

Written questions

20A. (1) A question described in paragraph 20(1)(a) or (b)

(a) that seeks statistical or other information not readily available, or

(b) to which an answer in writing is desired,

shall be sent in writing to the Clerk of the Senate to be placed on the Order Paper until answered.

Reply to written question

(2) The reply to a question on the Order Paper shall be printed in the *Debates of the Senate* of the day on which it is given.

No preamble

20B. A preamble to a question, whether it is asked orally or in writing, is out of order.

Orders of the Day

21. Unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, Orders of the Day take precedence according to priority as follows, precedence always being given to Orders of the Day relating to legislation under paragraphs (b), (c) and (d):

(a) Orders of the Day for the third reading of bills;

(b) an Order of the Day which was under consideration at the time of adjournment;

(c) Orders of the Day which had not been reached at the time of adjournment;

(d) remaining Orders of the Day.

Preambles

22. A motion or inquiry prefaced by a written preamble shall not be received by the Senate.

Withdrawal of motion or inquiry

23. A senator who has made a motion or presented an inquiry may withdraw or modify the same by leave of the Senate.