a question and not to read at **length** from a newspaper, 4080.

Questions of great length should be placed on notice, 4353.

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DEPUTY-PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (THE Hon. DUNCAN JOHN GAY) (continued):

Questions without notice (continued):

The Chair undertook to refer a question relating to a photographic exhibition in the Fountain Court to the President, 7903.

Relevance:

Remarks must be relevant to the motion, 224, 225.

As Chairman of Committees:

Amendments:

Members comments should be relevant and confined to the amendments under consideration by the Committee, 1684, 3586, 4830, 11208.

If amendments were agreed to, it may become necessary to move a consequential amendment, 1217.

As a foreshadowed amendment related to a clause, the subject of an amendment before the Committee, the Chairman sought the agreement of the Committee to deal with the amendment, followed by the foreshadowed amendment, 1223.

An Opposition amendment was ruled out of order as it reversed the principle of the bill, 2482.

Amendments ruled in order, 2483.

Amendments were ruled out of order as they were beyond the scope of the bill, 3018.

An amendment that sought to amend amendments already ruled out of order was in turn also ruled out of order, 3019.

On the basis that the long title and the object of the bill under consideration made an amendment irrelevant, the amendment was ruled to be inadmissible, 4264.

The Chair sought clarification from a member as to whether the member was speaking to an amendment that member had recently provided to the Clerk, 6618.

A member was advised that handing an amendment to the Clerk at the beginning of the Committee stage created some problems as the amendment had to be checked with Parliamentary Counsel. The Chair advised the member that the new amendment fell between two other circulated amendments and it was unclear which amendment the member was speaking to, 6619.

Members should provide the Clerk with amendments to bills prior to the bills being introduced, 6649.

Council Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

DEPUTY-PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (THE HON. DUNCAN JOHN GAY) (continued):

Amendments (continued):

As amendments under consideration were quite discrete and concise, members' comments should relate to **the** amendments only, and members should not take an opportunity to revisit their second reading speeches, 6864.

Chair:

Members should not canvass the rulings of the Chair, 8956.

Members should address their remarks through the Chair. 8956.

Divisions:

Although the Chair heard only one voice for the ayes, the Deputy Clerk had heard two voices, and the division bells were rung, 3016.

Divisions called off, 11217.

Documents:

Members may not table documents during the Committee stage, but may read the documents onto the record, 8957.

Interjections, interruptions and disorder:

Members who wish to converse should do so outside the Chamber, 834.

Interchange between the member with the call and other members in the Chamber made it difficult for Hansard and the Chairman to follow the debate, 834.

During the Committee stage of a bill all members and Hansard must be able to hear contributions to the debate. Members were requested to be courteous and to refrain from conversing across the Chamber, 3144.

The level of conversation was too high, 8956.

Members must not converse with visitors in the public gallery, nor should visitors attempt to speak to members across the barrier between the gallery and the Chamber, and those who attempted to do so would be removed from the gallery, 10201.

A member was directed to remove a mobile phone from the Chamber, 11217.

It is unacceptable for members to use mobile phones in the Chamber and members were directed to desist from the practice, 11306.

Council Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

DEPUTY-PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (THE HON. DUNCAN JOHN GAY) (continued):

Members' dress:

The Chair deferred ruling on a point of order that a member's wearing of a badge stating "Stop Wooldridge's scalpel" constituted political advertising and should not be worn, 6865.

The Chair ruled that the standing orders of the House do not govern the dress of members in the House, and referred to rules of dress in the Federal Parliament and as set out at page 392 in Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice. It is inappropriate for members to attend the Chamber wearing articles of clothing or items of decoration which reflected political views, commercial interests or similar things. However, the wearing of lapel badges such as member's badges is discreet enough not to offend against the House. In order to ensure that the standard of dress in the Chamber is not eroded, only lapel badges the size of, or smaller than, the current members' badges may be worn in the Chamber, 6873.

Offensive and objectionable remarks, imputations and aspersions:

It is offensive for a member of the House of Lords to be accused of buying his seat, without any evidence being offered in support of the accusation. A member was asked to rescind a statement and to **keep** his comments relevant to the amendment before the Committee, 3016.

Points of order:

Not involved: 1684, 3587.

Not upheld:

Committee debate, 2484, 3586. Relevance, 3016.

Reserved: 6865.

Upheld:

Committee debate. 3584.

The Chairman accepted a member's assurance that, having moved the amendment, the member was confused and called "No" instead of "Aye", 2484,

If in Committee a member wishes to refer to comments made by other members during the second reading debate, it must be done by reference to the amendment before the Committee, 3584.

Procedure:

Consideration of part of a bill was deferred until after the Committee had dealt with an amendment, 1187. Council Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

DEPUTY-PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (THE HON. DUNCAN JOHN GAY) (continued):

Tabling of documents:

A member who sought leave to table documents in the House and not in Committee was advised that he would have to seek leave during the third reading stage for their tabling, 11254.

PRESIDENT (TEE HON. MAX FREDERICK WILLIS):

Amendments:

A consequential amendment was ruled not to be relevant, as the previous amendment to the motion had been negatived, 500.

An amendment that had been ruled to be inadmissible resulted in a motion being a valid motion, 590.

A member was permitted to move amendments in globo, although the questions may be put seriatim, 7708.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106 the Chair put questions on an amendment seriatim, 7715.

As two amendments to a motion were inconsistent, the Chair ruled that the Government amendment would be put first and if that amendment was carried the other amendment would be ruled out of order, as the House would have already decided the matter. 8127.

An amendment moved by a member was ruled to be in identical terms to **an** amendment moved by a Minister, which had been agreed to. The amendment was therefore ruled to be inadmissible, 8128.

To facilitate the business of the House, the Chair proposed to put amendments to the House in an agreed order, 9211.

Announcements:

Conservatorium of Music student performances, 6225

Information Technology showcase, 568.

Special **Air** Services helicopter crash, 2965.

Tenth anniversary of service to the House by the Leader of the House, the Hon. Michael Egan, 4556.

United States presidential visit, 6225.

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PRESIDENT (THE HON. MAX FREDERICK WILLIS) (continued):

Announcements (continued):

The Chair announced that the Deputy Auditor-General, by letter of 25 June 1977, had advised the Parliament that owing to the number and complexity of matters raised for further consideration, the report of the inquiry into the level and development of the Sydney Showground site could not be tabled prior to the completion of the parliamentary sittings but would be tabled out of session, 11264.

Chair:

Members should address their remarks through the Chair, 108, 219, 583, 584,2376, 5612, 11031.

Members should remain seated when the Chair rises, 8137.

Chamber power failure:

As a result of a power failure in the Chamber, the Chair **left** the Chamber until power was restored, 7572.

Debate:

A member was directed to address the Chair on the issue as to why an expression used was not a transgression of Standing Order 79, 5311.

Members were directed to return to the leave of the motion, 584, 5310, 6669, 8000, 8001, 8002

Members were advised of the opportunity to make personal explanations at the appropriate time in order to refute something said in debate, 4072, 4074.

A member was debating an issue that might be more properly dealt with in Committee if the bill were to be recommitted, 4266.

It is not for a member to instruct other members in the standing orders, unless the member is taking a point of order, 4266.

A member was directed to observe the provisions of Standing Order 79, relating to the use of the name of the Queen or the Governor, 4965,5310, 5311.

Although a certain amount of latitude had been allowed in the debate, a member was reminded to address the text of the motion. 4966.

A reference to Her Majesty by a member is a transgression of Standing Order 79 and a member was directed not to transgress the standing order again, 5311.

Council Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

PRESIDENT (THE HON. MAX FREDERICK WILLIS) (continued):

Debate (continued):

A member was directed to speak to the amendment before the House, 6121.

A member was directed to make his comments succinct, 6669; and relevant to the motion, 8911.

Members were directed to speak to the motion to adjourn the debate, 6806, 6807, 6808, and were reminded that it was a procedural motion, 6806.

A Minister was asked if he was speaking in reply on a bill or making a second reading speech, as the Chair observed that the objects of the bill were included in the Minister's incorporated second reading speech, 7012.

Members may contribute to the debate at the appropriate time, 7149, 7150, 11160.

The Chair ruled that although the suspension of standing orders permitted the unusual situation of allowing members to speak a second time to the same motion, provisions relating to tedious repetition would apply, and that the Chair would interpret the standing orders as they relate to tedious repetition, regarding members' second contributions as continuations of their first speeches, 8003.

A member was directed to contain her remarks to the matter she had raised, and not to refer to the subject matter of a notice of motion, 9374.

Members may avail themselves of other forms of the House to rebut matters put to the House, 10845.

A member was not reflecting adversely on another member, 10872.

Debate on a motion is not an opportunity for members to engage in interrogatories across the Chamber, 11013.

The Chair noted that a member was anticipating debate on a motion of which he had given notice. However, the Chair had a discretion in these matters in the likelihood or the unlikelihood of the motion ever coming on for debate and allowed the member to continue, 11338.

Council Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

PRESIDENT (THE HON, MAX FREDERICK WILLIS) (continued):

Documents:

A member who had tabled a document should not seek to argue or debate its content, but should restrict his remarks to the relevance of the document to the motion, 582.

A member was asked to refrain from speaking about into the merits of a document that had been tabled, 583.

Members should not abuse the precedents of the House by quoting documents extensively, 1650, 3012, 3013, 3014, 10872.

Members should identify documents from which they quote, 3012, 3260, 3541, 6910, 7800, 9356.

If members quote from publicly available documents, only brief quotations are permissible, 3012, 6888, 6889, 6910.

The member with the call was directed to show a document from which he was quoting to another member. 3013.

Members should indicate when they are quoting, 3694.

A member was advised that if he was reading from a legal opinion he should seek leave to incorporate it, 6060

A member was asked if he was quoting from a document, 7568, 8124.

The purpose of debate is to hear the views of members, not the views of other people, Members may paraphrase the views of other people in support of their views. Alternatively, they may ask that documents be incorporated, or may seek leave to table them. 8124.

The purpose of the adjournment debate is not to read documents onto the record, and members should curtail their quotations, 8963, 10714.

It is proper for members to read onto the record letters or quotations that are not lengthy. The Chair suggested that **lengthy** quotations would be better referred to by the member, and leave sought to incorporate them in *Hansard*, 9356.

The Chair stated that this guidance was given to members on basis that Parliament exists to receive the thoughts and comments of members, not of other people, although members are entitled to draw on the views and comments of others to support their own views. Members are not primarily to record the views of other people, 9357.

Council Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

PRESIDENT (THE HON. MAX FREDERICK WILLIS) (continued):

Documents (continued):

A member was entitled to quote from **an** article from the print media, provided that he did not associate himself with an accusation if it was disparaging of or reflecting on a member of the other House, in which case the member was restricted to doing so by way of substantive motion, 10680.

In the opinion of the Chair it was improper for a member to allege directly that a member of Parliament was guilty of a criminal act. However, the member was at liberty to bring to the attention of the House that which may have been written in a newspaper, 10681.

Egan v. Willis and Cahill

The President informed the House that a statement of claim had been issued by the Hon. M. R. Egan against the President and the Usher of the Black Rod claiming unlawful trespass to the person of the plaintiff. The President advised the House that he had arranged for a firm of solicitors to act on behalf of the defendants to the proceedings, and that the proceedings had been instituted as thk most expeditious and convenient means of having the powers of the Legislative Council to order the production of documents determined by the courts, 827.

The President tabled a copy of the judgment of the Court of Appeal delivered on 29 November 1996, 6819.

The President reminded the House of the order of the House of 2 May 1996 that the Treasurer attend in his place and table certain documents, and that on 14 May 1996 the House resolved that the order be postponed until such time as the legal proceedings had been decided. In view of the court judgment handed down on 29 November 1996, the Chair called on the Treasurer to attend in his place to explain, 6822.

The Chair announced receipt of service of a copy of an application dated 2 December 1996 for special leave to appeal to the High Court of Australia from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of 29 November 1996, 6890.

Interjections, interruptions and disorder: *Conversation*

The level of conversation in the Chamber and galleries was too high, 10507.

The Chair had difficulty hearing a member over the noise and conversation in the Chamber, 8295.

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PRESIDENT (THE HON. MAX FREDERICK WILLIS) (continued):

Interjections, interruptions and disorder (continued):

Conversation (continued):

Members who wish to converse should do so outside the Chamber, 343, 10507.

Interjection

A member should not engage in interrogatories with the member with the call, 220.

Constant interjection makes it difficult for the member with the call to keep comments relevant to the motion, 584.

Members should refrain from interjecting, 3014, 8171, 8910, 10359, 10360, 11335.

If members interjecting wish to contribute to the debate, they should seek the call, 3338.

As the House was debating a serious matter, and the Leader of the Opposition had been heard in silence on the matter, the Chair entreated members to afford the same courtesy to the Leader of the House and allow his speech to be delivered uninterrupted by interjection, 5948.

A member was directed to hold his comments until he was given the call and to listen in silence, 7811.

Interjection makes it difficult for the Chair and Hansard to hear the proceedings, 8527.

Order and decorum

The member with the call is entitled to proceed interrupted, 3265.

Members should not converse from inside the Chamber with pwple outside the parameters of the Chamber, 4071, 8776.

A member who had contributed to the adjournment debate was directed to contain her comments, or to leave the Chamber, 4098.

Members were reminded to listen in silence to a personal explanation, 5205.

Personal explanations are serious matters that should be heard in silence, 5205, 6982.

It is grossly discourtwus to interrupt a member making a personal explanation, 5513.

The reading of newspapers in the Chamber is disorderly, 6101.

Council Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

PRESIDENT (THE HON. MAX FREDERICK WILLIS) (continued):

Interjections, interruptions and disorder (continued):

Order and decorum (continued):

Chatter makes it enormously difficult for the Chair to hear the proceedings, 6909.

The level of discussion and interjection was too high and members wishing to engage in social discourse were directed to do so outside the Chamber, 6994.

People in the public gallery are not permitted to applaud or to make any comment, 10328.

People in the public gallery are guests of the Parliament, 11037.

Points of order

As the Chair had ruled on a point of order, there should be no further debate on the issue, 6983.

Ouestion time

Members should refrain from interjecting, 108, 179, 428, 2375, 2602, 3111, 4027, 4143,4832, 5612, 7696, 7793, 9070, 11299.

Question time is for questions and answers, not a process of interrogatories, 179, 3670, 6997.

There was too much interjection, 431, 5507, 7578, 10845.

There was too much audible conversation or chatter in the Chamber, 1309, 4144.

Members should listen to Ministers' answers in silence, 1537, 3672, 7793.

Conversation and interjection makes it difficult for Hansard to report the proceedings, 1537, 1543, 3111, 4026,4027, 4945, 6231.

It is difficult for the Chair to hear questions and answers over conversation and interjection, 1543, 4236, 4945, 6231, 6784.

Ministers were directed to answer questions and not respond to interjections, 4143.

Question time is not designed for intimate conversations across the Chamber, 4832.

Ministers need no assistance from honourable members to answer questions, 5725, 10216.

As the level of interjection was high a Minister was asked to repeat the last part of the answer, 6227.

Council Legislative: Rulings, Observations and **Opinions of the Chair** (continued):

PRESIDENT (THE HON. MAX FREDERICK WILLIS) (continued):

Interjections, interruptions and disorder (continued):

Question time (continued):

Puerile exchanges across the Chamber while Ministers are answering questions are unacceptable, 7381.

Members who were disorderly would be named by the Chair, 7698.

Interjections are disorderly and the Chair was becoming intolerant of hectoring, 7265.

Question time is not an opportunity for members to engage in a personal slanging match, 7797.

The level of background noise in the House and in the President's Gallery was too high, 9331.

Members who did not cease interjecting would be called to order, 10845.

The President's Gallery:

Those in the President's gallery were advised that it is not a venue for gossip and chatter, 1204, 3723.

The Chair expressed displeasure with the amount of noise that emanated from the President's gallery. If ministerial advisers use the gallery as a gathering place for chatter the gallery will be cleared, 6475, 10507.

The Chair reminded the House of a warning given earlier that day about the intolerable level of chatter in the President's gallery, 6494.

Member removed:

In accordance with Standing Order 262 the Hon.

M. R. Egan was suspended from the services of the House for the remainder of that day's sitting. The Usher of the Black Rod was directed to escort the member from the precincts of the Parliament. The member declined to accompany the Usher of the Black Rod. The President advised the House that he had been informed by the Usher of the Black Rod that the member had defied the resolution of the House. The President left the Chair until the ringing of a long bell, 712.

Notices of motions:

In view of a resolution of the House, the Chair directed that a notice of motion be removed from the business paper, 5988.

Council Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

PRESIDENT (THE HON. MAX FREDERICK WILLIS) (continued):

Offensive and objectionable remarks, imputations and aspersions:

A member offended by a remark made by another member may seek to have the remark withdrawn, 344, 8295.

If a member wishes to correct the record, he has the right to do so by way of a personal explanation at the appropriate time, 1777.

The Leader of the Government was asked to use a more suitable expression than the one he had used, 2604

A member was directed to withdraw a comment made in relation to the contribution by another member to parliamentary committee proceedings, 5302.

Verballing is not contrary to the standing orders. However, if a member believes he had been verballed, other procedures are at his disposal, 6496.

Remarks complained of were not offensive, 8171, 8671, 10644.

Members may complain about allegedly offensive remarks made in relation to themselves, but not those directed at other members. 8171.

Expressions required to be withdrawn: "A really stupid member", 8926; "Boofhead", 11174.

Unless a member wishes to call for the *Hansard* record, the tradition of the House is to accept a member's explanation about words complained of, namely, that they were not directed to the member who made the complaint, 8671.

The Chair noted the implication in a statement that a member had taken steps to avoid duty to his country. As the comment was offensive, the Chair directed that the remark be withdrawn, 8929.

There would not be a repetition in the upper House of behaviour that occurred the day before in the other place. The Chair had not heard a member say words complained of but, if the member had said them, the Chair asked her to withdraw without reservation, 9499.

A member is entitled to quote from an article from the print media, provided that he does not associate himself with an accusation if it is disparaging of or reflecting on a member of the other House, in which case the member is restricted to doing so by way of substantive motion, 10680.

Council Legislative: Rulings, Observations and Opinions of the Chair (continued):

PRESIDENT (TEE HON • MAX FREDERICK WILLIS) (continued):

Offensive and objectionable remarks, imputations and aspersions (continued):

Members should not make allegations of **criminality** against other members, 10681.

It is improper for a member to allege directly that a member of Parliament is guilty of a criminal act. However, the member is at liberty to bring to the attention of the House that which may have been written in a newspaper, 10681.

Members should not make personal attacks against other members, 10716.

Parliamentary officers:

Resignation of Clerk-Assistant (Committees), Ms Giselle Blanche Dawson, 15

Appointment of Clerk-Assistant (Committees) and Usher of the Black Rod, Mr Warren Cameron Cahill, 15

Resignation of Editor of Debates, Mr Robin Arthur Dennis, 15

Appointment of Editor of Debates, Miss Norma Jennifer Ward, 16

Personal explanations:

Members should address the issue, 176.

Members should confine explanations to how they were misrepresented, and by whom, and to correcting the misrepresentation, 6982.

The Chair reminded members of a ruling of President Johnson on 22 February 1986 in relation to personal explanations, 6982.

It is in order for a member to make a personal explanation relating to reflections made on that member by sources outside the Parliament, 6983.

Members may make personal explanations about a reflection made on them by sources outside the Parliament, but only if the representation relates to their performance as members of Parliament, 6996.

Should a member assert that something said by another member misrepresents him, he has the right to seek to make a personal explanation, 8295.

Petitions:

Pursuant to Standing Order 40 a petition was ruled out of order as it reflected on a decision already taken by the House, 10451.

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A member was directed to address the point of order, 18, 180, 10680.

A point of order that an amendment was not ruled on or put to the House was ruled out of order. The Chair stated that if there was an inadequacy in the proceedings on a previous occasion, that was the time to raise the matter. The motion before the House was therefore ruled to be a valid motion,

A member should deal with a point of order at hand, rather than deal with a foreshadowed further point of order, 704.

The Chair would hear no more on a point of order, 842.

Many inaccurate things said in the House by members from both sides do not constitute points of order, 842.

A member was directed to state the point of order, 1776,4966,5724, 10466, 10838.

If a Minister addressed the point of order he would not have to contend with interjections, 3576.

A member was asked if he was taking a point of order, 4266.

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Points of order (continued):

Only the member who is vilified may take a point of order, or proceed by way of other forms of the House, 6835.

The Chair beseeched members not to take unnecessary points of order, 8667.

The Chair having ruled on a point of order, and having ruled a question out of order, reminded a member of **the** opportunity to move **dissent** from the ruling, should the member wish to do so, **9329**.

Precincts of the Parliament:

A point of order was taken in relation to the removal of an honourable member from the precincts of the Parliament, which it was contended had not been defined. The President ruled that in the absence of authority or a direction of the House to the contrary, he had taken the view that Standing Order 262 was reasonably interpretable to mean the precincts of the House. 712.

Procedure:

If a member intends to seek leave to have matter incorporated, he should not read at length from the material to be incorporated, 341.

The official record of the Parliament shows that an amendment had been ruled to be inadmissible. Therefore, the motion before the House was a valid motion, 590.

On the request of an honourable member, parts of a motion were put seriatim, 590, 3120.

If a Minister wishes to amend a motion relating to the adjournment of consideration of bills, he should do so in the appropriate manner, 716.

A motion for adjournment of debate on a bill until the next session of Parliament was ruled out of order, 3295.

The Chair ruled that the clock be stopped while the House considered whether leave would be granted to a member to table documents during the adjournment debate, 6537.

The procedures of the House do not provide for points of information, 6538.

Only one voice is required for leave not to be granted, 6538.

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It **is** *in* order, by way of amendment to a motion, to establish a select committee of which previous notice was not given, 6912.

A motion the same in substance as one earlier resolved in the negative is out of order, 7143

Members should not anticipate debate on a motion of which notice has been given, 7599.

Though it is in order for a member to complain about what might have happened in earlier proceedings in Committee, it is not in order for the member to enter into debate on a matter which has already been decided by the House, 9095.

Production of papers:

A point of order was taken that the House had no power constitutionally to order the production of documents and, therefore, it was not competent for the House to proceed with a motion of contempt. The President had regard to opinions of Solicitor General Mason dated 3 May 1994 and 19 December 1995, together with an opinion of Mr Bret Walker, SC, of 10 November 1995, together with rulings of former Presiding Officers, and ruled that there was no point of order, that it was perfectly within the powers of the House to call for the documents pursuant to the standing orders, or inherently, 706.

The President informed the House that a statement of claim had been issued by the Hon. M. R. Egan against the President and the Usher of the Black Rod claiming unlawful trespass to the person of the plaintiff. The President advised the House that he had arranged for a firm of solicitors to act on behalf of the defendants to the proceedings, and that the proceedings had been instituted as the most expeditious and convenient means of having the powers of the Legislative Council to order the production of documents determined by the courts, 827.

Questions without notice:

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Questions ruled in order, 427, 1206, 4453, 5112, 8778, 9326.

Questions ruled out of order, 1417, 8268, 8380, 8387, 8667, 9329, 9495.

Members were directed to ask their questions, 1080, 2979, 4134, 4554, 8783.

A question was ruled in order, although it did not come within the guidelines, 1207.

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Form (continued):

Members were asked to hand up copies of the questions, if available in written form, in order that the Chair could rule on admissibility, 1776, 4453, 5112.

Although it is not competent for members to canvass the findings of a committee in relation to a matter upon which it has not reported, it is competent to ask of a committee chairman questions relating to the operations of the committee in a mechanical sense. A committee chairman is at liberty to answer a question in whichever manner the chairman sees fit, 1776.

Lengthy and detailed questions should be placed on notice, 2493.

Questions ruled in order and not offending against the rule of anticipation, 5112, 8667, 8778.

Members' questions should comply with standing orders 29 and 30 and should relate to the public affairs of New South Wales, 8535.

Question time is not a medium through which members may seek the opinion of a Minister on matters that do not relate to public affairs, 8535.

Question ruled out of order as offending against the rule of anticipation, 9327.

Ministers cannot be expected to give detailed information in response to a question without notice, 9501.

The Chair has discretion in matters relating to anticipation of debate. However, as it was not known when a matter on the notice paper would be likely to proceed, a member was permitted to continue with a question, 7271.

The Chair referred a member to page 325 of **Erskine** May, where it is stated that matters relating to members of either House of Parliament, or to judges of superior courts, can proceed only by way of substantive motion, 8380.

Whether a question breached the rule of anticipation depended on the way the question was phrased, and the preamble to it, 8667.

Members were directed to carefully consider the structure of questions, 8667, in order that they might be shorter, 11001.

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Form (continued):

The Chair ruled that as the public affairs of New South Wales are quite clearly impacted by the effects of the Federal budget, a question was in order, 8670.

It is a longstanding rule of the Parliament that allegations that reflect adversely on members of either House should be brought by way of substantive motion. In this case the question referred, although not by name, to a member of the other place and was therefore **ruled** out of order, 9325.

As a question referred to the public affairs of New South Wales, the Attorney General was entitled to express an opinion, 9326.

The Chair advised that a question addressed to the Chair contravened a previous ruling that questions relating to the domestic affairs of the Parliament should be placed on notice. The Chair advised the member that the question should have been asked in the relevant estimates committee but, as the committee had not yet reported to the House, the Chair made an exception to the earlier ruling and answered the question, 10284.

It is not appropriate for members to ask Ministers for legal opinions, 10845.

Minister's latitude

A Minister was directed to answer the question and not address his genealogy, 14.

Ministers were directed to return to their answers, 179,432, 4832, 6376, 6854, 7488, 8271.

It is not for the Chair to **rule** part of a question out of order on the basis that it sought a legal opinion. Rather, it is customary for a Minister to say it is not proper for him to offer legal advice, 181, 5113.

A Minister may request that a question be placed on notice, 1080.

Ministers may answer questions in whatever way they choose, 1779, 5724, 8387.

Ministers are not obliged to give legal advice, 1301.

A Minister was reminded of the subject matter of the question, 5204.

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In answering a question it is improper and contrary to standing orders to reflect on a decision of the House, 5392.

Ministers should act with discretion in giving answers, 5724.

A Minister could curtail his answer by asking the member to put the question on notice, 7003.

Ministers were directed to answer questions, not to reply to interjections, 7264, 8923

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Members were directed to ask their questions, 1203, 3576.

Members were directed to ask questions and not to make speeches, 1203.

Ministers need no assistance to answer questions, 4134, **8920**.

If a Minister wishes to elaborate on a previous answer, he should provide a supplementary answer at the end of question time, 9173.

Supplementary

In order to establish that a question is a supplementary question, the substance of the supplementary question must relate to the substance of the original question, 3575.

There was sufficient nexus between one question and another for the subsequent question to be in order as a supplementary question, 3576.

Questions ruled not to be supplementary but the same question, 6231, 8387, 11175.

A question was ruled not to be a supplementary question. However, the Chair **left** it to the Minister to decide whether to answer it, 7697.

Questions that reiterate part of the question originally asked are not supplementary questions. A supplementary question should be a new question relative to the issue but not a repetition of the original question, either in full or in part, and the Chair stated that it would rule accordingly in future, 10909.

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Relevance:

Members comments should be relevant, 219.

A member's comments were ruled out of order as they were not relevant to the provisions of the bill being debated, 10185.

Tabling of documents:

It is **in** order to table an entire document, but not selected parts of it, 584.

A member was asked if a document sought to be tabled was publicly available, 6537.

A member was asked whether a document he sought to table was publicly available, and how many pages it comprised, 6663.

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