

## ADDENDUM

### AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017

#### 1. S.O. 16 AMENDMENT

**ADD 16 (5)** - *“Within twenty-one (21) days of the return to Bermuda of an officially recognized parliamentary delegation composed in any part of Members of the House of Assembly, the head of the delegation, or a Member acting on his behalf, shall present a report to the House on the activities of the delegation if the House is in Session or as soon as practicable”.*

#### 2. S.O. 17 AMENDMENT - Add a new S.O. 17 (11) PREMIER’S QUESTIONS

*17 (11) (i) “ During the second Friday of each month that the House is in session, there shall be a Premier’s Question Period at the time designated in the Order of Business. (To be inserted after “Reports of Committees”.) Premier’s question time shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes.*

*17 (11) (ii) During Premier’s question time, questions may be put to the Premier relative to current matters of national importance or on the general performance of Government Ministries and Government Agencies; including a routine question about the Premier’s engagements.*

*17 (11) (ii) The Leader of the Opposition may ask three (3) questions. Other Members may ask one (1) question only. Only Members asking questions will be afforded two (2) supplemental questions.*

#### 3. S.O. 34 (1) AMENDMENT

Add 34 (1) (e) *Parliamentary Oversight Committees.*

#### 4. S.O. 34 AMENDMENT – Add a new S.O. 34 (6) PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES

*34(6) (a) A Parliamentary Oversight Committee shall be a Joint Select Committee with five (5) Members appointed by the Speaker (who may also discharge and replace them) to sit with Members of the Senate for a total of seven (7) members inclusive of the Chair (appointed by the Speaker).*

- (i) The Committees shall number no less than three (3) and no more than five (5)*
- (ii) Each of the committees will bear names reflective of the Ministries under their purview and such names shall change in accordance with composition as a result of Portfolios assigned by the Premier.*

- (iii) *The Speaker, in consultation with the Standing Orders Committee, shall assign any new Ministry to an existing committee or establish and name a new committee, whichever is more practicable.*

34 (6) (b) *A Parliamentary Oversight Committee shall each have the duty of examining, considering and reporting to the House on:*

- (i) *Any inquiry into assigned agencies and departments identifying deficiencies in their administration and operations;*
- (ii) *Any recommendations to improve governance, reduce waste and increase efficiency of the operations of assigned agencies and departments;*
- (iii) *Any bill to be examined, referred to it pursuant to Standing Order 29(2).*

## **Appendix B**

### **GUIDELINES FOR PREMIER'S QUESTIONS**

1. A question to the Premier shall be asked without argument or opinion and shall not address more than one matter of general government policy.
2. Members wishing to ask questions should inform the Speaker before the sitting begins.
3. The Speaker will compile a list of Members wanting to ask questions.
4. The Speaker will extend courtesy to the Leader of the Opposition to put his/her questions first.