

Current Rule 14

REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND LEAD MEMBERS

REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMEN OF AUDIT, PLANNING, LICENSING, AND REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEES

- (1) The Chairman of the Council has discretion to accept questions to the Leader of the Council, Chairmen of Audit, Planning, Licensing, Regulatory Services and Lead Members of Service Committees, which are directly related to their areas of responsibility. S/he also has discretion to direct any question to the appropriate Committee for answer.
- (2) Members must submit questions and amendments to motions in writing by noon of the day before the Council meeting.
- (3) Full versions of the questions shall be displayed on a projector at Council meetings and shall also be available at the meeting.
- (4) With the Chairman's permission, the Member who submitted the question may ask one supplementary question about the answer. There is a one-minute limit per supplementary question.
- (5) At all ordinary meetings of the Council, the Leader of the Council, Lead Members and Chairmen of Audit, Planning, Licensing and Regulatory Services Committees may report on matters relevant to their areas of responsibility, which have arisen since their last report. **Each report shall be time limited to five minutes.**
- (6) Any Member of the Council may ask a question on the report followed by one supplementary question.
- (7) In addition, if a Member has an urgent question that has arisen since the question deadline, with the Chairman's permission s/he may ask it of one of the Members covered by this rule. This must be submitted in writing to the Committee Section by noon before the meeting.
- (8) Normally every question (written or oral) must be asked and answered without discussion but, at the Chairman's discretion, there can be a debate on the issue in question. A Member who has been asked a question can decline to answer, or may name an appropriate person to answer for him/her.