



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

CATEGORIES OF BUSINESS

There are three main categories of business:

1. Business of the Assembly

Business of the Assembly takes precedence over other categories and is:

- a motion regarding the qualification of a Member
- a motion to disallow, disapprove or declare void and of no effect any instrument made under the authority of an Act (e.g. subordinate legislation)
- an order of the day for the presentation of a committee report
- a motion or order of the day for the appointment or membership of any committee
- messages from the Administrator.

2. Government Business

Government Business is initiated by a Minister and usually takes precedence over General Business.

3. General Business

General Business consists of all other business initiated by any Member. The Routine of Business agreed by the Assembly sets aside a time for this.

Notices and Orders of the Day

Within each category there are two types of items: Notices and Orders of the Day.

Notices are a list of proposed motions to be moved. Notices are placed on the Notice Paper in the order they were given to the Assembly. If debate on a Notice has not concluded and is adjourned it will become an Order of the Day for a later time.

Orders of the Day are the items of business the Assembly has set down for consideration at a later time. The most common Orders of the Day are orders to continue a debate adjourned on a previous day.

Matters not dealt with

There is typically more business listed on the Notice Paper than the Assembly has time to consider. Items not dealt with remain on the Notice Paper until they are dealt with.

SUMMARY

There are three categories of business:

- Business of the Assembly
- Government Business
- General Business.

The Routine of Business

The Standing Orders and Sessional Orders set out the Routine of Business, that is the order in which the Assembly will consider business. See the next page for the Routine of Business agreed to by the 14th Assembly.

Lunch suspension

It is the practice of the Assembly to suspend each day between 12.00pm and 2.00pm to allow committees to meet.

For further information about the Assembly's business see: <https://parliament.nt.gov.au/business>

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Routine of Business

Tuesday and Thursday:

1. 10:00
Prayers and Acknowledgement of Country
Ministerial Reports
2. Government Business – Notices and Orders of the Day
3. 14:00
Notices
Petitions
Questions
4. Government Business – Notices and Orders of the Day
5. Ministerial Policy Statements and Forecasts
6. Papers
7. Consideration of Committee Reports, Government Responses and Auditor-General's Reports
8. Responses to Petitions
9. Discussion pursuant to Standing Order 66 (Matter of Public Importance)

Wednesday

1. 10:00
Prayers and Acknowledgement of Country
2. Ministerial Reports
3. Government Business – Notices and Orders of the Day
4. 14:00
Notices
Petitions
Questions
5. General Business – Notices and Orders of the Day
6. 19:00
Government Business