

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

1. Standing Order 2 is amended by substituting for paragraph (b) thereof a new paragraph as follows -

(b) references to Mr. Speaker shall be deemed to include references to the Deputy Speaker when presiding over the Council and to any Member of the Legislative Council for the time being so presiding, or, as the case may be, to the Chairman of Committees or to any such Member for the time being presiding over a Committee of the whole Council, and references to the Chairman of Committees shall be deemed to include references to Mr. Speaker when presiding over a Committee of the whole Council or to any such Member for the time being so presiding.

2. Standing Order 7 is hereby revoked.

3. There shall be substituted for Standing Order 8 a new Order as follows -

Chairman of Committees of the whole Council.	8. The Deputy Speaker shall be Chairman of Committees, and shall preside over all Committees of the whole Council:
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Provided that if the Deputy Speaker is absent, or if the office of Deputy Speaker is vacant, or if the Deputy Speaker considers that it is desirable that he should take part in any proceedings in Committee otherwise than as the person presiding, Mr. Speaker or such Member as the senior member of the Council of Ministers present may appoint shall take the Chair in his stead.

4. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order 9 is amended by substituting for the expression "2.15.p.m." the expression "2.30.p.m.".

5. Standing Orders are amended by inserting, immediately before Standing Order 105, a new Standing Order as follows -

Presentation of Annual Estimates and delivery of Financial Statement (Budget).	104A. The Annual Estimates shall be laid on the Table of the Council, and the Financial Statement thereon shall be delivered, not later than the last day of May.
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6. Standing Order 107 is amended by substituting for the expression "6.15.p.m.", in both places where it appears, the expression "6.30.p.m.".

7. Paragraph (a) of Standing Order 108 is deleted.

8. Standing Orders 109, 110 and 111 are hereby revoked.

9. Standing Order 112 is amended by inserting therein, immediately after paragraph (5), a new paragraph as follows -

(5A) Any Vote on Account shall be put down as the first business on the first of the allotted days, being a day before 7th June; and if on the last allotted day before 7th June the question with respect to any Vote on Account shall not have been put, then the Chairman shall, one half-hour before the time for the interruption of business, forthwith put that question.

10. Standing Orders are amended by inserting immediately before Standing Order 115, the three following Orders -

Moving into
Committee
of Ways and
Means.

114A. On an Order of the Day for Committee of Ways and Means being read Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without question put unless a Minister moves "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of enabling the Minister to deliver a Financial Statement.

Procedure on
Financial
Statement
(Budget).

114B. The debate on the Financial Statement on the Annual Estimates shall be limited to five days exclusive of the Mover's speech and reply.

Debate on
Financial
Statement
(Budget)
to take
precedence.

114C. Unless otherwise ordered, the debate on the Financial Statement on the Annual Estimates shall take precedence of all other business, and until disposed of shall be set down each day as the first business of that day.