

APPROPRIATION BILLS (No. 1 and No. 2) 2026

**ALLOTMENT OF TIME FOR DEBATE
AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEES**

- (1) Speaker, I seek leave to move a Motion without Notice.
- (2) Speaker, I move - That Government Business take precedence from such time as the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2026 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2026 are introduced, until the House has dealt with all business associated with the Budget.
- (3) Speaker, I move - That:
 - (a) all stages of the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2026 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2026 shall have allotted a maximum total of 103.5 hours as follows:
 - (i) up to the Second Reading: Maximum 15 hours;
 - (ii) in the Estimates Committees: Maximum 70.5 hours; and
 - (iii) in Committee of the whole House and Third reading: Maximum 18 hours;
 - (b) on the Second reading, the Premier, the Treasurer, the Leader of the Opposition, and Leader of Greens, have unlimited speaking time and other Members speak for not longer than 20 minutes each;
 - (c) when the Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2026 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 Tuesday 16 June 2026, with such expenditures being considered on an output by output basis, including Grants, Subsidies and Loans and the Capital Investment Program.

The following Ministerial portfolio units are allocated to:

House of Assembly Estimates Committee A:—

Date	Minister
<u>Monday, 1 June</u> 0800 - 1200 Premier (4 hours) 1300 - 1500 Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (2 hours) 1500 - 1900 Minister for Health, Mental Health & Wellbeing (4 hours) 1900 - 2000 Minister for Ageing (1 hour)	Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP (4 hours) Hon. Bridget Archer MP (7 hours)
<u>Tuesday, 2 June</u> 0900 - 1300 Treasurer (4 hours) 1400 - 1600 Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal (2 hours) 1600 - 2000 Minister for Housing and Planning (inc. Homes Tas.) (4 hours)	Hon. Eric Abetz MP (6 hours) Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC (4 hrs subtotal)
<u>Wednesday, 3 June</u> 0900 - 1030 Minister for Local Government (1½ hours) 1030 - 1300 Minister for Infrastructure and Transport 1400 - 1530 <i>cont.</i> (4 hours)	Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC <i>cont.</i> (5½ hrs subtotal, total 9½ hours)
<u>Thursday, 4 June</u> 0900 - 1200 Minister for Police, Fire & Emergency Management (3 hours) 1200 - 1300 Minister for Skills & Jobs (inc. TasTafe) 1400 - 1500 <i>cont.</i> (2 hours) 1500 - 1800 Minister for Business, Industry and Resources (3 hours)	Hon. Felix Ellis MP (8 hours)

House of Assembly Estimates Committee B:—

Date	Minister
<u>Monday, 1 June</u> 0900 - 1200 Minister for Energy & Renewables (3 hours) 1300 - 1430 Minister for Sport (inc. Stadiums Tas) (1½ hour) 1430 - 1630 Minister for Parks (2 hours)	Hon. Nick Duigan MLC (6½ hours)
<u>Tuesday, 2 June</u> 0830 - 1100 Attorney-General (2½ hours) 1100 - 1230 Minister for Justice Corrections & Rehabilitation (1½ hours) 1330 - 1500 Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs (1½ hours) 1500 - 1900 Minister for Primary Industries & Water (4 hours) 1900 - 2000 Minister for Veterans' Affairs (1 hour)	Hon. Guy Barnett MP (5½ hours) Hon. Gavin Pearce MP (5 hours)
<u>Wednesday, 3 June</u> 0800 - 1100 Minister for Education (3 hours) 1100 - 1200 Minister for Disability Services (1 hour) 1300 - 1600 Minister for Children & Youth (3 hours) 1600 - 1800 Minister for Racing (2 hours) 1800 - 1900 Minister for Women & the Prevention of Family Violence (1 hour) 1900 - 2000 Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events (1 hour)	Hon. Jo Palmer MLC (7 hours) Hon. Jane Howlett MP (4 hours)
<u>Thursday, 4 June</u> 0900 - 1230 Minister for Environment (3½ hours) 1330 - 1530 Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy (2 hour) 1530 - 1700 Minister for Community & Multicultural Affairs (1½ hours) 1700 - 1800 Minister for the Arts & Heritage (1 hour)	Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP (8 hours)

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES - HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ESTIMATES

- (1) Estimates Committee A consists of the following four Members:
The Chair of Committees (Chair);
One Member nominated by the Leader of the House (Deputy Chair);
One Member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition; and
One Member nominated by the Leader of the Greens.
- (2) Estimates Committee B consists of the following four Members:
One Member nominated by the Leader of the House (Chair);
One Member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition (Deputy Chair);
One Member nominated by the Leader of the Greens; and
One Member nominated by the SFF and Independents.
- (3) Members of the House who have not been appointed as Members of the Committee, may participate in proceedings by asking questions, in alignment with the ratio of questions; and may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purposes of a quorum.
- (4) The Chair of a Committee has a deliberative and a casting vote.
- (5) During sittings, substitute Members may be allowed.
- (6) 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.
- (7) A Committee may proceed with business despite a vacancy in its membership.
- (8) The quorum of a Committee is a majority of the Committee.
- (9) 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.
- (10) Any time lost for lack of a quorum shall be added to the time allocated to that session.

SITTING TIMES

- (1) Each Estimates Committee meets only in accordance with the abovementioned timetable adopted by the House.
- (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 three Opposition, two Green, two Independents or SFF (to be allocated at the discretion of the Chair), and one Government.

(8) Questions must be relevant to the portfolio and outputs of a particular session. Ministers must also be relevant to the question asked and at the discretion of the Chair, the committee may move to a new question if the Minister is not deemed to be relevant to the question asked. Whether the question is counted towards the rotation of questions will also be at the discretion of the Chair.

(9) 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.

(10) A Minister may provide additional information to a Committee about an answer given by or for the Minister.

(11) Additional information -

(a) is to be written;

(b) is to be provided to the Committee by no later than 5.00 pm Friday, 12 June 2026; and

(c) may be included in a volume of additional information laid on the Table of the House by the Committee.

(12) 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.

(13) 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.

(14) 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) A time limit of 30 minutes per Member applies to consideration of reports of Estimates Committees 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.”

(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.