

**Notice requirements for Bills, Motions and Amendments
for Council meetings**

(A) Bills

Bill and Committee stage amendments	Minimum notice required	Relevant Rules
Presentation of bill in the Council	at any time subject to the requisite gazettal requirement	Rule 51(1) of the Rules of Procedure ("RoP")
Resumption of Second Reading debate	12 clear days subject to other provisions in Rule 54(5) of RoP	Rule 54(5) of RoP <i>[Note]</i>
Amendment to bills (to be considered at Committee stage)	7 clear days	Rule 57(2) of RoP

(B) Subsidiary legislation under section 34 of Cap. 1

Motion and amendments	Minimum notice required	Relevant Rules
Motion to amend subsidiary legislation or other instrument	5 clear days	Rule 29(2) of RoP
Motion to extend scrutiny period	3 clear days	Rule 29(3) of RoP
Amendment to the above motions	President's discretion	Rule 29(4) of RoP

(C) Subsidiary legislation under section 35 of Cap. 1 and other motions with legislative effect

Motion and amendments	Minimum notice required	Relevant Rules
Motion	12 clear days	Rule 29(1) of RoP
Amendment to motion	5 clear days	Rule 29(6)(a) of RoP

(D) Motion to take note of reports of the House Committee on consideration of subsidiary legislation and other instruments

Motion	Minimum notice required	Relevant Rules
Notification to the Chairman of House Committee of the need to speak on the House Committee's report	At the meeting of House Committee not later than the week preceding the Council meeting at which the report will be tabled or 6 clear days before that Council meeting if there is no House Committee meeting in the week preceding the Council meeting	Rule 49E (1)(a) & (b) of RoP
Motion to take note of reports of the House Committee	2 clear days	Rule 49E(2) of RoP

(E) Motion of Thanks

Motion and amendments	Minimum notice required	Relevant Rules
Motion of Thanks	7 clear days	Rule 13(1) of RoP
Amendment to motion	5 clear days	Rule 13(4)(a) of RoP

(F) Motions not intended to have legislative effect

Motion and amendments	Minimum notice required	Relevant Rules
Application for allocation of a debate slot	14 clear days	Rule 14(b) of House Rules
Motion	12 clear days	Rule 29(1) of RoP
Amendment to motion	5 clear days	Rule 29(6)(a) of RoP

(G) Adjournment debate under Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure

Motion	Minimum notice required	Relevant Rules
Adjournment debate under Rule 16(2)	Nil (subject to President's permission)	Rule 16(2) of RoP
Adjournment debate under Rule 16(4)	7 clear days	Rule 16(4) & (5) of RoP

(H) Motion to adjourn the proceedings of the Council or a committee of the whole Council

Motion	Minimum notice required	Relevant Rules
Motion to adjourn a debate in the Council	Nil	Rule 40(1) of RoP
Resumption of debate adjourned under Rule 40(2) of RoP	5 clear days	Rule 40(6) of RoP
Motion to adjourn further proceedings of a committee of the whole Council	Nil	Rule 40(4) of RoP
Resumption of the proceedings adjourned under Rule 40(4) of RoP	5 clear days	Rule 40(7) of RoP

Note: Under Rule 75(4) and (9) of the Rules of Procedure, the House Committee has a role to decide on the manner in which a bill is to be considered and to prepare the bill for resumption of debate. As the Member in charge of a Bill may resume the second reading debate by giving 12 clear days' notice, Rule 54(5) also provides a timeframe to ensure that the resumption has been discussed by the House Committee before the relevant notice is given. Rule 54(5) requires that resumption of debate cannot take place earlier than 9 clear days after the meeting of the House committee. This means the resumption of debate may, at the earliest, take place in the second Wednesday after the House Committee meeting at which the matter was discussed. If a period longer than 9 clear days is recommended, the resumption cannot take place earlier than 12 clear days after the meeting of the House Committee, i.e. no sooner than the Council meeting held in the third week after the House Committee meeting. If the resumption is to take place at the next Council meeting, i.e. the Wednesday immediately after the House Committee meeting, the notice of resumption of debate should be given no later than 2 clear days after that meeting of the House Committee.