

APPENDIX – TEXT OF THE RELEVANT STANDING ORDERS

25. Procedural motions

25.1 Procedural motions must be taken immediately

A procedural motion to close or adjourn a debate will take precedence over other business, except points of order and rights of reply. If the procedural motion is seconded the Chairperson must put it to the vote immediately, without discussion or debate. A procedural motion to close or adjourn debate can be taken after two speakers have spoken for the motion and two against or, in the chairperson's opinion, it is reasonable to accept the closure motion.

25.2 Procedural motions to close or adjourn a debate

Any member who has not spoken on the matter under debate may move any one of the following procedural motions to close or adjourn a debate:

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(b) that the motion under debate should now be put (a closure motion);

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A member seeking to move a procedural motion must not interrupt another member who is already speaking. A table of procedural motions is set out in Appendix 6.

25.3 Voting on procedural motions

Procedural motions to close or adjourn a debate must be decided by a majority of all members who are present and voting. If the motion is lost no member may move a further procedural motion to close or adjourn the debate within the next 15 minutes.

Excerpt from Appendix 6: Table of procedural motions

Motion	Has the Chair discretion to refuse this	Is seconder required?	Is discussion in order?	Are amendments in order?	Is mover of procedural	Are previous participants	Can a speaker be	If lost, can motion be moved after an interval?	Position if an amendment is already before the Chair	Position if a procedural motion is already before the Chair	Remarks
(b) "That the motion under debate be now put (closure motion)"	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes – 15 Minutes	If carried, only the amendment is put	If carried, only the procedural motion is put	The mover of the motion under debate is entitled to exercise a right of reply before the motion or amendment under debate is put ⁱ

ⁱ Refer Standing Order 21.12 (“...If a closure motion is carried the mover of the motion has the right of reply before the motion or amendment is put to the vote.”)