

Order of  
business

19. At each daily sitting of the Senate, the Speaker shall call for, in the following order:

- (a) presentation of petitions;
- (b) reading of petitions;
- (c) reports of committees;
- (d) notices of inquiries;
- (e) notices of motions;
- (f) question period;
- (g) orders of the day;
- (h) inquiries;
- (i) motions.

Oral questions

20. (1) When the Speaker calls the question period, a senator may, without notice, address an oral question to:

- (a) the Leader of the Government in the Senate, if it is a question relating to public affairs,
- (b) a senator who is a Minister of the Crown, if it is a question relating to his ministerial responsibility, or
- (c) the chairman of a committee, if it is a question relating to the activities of that committee.

Supplementary  
questions

(2) Supplementary questions may be asked.

Oral question  
taken as notice

(3) If an oral question cannot be answered immediately, the senator to whom it is addressed may take the question as notice.

Explanatory  
remarks

(4) A debate is out of order on an oral question, but brief explanatory remarks may be made by the senator who asks the question and by the senator who answers it.