OFFICE OF THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT

September 25th, 2026.

PARLIAMENTARY SITTING PROGRAMME FOR THE APPROPRIATION BILL (2027)

(i)	**First Reading**	07.10.2026 (Wednesday)
(ii)	**Second Reading *(Budget Speech)***	12.11.2026 (Thursday)
(iii)	**Debate on the Second Reading** *(Allotted Seven Days)*	13.11.2026 (Friday)
		14.11.2026 (Saturday)
		16.11.2026 (Monday)
		17.11.2026 (Tuesday)
		18.11.2026 (Wednesday)
		19.11.2026 (Thursday)
	Division on the Second Reading *(6.00 p.m.)*	**20.11.2026 (Friday)**
(iv)	**Committee of the Whole Parliament**	21.11.2026 (Saturday)
	(Allotted Nineteen Days)	23.11.2026 (Monday)
		25.11.2026 (Wednesday)
		26.11.2026 (Thursday)
		27.11.2026 (Friday)
		28.11.2026 (Saturday)
		30.11.2026 (Monday)
		01.12.2026 (Tuesday)
		02.12.2026 (Wednesday)
		03.12.2026 (Thursday)
		04.12.2026 (Friday)
		05.12.2026 (Saturday)
		07.12.2026 (Monday)
		08.12.2026 (Tuesday)
		09.12.2026 (Wednesday)
		10.12.2026 (Thursday)
		11.12.2026 (Friday)
		12.12.2026 (Saturday)
	Division on the Third Reading *(6.00 p.m.)*	**14.12.2026 (Monday)**

Hours of Sittings during the Debate on the Appropriation Bill (2027)

From Monday to Saturday

Business as per Standing Order from 22(1) to (6)	9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
Questions for Oral Answers	10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.
Questions under Standing Order 27 (2)	10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.
Debating Hours	11.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Motion at the Adjournment Time	6.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

(Monday to Saturday Lunch Interval is from 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m.)

(Friday Lunch Interval is from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.)

(No Motions at the Adjournment Time on Friday, the 20th of November and on Monday, the 14th of December, 2026.)

General conditions for the debate on the Appropriation Bill (2027)

- To submit the Committee Stage Amendments on or before 3.00 p.m. on Monday, the 16th of November 2026;
- To include the required Procedural Motions in respect of the Debate on the Second Reading and the Committee of the Whole Parliament, on the Order Papers of Parliament on Thursday, the 22nd or Friday, the 23rd of October, and on Wednesday, the 18th or Thursday, the 19th of November 2026, respectively.
- To request the Chief Opposition Whip to submit the Committee Stage Schedule for the debate prepared by the Office of the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, to the Chief Government Whip at the earliest possible.
- For the debate of the Second Reading and the Committee of the Whole Parliament—

  Second Reading **-** *Government 60% and Opposition 40%*
  Committee Stage **-** *Government 40% and Opposition 60%*

- To ask only five (05) Questions for Oral Answers per day from 10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. during both the debates of the Second Reading and the Committee of the Whole Parliament.
- To facilitate only one (01) Question under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament per day, only during the period of debate of the Appropriation Bill as it was done last year.
- If a division is to be called for any Head of Expenditure of a Ministry, during the debate of the Committee of the Whole Parliament, the Secretary to the Chief Government Whip be informed on or before 12.00 noon on the previous day in writing, as it was done on previous occasions.
- To take all Divisions on the Heads of Expenditure of the Ministries at the end of the day at 6.00 p. m.;
- To take up only Motions at the Adjournment Time from 6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. without Questions at the Adjournment Time on the basis of 50:50% ratio for both the Government and the Opposition and if a Motion at the Adjournment Time is not forwarded on a particular day, the debate on the Appropriation Bill be extended until 6.30 p.m. with the leave of the House**.**
- To approve other Government Business, Subordinate Legislations such as Orders, Regulations, Rules, Notifications etc. and other Resolutions and Motions; ***other than Bills***, together with the Heads of Expenditure of the respective Ministries;
- To pass Bills in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Standing Orders of the Parliament, if the need arises for the Government, with the prior approval of the Committee on Parliamentary Business;

Allocation of Motions at the Adjournment Time during the debate of the Appropriation Bill on the basis of 50:50% ratio in the following manner:—

(i) **Debate of the Second Reading** *(Seven Days Allotted)*

13.11.2026 (Friday)	-	**Opposition**
14.11.2026 (Saturday)	-	**Government**
16.11.2026 (Monday)	-	**Opposition**
17.11.2026 (Tuesday)	-	**Government**
18.11.2026 (Wednesday)	-	**Opposition**
19.11.2026 (Thursday)	-	**Government**
20.11.2026 (Friday)	**-**	**No Motion on this Day** *(Second Reading Division at 6.00 p.m.)*

(ii) **Committee Stage of the Whole Parliament** *(Nineteen Days Allotted)*

21.11.2026 (Saturday)	-	**Opposition**
23.11.2026 (Monday)	-	**Government**
25.11.2026 (Wednesday)	-	**Opposition**
26.11.2026 (Thursday)	-	**Government**
27.11.2026 (Friday)	-	**Opposition**
28.11.2026 (Saturday)	-	**Government**
30.11.2026 (Monday)	-	**Opposition**
01.12.2026 (Tuesday)	-	**Government**
02.12.2026 (Wednesday)	-	**Opposition**
03.12.2026 (Thursday)	-	**Government**
04.12.2026 (Friday)	-	**Opposition**
05.12.2026 (Saturday)	-	**Government**
07.12.2026 (Monday)	-	**Opposition**
08.12.2026 (Tuesday)	-	**Government**
09.12.2026 (Wednesday)	-	**Opposition**
10.12.2026 (Thursday)	-	**Government**
11.12.2026 (Friday)	-	**Opposition**
12.12.2026 (Saturday)	-	**Government**
14.12.2026 (Monday)	**-**	**No Motion on this Day** *(Third Reading Division at 6.00 p.m.)*

Secretary to the Leader of the House of Parliament
25.09.2026