Making the law – Parliamentary process and legislation



Introduction

 Nature and purpose of parliamentary procedure

Sources of procedure

Brief overview of legislative process

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Exists

- To contribute to the legislature by supporting the consideration of legislation, scrutiny of executive government, and other parliamentary business
- To facilitate participation in, and understanding of parliamentary democracy

Purpose of parliamentary procedure



Sources of procedure

- Statute
- Standing Orders
- Other orders of the House (eg sessional orders)
- Rulings of the Speaker
- Practice of the House, (recommended procedures, committee guidelines)

Elements of bills required

- Relate to one subject area only
- Member in charge
- Enacting words
- Type of bill
- Distinctive title
- Commencement date
- Explanatory note

Classification of bills

Type of bill

Government

Member

Local

Private

In charge

Minister

Non minister

Any member

district

Any member

class

Application

Public

Public

region, city

or

Individual,

corporate

body or

of

persons

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Legislative process: Overview

- Introduction
- First Reading
- Select committee consideration
- Second Reading
- Committee of the whole House
- Third Reading