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Standing Order 99 – Annual budget

- (1) ~~In November or December of each year,~~ Prior to the beginning of each financial year, the Minister responsible for Finance must present to Parliament a Bill for the next ~~calendar~~ financial year (or other 12-month period as Parliament may prescribe) that contains the information required under section 144(1) of the Constitution.
- (2) The Bill, to be known as the Appropriation Bill, must be accompanied by a document, to be known as the Estimates. The Estimates outline the details of the appropriation amounts contained in the Bill and must be circulated to all members immediately after the Bill is introduced. The Bill may also be accompanied by any other supplementary or ancillary document that the Minister responsible for Finance wishes to include.
- (3) Parliament is then adjourned until a date and time fixed by the Speaker at which time the Bill is read a second time and, without any question being put, the Bill and the Estimates stand referred to the Committee of Supply. The date and time as fixed must be at least six days after the adjournment and notice of the second reading must be given at least two days before that date.