PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

PARLIAMENTARY CALENDAR: OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Coronation of King Charles III

1. A public holiday will be observed on Monday 8 May 2023 for the coronation of King Charles III. The Bureau is therefore invited to agree to propose to the Parliament that the Office of the Clerk be closed on that day.

Impact on deadlines - Parliamentary questions

As questions, motions and amendments cannot be lodged when the Office of the Clerk is closed and the impact of the proposal on some of the deadlines for lodging are discussed below.

Topical Questions – Tuesday 9 May 2023

2. The deadline for lodging a question would be 9.30am on Tuesday 9 May 2023.

Portfolio Questions - Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 May 2023

3. For Portfolio Questions on 17 and 18 May 2023, names to be entered into the draw should be submitted no later than 9.30am on Tuesday 9 May 2023, with questions being submitted no later than noon on Wednesday 10 May 2023.

General Questions – Thursday 18 May 2023

4. Deadlines for the submission of names and questions for General Questions are the same as those for Portfolio Questions (above).

First Minister's Questions - Thursday 11 May 2023

5. The deadline for lodging a question would be 9.30am on Tuesday 9 May 2023.

Impact on deadlines - motions and amendments

Motions for debate - Tuesday 9 May 2023

6. If a debate on Tuesday 9 May requires a motion, the deadline would be 4.00pm on Thursday 4 May and for lodging amendments to that motion would be 3.30pm on Friday 5 May.

Motions for debate - Wednesday 10 May 2023

7. The deadline for lodging motions for debate on Wednesday 10 May would be 3.30pm on Friday 5 May and for lodging amendments to these motions would be 4.00pm on Tuesday 9 May 2023.

Conclusion

8. The Bureau is invited to—

- agree to propose to the Parliament by motion that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Monday 8 May 2023; and
- consider the proposed deadlines set out above.