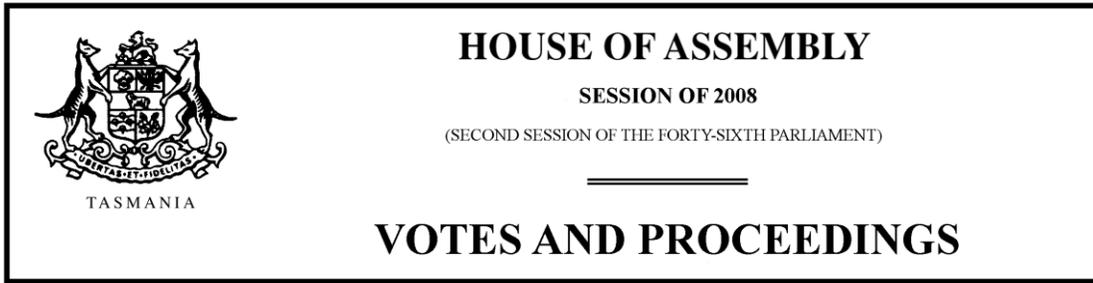


EXTRACT



No. 65

WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2009

25 CONSOLIDATED FUND APPROPRIATION BILLS (NUMBERS. 1 AND 2) 2009: ALLOTMENT OF TIME FOR DEBATE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEES. – *Ordered, That:*

- (a) all stages of the Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2009 and the Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2009 shall have allotted a maximum total of 97 hours as follows:
 - (i) up to the Second Reading: Maximum 16 hours;
 - (ii) in the Estimates Committees: Maximum 63 hours; and
 - (iii) in Committee of the whole House and Third reading: Maximum 18 hours;
- (b) on the Second reading, the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Tasmanian Greens have unlimited speaking time and other Members speak for not longer than 30 minutes each; and
- (c) when the Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2009 have been read the Second time in the House of Assembly, the Bills be referred to Estimates Committees A and B of the House of Assembly.

Such Committees may not vote on, but may examine and report upon the proposed expenditures contained in the Bills by no later than 30 June 2009, with such expenditures being considered on an output by output basis, including Grants, Subsidies and Loans and the Capital Investment Program.

COMMITTEE SCHEDULE - HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The following Ministerial portfolio units are allocated to House of Assembly Estimates Committee A:—

Date	Minister	Portfolios
Monday, 22 June (10 hours)	Hon. D. J. Bartlett MP	Premier Minister for Education and Skills

Tuesday, 23 June (10 hours)	Hon. M. A. Aird MLC	Treasurer Minister for Economic Development Minister for Racing
Wednesday, 24 June (8 hours)	Hon M. A. O’Byrne MP	Minister for Environment, Parks, Heritage and the Arts Minister for Tourism Minister for Sport and Recreation
Thursday, 25 June (5 hours)	Hon. G. L. Sturges MP	Minister for Infrastructure Minister for Veterans’ Affairs

The following Ministerial portfolio units are allocated to House of Assembly Estimates Committee B:—

Date	Minister	Portfolios
Monday, 22 June (9 hours)	Hon. D. E. Llewellyn MP	Minister for Primary Industries and Water Minister for Energy and Resources Minister for Planning
Tuesday, 23 June (9 hours)	Hon. L. T. Giddings MP	Attorney-General Minister for Justice Minister for Health
Wednesday, 24 June (5 hours)	Hon. J. G. Cox MP	Minister for Police and Emergency Management Minister for Local Government
Thursday, 25 June (3.5 hours)	Hon. L. M. Singh MP	Minister for Corrections and Consumer Protection Minister for Workplace Relations Minister Assisting the Premier on Climate Change
	Hon. L. E. Thorp MLC (3.5 hours)	Minister for Human Services

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES - HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ESTIMATES

(1) Estimates Committees A and B shall each consist of 6 Members, being 3 from the Government nominated by the Leader of the House, 2 from the Opposition nominated by the Leader of Opposition Business in the House, and 1 from the Tasmanian Greens nominated by the Leader of the Greens, to the Speaker.

(2) The Chair of Committees shall be the Chair of Estimates Committee A, and a Deputy Chair of Committees shall be the Chair of Estimates Committee B. In the absence of the Chair of either Committee, the Members of the Committee present shall elect another Chair *pro tempore*.

(3) The Chair of a Committee has a deliberative and a casting vote.

(4) During sittings, substitute Members may be allowed at the discretion of the Chair.

- (5) If a vacancy occurs in the membership of a Committee, the Speaker may nominate a Member in substitution, but in so doing has regard to the composition of the Committee as appointed by the House.
- (6) A Committee may proceed with business despite a vacancy in its membership.
- (7) The quorum of a Committee is a majority of the Committee.
- (8) If at any time a quorum is not present, the Chair will suspend proceedings of the Committee until a quorum is present or adjourn the Committee.
- (9) Any time lost for lack of a quorum shall be added to the time allocated to that session.
- (10) Members of the House who are not Members of the Committee may participate in proceedings by asking a maximum of two questions on each program unit, but may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purposes of a quorum.

SITTING TIMES

- (1) Each Estimates Committee meets only in accordance with the time-table adopted by the House or as varied by the Chair. If a Committee is sitting on any day –
 - (a) when a Minister is appearing before an Estimates Committee for a maximum time of ten hours the Committee commences at 9.00 a.m. and is suspended at 1.30 p.m., unless otherwise ordered and recommences at 2.30 p.m. and adjourns at 8.00 pm unless otherwise ordered;
 - (b) when a Minister is appearing before an Estimates Committee for a maximum time of nine hours the Committee commences at 9.00 a.m. and is suspended at 12.30 p.m., unless otherwise ordered and recommences at 1.30 p.m. and adjourns at 7.00 pm unless otherwise ordered;
 - (c) when a Minister is appearing before an Estimates Committee for a maximum time of eight hours the Committee commences at 9.00 a.m. and is suspended at 12.30 p.m., unless otherwise ordered and recommences at 2.00 p.m. and adjourns at 6.30 pm unless otherwise ordered;
 - (d) when a Minister is appearing before an Estimates Committee for a maximum time of five hours the Committee commences at 9.00 a.m. and is suspended at 12.30 p.m., unless otherwise ordered and recommences at 2.00 p.m. and adjourns at 3.30 p.m. unless otherwise ordered; and
 - (e) when the Minister for Minister for Corrections and Consumer Protection, Minister for Workplace Relations, Minister Assisting the Premier on Climate Change is appearing before an Estimates Committee for a maximum time of three hours and thirty minutes, the Committee commences at 9.00 a.m. and adjourns at 12.30 p.m., unless otherwise ordered;
 - (f) when the Minister for Human Services is appearing before an Estimates Committee for a maximum time of three hours and thirty minutes, the Committee commences at 1.30 p.m. and adjourns at 5.00 p.m., unless otherwise ordered;
- (2) Estimates Committees may sit only when the House is not sitting.

OPEN HEARINGS

All hearings of the Estimates Committees are open to the public.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

- (1) Consideration of proposed expenditures in an Estimates Committee follows as far as possible the procedure observed in a Committee of the whole House.
- (2) A Committee will consider expenditures on an output by output basis, including Grants, Subsidies and Loans and the Capital Investment Program.
- (3) A Committee may ask for explanations from a Minister relating to the outputs.
- (4) The Minister who is asked for explanations may be assisted where necessary by officers in the provision of factual information.
- (5) Officers may answer questions at the request of the Minister but shall not be required to comment on policy matters.
- (6) Time limits of one minute for a question and three minutes for an answer shall apply in Estimates Committees.
- (7) Questions may be asked on a ratio of two Opposition, one Tasmanian Green and one Government or in such form as the Committee determines.
- (8) A Minister may advise an Estimates Committee that an answer to a question, or part of a question, asked of the Minister will be given later to the Committee, where possible that Committee sitting day.
- (9) A Minister may provide additional information to a Committee about an answer given by or for the Minister.
- (10) Additional information -
 - (a) is to be written;
 - (b) is to be given by a time decided by the Committee; and
 - (c) may be included in a volume of additional information laid on the Table of the House by the Committee.
- (11) If any Member persistently disrupts the business of an Estimates Committee, the Chair-
 - (a) names the Member;
 - (b) if the Member named is a Member of the Estimates Committee, suspends the sitting of the Estimates Committee until the Chair has reported the offence to the Speaker; and
 - (c) if the Member named is not a Member of the Estimates Committee, orders that Member's withdrawal from the sitting of the Committee until the Chair has reported the offence to the Speaker;

as soon as practicable, the Chair advises the Speaker who then gives notice that the Member of the Estimates Committee be replaced.

- (12) If any objection is taken to a ruling or decision of the Chair -
- (a) the objection must be taken at once and stated in writing;
 - (b) the Chair, as soon as practicable, advises the Speaker who makes a ruling on the matter; and
 - (c) the Estimates Committee may continue to meet but may not further examine the output then under consideration.
- (13) Television coverage will be allowed, subject to the same conditions that apply to televising of the House of Assembly.

HANSARD REPORT

An unedited transcript of Estimates Committee proceedings is to be circulated, in a manner similar to that used for the House Hansard, as soon as practicable after the Committee's proceedings.

REPORTS OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEES

- (1) A report of an Estimates Committee is presented by the Chair or Deputy Chair of that Committee to a Committee of the whole House, such reports containing any resolution or expression of opinion of that Committee.
- (2) When the reports of the Estimates Committees are presented they may be taken into consideration at once or at a future time.
- (3) The following time limit applies to consideration of reports of Estimates Committees on each portfolio unit on the question "That the proposed expenditures be agreed to and that the resolutions or expressions of opinion agreed to by the Committees in relation to those expenditures be noted."

One Minister, the Leader of the Opposition or Member deputised by the Leader - 20 minutes, and the Leader of a recognised third party or Member deputised by the Leader - 20 minutes, any other Member - 10 minutes. A maximum period for consideration of 2 hours for each Minister.

- (4) When the consideration of reports of Estimates Committees A and B has been completed, the question is proposed and put forthwith without debate "That the remainder of the Bills be agreed to."
- (5) When the Bills have been agreed to by the House, the Third reading of each Bill may be taken into consideration at once or made an order of the day for the next sitting day. (The Minister for Primary Industries and Water)