



TEMPORARY ORDER

COVID-19 RELATED BUSINESS

BY RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE ON 31 MARCH 2020

If, following agreement with the party leaders or Members deputed, the Leader of the House or the Member deputed by the Leader advises the House that it is necessary to introduce a Government Bill or undertake any other immediate business arising from or in connection to COVID-19, the following Temporary Order shall apply in respect of those matters:

- 1) Any business then before the House, other than formal business, a matter of privilege, or a motion subject to SO 67 shall be adjourned to a later hour;
- 2) Any such Bill may be introduced without notice and shall proceed through its stages at dates and times determined by the House;
- 3) Any such Bill the subject of a Message from the Legislative Assembly may be taken into consideration on the day on which it is received;
- 4) On any sitting day, and after first consulting with the party leaders or Members deputed, the President may order that one or more of the following items of business in the order of business for that day be dispensed with:
 - (a) Non-Government Business;
 - (b) Private Members' Business; and
 - (c) Consideration of Committee Reports.
- 5) If ordered, the Council shall sit beyond the following times on the days specified until Members' Statements are called by the President and, in such case, SO 5(5) applies:

Tuesday 9.45pm;

Wednesday 6.20pm;

Thursday 5.20pm.

- 6) After first consulting with the party leaders or their representatives, the Leader of the House or a Member deputed may set maximum time limits for each stage of a Bill or a motion and on the expiry of that maximum time limit all questions relating to the stage of a Bill or motion, including any amendment, shall be put and determined *seriatim*.
- 7) A requirement for notice to be given in respect to any motion to be moved by the Leader of the House or a Minister is dispensed with;
- 8) That, in the event that a scheduled sitting day of the House does not take place, the usual process for Questions on Notice that would have occurred on that day, shall still occur.
- 9) Standing Orders are suspended accordingly to the extent necessary to effect these arrangements; and
- 10) This Temporary Order to apply until 27 November 2020 or the lifting of the state of emergency declared in Western Australia arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, whichever occurs first.

