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**Motions**



# Categories of Motions

**There are three categories of motions in the NCOP:**

1. Notice of a motion
2. Motion without notice
3. Motions relating to standing orders or the business of the House. They are also commonly known as resolutions



# What is a Notice of a Motion?

- It is a **declaration of intention to introduce new business, information or facts before the House**
- It starts by saying:

*“In the next sitting of the Council, I shall move that the House notes....” OR “In the next sitting of the Council, I shall move that the Council debates...”*

- *In essence, the motion expresses the Member’s intention to introduce new business*



# 6 Qualifications for moving a Notice of a Motion

There are **SIX qualifications** involved in moving a Notice of a motion in the House:

1. **It may be given to the Table** (Office of the Secretary to the NCOP) by 12h00 to be placed on the order paper
2. **It may be read in the House** during the sitting. However, the Member needs to (i) read it aloud and (ii) handed to the Table (usually the chamber support staff will collect it)



# 6 Qualifications for Notice of a Motion continued

3. It **MUST** be clear, succinct or precisely to the point
4. **It MUST** be done within **one minute and thirty seconds.**
5. It **MUST be within the competence of the NCOP**



# What is a Motion without Notice?

- It is merely intended to introduce **new facts or information** to the Council
- It usually starts with the Member saying:
- *“I move without notice that the Council notes...”*



# 4 Qualifications for moving a Motion without Notice

There are **FOUR** qualifications in moving a motion without notice:

1. It **MUST** be within **one minute and thirty seconds**
2. **All delegation heads present must** unanimously concur that the motion be dispensed with without notice. If there is an objection it becomes a motion of a motion.





# 4 Qualifications for moving a Motion without Notice continued

3. It **MUST** not breach any enactment or rule of law or contain offensive language.
4. The Chairperson or Presiding Officer may amend a motion if it offends against practice, the Council Rules, Joint Rules, the Constitution or any act of Parliament or law.



# Draft resolutions

- Draft resolutions are motions that pertain to the standing orders of the House. They largely require the Council to take a decision.
- Draft resolutions are usually in the name of the Chief Whip of the Council.



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**Discussion**