

HOW DOES THE BUDGET BECOME LAW?

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

NOTICE OF MOTION

Finance Minister gives notice that he or she will:

1. Read and table message from the Lt. Gov. transmitting the estimates required to run government for the next fiscal year;
2. Table the estimate books;
3. Table the Crown Corporation business plans;
4. Table the resolutions for estimates and business plans;
5. Deliver the budget speech;
6. Move that the estimates and business plans be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

2 days

BUDGET SPEECH DELIVERED

Finance Minister reads the speech.

RESPONSE TO BUDGET SPEECH

One Member from the Official Opposition and one from each recognized party comment on the speech.

1 hour each

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE (CWH) ON SUPPLY

Motion: House resolves itself into Supply.

DEBATE ON SUPPLY MOTION

Any Member can speak on any topic for up to 15 minutes each.

45 mins.

COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON SUPPLY

Department estimate called, resolution read.

Minister gives opening remarks.

Opposition Members question the Minister.

Minister makes closing statement.

Question put on department resolution.

Vote

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUPPLY

Department estimate called, resolution read.

Minister gives opening remarks.

Opposition Members question the Minister.

Minister makes closing statement.

Question put on department resolution.

Vote

1 hour

1 hour rotating, by caucus

(examination of estimates concludes or 40-hour limit expires)

Report to CWH on Supply.

Question put on remaining resolutions considered by Subcommittee (no amendment or debate).

Vote

Motion: Rise and report to the House.

Motion to concur with report of CWH on Supply deemed to be before the House.

Question put

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY HOUSE AUTHORIZING GOVERNMENT TO SPEND MONEY AS STATED IN THE BUDGET ESTIMATES

Appropriations Act introduced.

Motion: 2nd reading of the Appropriations Act (no amendment or debate).

Vote

Motion: 3rd reading of the Appropriations Act (no amendment or debate).

Vote

BUDGET PASSED: GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED TO SPEND PUBLIC MONEY

ROYAL ASSENT: BUDGET IS LAW

Legislation in effect retroactively to April 1 of the current fiscal year.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

LEGISLATURE