

STANDING ORDERS 8-11

SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE

Daily Sittings

8. The time for the meeting of the House is at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays inclusive. On Wednesdays the time for the meeting of the House is at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. If a quorum is not present at 15 minutes after that time, the Speaker shall adjourn the House until the usual hour on the next sitting day. When the House rises on Thursday, it stands adjourned, unless otherwise ordered, until the following Monday.

(1951 SO 2 R&S 1999)

Adjournment

9. If at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon except on Wednesday, the business of the House is not concluded, the Speaker shall leave the Chair until 7 o'clock. At the hour of 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the Speaker adjourns the House without question put.

(1951 SO 7 R&S 1999)

Evenings

10. At 10 o'clock in the evening, unless the closure rule (SO 47) be then in operation, the proceedings of any business under consideration shall be interrupted and the Speaker shall adjourn the House without question put, provided that all business not disposed of at the termination of the sitting shall stand over until the next sitting day when it will be taken up at the stage where its progress was interrupted.

(1951 SO 8 amended 1999)

Extended sittings

11. The Government House Leader may move that the House not adjourn at 5:30 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons or at 10 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings but notice of this motion must be given at a previous day's sitting and once put by the Chair is not debatable.

(SO 11 added 1999)