

AMENDED STANDING ORDER 44

Questions
put to
Ministers.

(1) Questions may be placed on the order paper seeking information from Ministers of the Crown relating to public affairs; and from other Members, relating to any bill, motion, or other public matter connected with the business of the House, in which such Members may be concerned; but in putting any such question or in replying to the same no argument or opinion is to be offered, nor any facts stated, except so far as may be necessary to explain the same; and in answering any such question the matter to which the same refers shall not be debated.

Oral
answers.

(2) (a) Any Member who requires an oral answer to his question may distinguish it by an asterisk and it shall be printed on the daily order paper under the heading "Starred Questions" until it be disposed of.

Starred
questions.

(b) Starred questions shall be taken up on Wednesdays after the ordinary daily routine of business has been disposed of and not later than one hour after the time of meeting of the House. If proceedings thereon be not concluded at the expiration of one hour after such business has been entered upon, such starred questions as have not been taken up shall stand over until the next Wednesday sitting.

Starred
questions
limited.

(c) No Member shall have more than three starred questions at a time on the daily order paper.

Starred
questions
printed
daily.

(d) On every day other than Wednesday, Starred Questions shall follow the last order of business listed for the respective day on the daily order paper.

Printed
answers.

(3) (a) If a Member does not distinguish his question by an asterisk, it shall be printed on the daily order paper under the heading "Questions" until it be disposed of, and the Minister to whom the question is addressed may deposit the answer with the Clerk of the House, during the first hour of a daily sitting and, if the answer is so deposited, it shall be printed in the official reports of the debates of the same day.

Questions
printed
daily.

(b) "Questions" shall be printed as the last section of the daily order paper.