

THE ESTIMATES PROCESS



Presentation of the Budget and the Budget Debate

Budget Speech / Budget Debate

→ Defeat of Government

- Estimates tabled in the Assembly
- Resumed debate may not exceed five days
- Only one amendment and one Subamendment permitted
- Mover of motion has 20 minutes to close debate
- Upon adoption of Budget Motion, Estimates shall be deemed referred to a committee

→ Agreed

→ Negatived

Policy Field Committees

- Estimates permanently referred by the Assembly
- Resolutions adopted reported to the Assembly

House Services Committee

- Estimates for the Legislative Assembly and officers of the Assembly
- Resolutions adopted reported to the Assembly

Committee of Finance

- Estimates for the Department of the Executive Council
- Resolutions adopted reported to the Assembly
- Interim supply resolutions

Expedited process for the passage of Estimates on the second last day of Session:

- Standing committees must convene in the morning to conclude examination of Estimates while Assembly must resolve into the Committee of Finance on Orders of the Day to conclude examination of Estimates
- Votes taken even if there is no quorum
- Estimates must have been considered for required number of hours for it to be voted upon (not less than 2 hours for each departmental Estimate and 75 hours for all Estimates)
- No additional amendments may be moved
- Chair required to put question on outstanding question, followed by a combined question on remaining votes
- Estimates reported to Assembly later that day

Assembly

- Sums approved by the committees included in the next Appropriation Bill

Consideration of the Appropriation Bill

Introduction & 1st Reading

→ Bill removed from Order Paper

2nd and 3rd Reading

→ Bill removed from Order Paper

- Special Order with combined 2nd and 3rd Readings
- Resumed debate shall not exceed one day except when Appropriation Bill is introduced on the day prior to Completion Day

Royal Assent