

STANDING ORDERS 71-77

ESTIMATES PROCEDURE

*Time in Committee
of Supply*

71. (1) The procedure in Committee of Supply shall be limited to not more than 75 hours to be reduced in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders 71 to 77.

(2) For the purposes of Standing Order 77(1) "Committee of Supply" includes the Committee of Supply on the main estimates and on interim supply forming a part of the main estimates.

(SO 116 added 1979)

*Estimates referred
to Committee*

72. (1) The striking committee established pursuant to Standing Order 65(1) may move the appointment at each Session, following the presentation of the motion to move "That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government", of a committee or committees of the House composed of such Members as are set out in the motion to consider and report upon any estimates referred to it.

(2) Subject to Standing Order 68, the Members of each committee shall be elected by the House.

(3) The Government Services Committee, Social Services Committee and the Resource Committee may act as committees under Standing Orders 71 to 77.

(SO 117 added 1979 amended 1999)

*Procedure in
Committee*

73. (1) Each committee shall consist of not less than 7 nor more than 15 Members.

(2) Each committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

(3) Standing Orders 67 and 68 apply to each committee.

(4) Each committee may set its own hours of sitting but may not sit when the House is sitting, except by leave of the House.

(5) Notwithstanding Standing Order 46, the Minister introducing his or her estimates and the

Member speaking immediately in reply shall not speak for more than 15 minutes and every other Member shall not speak for more than 10 minutes at a time during Committee of Supply, or during the debate in a committee or committees established under Standing Order 72.

(6) A committee may not question public servants except through the Minister, and may not call witnesses.

(SO 118 added 1979)

Time limits

74. (1) The House may refer such Heads of Expenditure (Estimates), as it may decide, upon motion of the House Leader, to a committee or committees established under Standing Order 72. Such motion shall be decided without debate or amendment.

(2) Three hours shall be deducted for each Head of Expenditure so referred from the time allocated under Standing Order 71.

(SO 119 added 1979 amended 1999 & 2005)

*At the end of
15 days*

75. (1) Each committee shall, at the conclusion of 15 sitting days of the House of Assembly following the reference of estimates to it, put all questions, without debate, needed to carry every subhead of each Head of expenditure referred to it before making a report to the House.

(2) All estimates not selected for consideration by the respective Standing Committee on Estimates shall be deemed to be passed by the Committee and reported back to the House at the conclusion of the 15 day period.

(SO 120 added 1979 amended 1999)

Concurrence

76. (1) Upon the making of a report under Standing Order 75, a motion shall be deemed to be before the House that the report be concurred in.

(2) The motion to concur in the report of each committee may be debated for not more than 3 hours and at the conclusion of that period of time the motion shall be put by the Speaker.

(3) The time allocated under Standing

Order 76 (2) for the concurrence debates shall be deducted from the 75 hours allocated for Committee of Supply.

(SO 121 added 1979)

Estimates in House

77. (1) Any estimates not referred to a committee or committees under Standing order 74 shall be considered in Committee of the Whole on Supply.

(2) At the conclusion of the 75 hours as reduced by Standing Orders 71 to 77 the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole on Supply shall put all questions, without debate, necessary to carry every subhead of each Head of Expenditure not referred to a committee or committees or considered by the Committee of Supply.

(SO 122 added 1979)