



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

**FIRST REPORT
OF THE SEVENTH ASSEMBLY**

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Mr Manzie

Mr Setter

FIRST REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE OF THE SEVENTH ASSEMBLY

The Standing Orders Committee has the honour to present its report to the Legislative Assembly.

At the first meeting of the Standing Orders Committee, held on 1 September 1994, the Clerk announced the formation of the Committee on 27 June 1994. Membership comprises Mr N R Bell, MLA, Mrs M A Hickey, MLA, the Honourable T R McCarthy, MLA, the Honourable D W Manzie, MLA, and Mr R A Setter, MLA.

The Honourable T R McCarthy, MLA, was nominated as Chairman by the Honourable D W Manzie, MLA, and, there being no further nominations, duly appointed.

Operation of the Legislative Assembly in the New Parliament House Building: At its meeting held on 14 April 1994, the previous Committee agreed to a range of matters relating to the operation of the Assembly in the new Parliament House and the new Committee agreed that the two most urgent matters to be agreed to before the move were the ringing of the bells and the appointment of Tellers in Divisions.

(A) RINGING OF THE BELLS

It was agreed that there was a requirement for bells to ring for at least three minutes for Members to participate in a Division or a Quorum to allow Members to travel from various areas of the building to the Chamber. The one minute ringing of bells is to remain in place for subsequent Divisions.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Standing Orders 161 and 162 be amended as follows -

omit "2 minutes" wherever occurring and insert in its place "3 minutes".

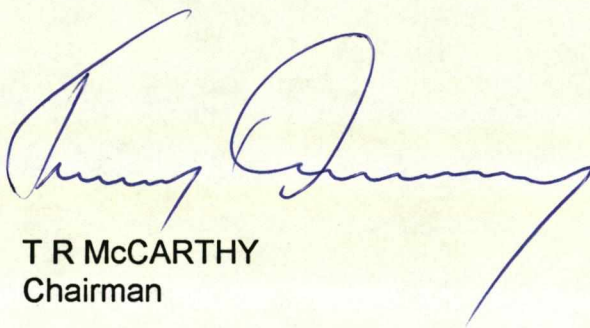
(B) USE OF TELLERS IN DIVISIONS

It had previously been agreed that the Assembly adopt the practice of using Tellers in Divisions in the new Parliament House Chamber. The Tellers would be the Government and Opposition Whips who will report to the Clerks of the Table.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Standing Order 164 be amended as follows:

at the end of Standing Order 164 add "Members having accordingly taken sides, the Chair shall appoint a Teller for each side."



T R McCARTHY
Chairman