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# **Standing Order Rule changes - minor amendments**



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To consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- (a) the practice and procedures of the Parliament in relation to its business;
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- (c) the adoption, amendment and application of any Code of Conduct for members;
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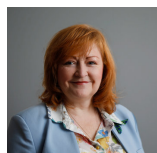
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# Introduction

1. Under Rules 17.1 of Standing Orders, the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee (SPPA Committee) is responsible for recommending amendments to Standing Orders. If the Parliament agrees these changes, they come into force.
2. This report contains a number of minor amendments to Standing Orders rules that reference "Her Majesty".

## References to "Her Majesty"

3. The Scotland Act 1998 provides for the proceedings of the Scottish Parliament to be regulated by standing orders.
4. The Standing Orders contain a number of Rules which reference Her Majesty The Queen:
  - Rule 3.11 Nomination of Individuals for Appointment by Her Majesty
  - Rule 3.11A Nomination of Individuals for Reappointment by Her Majesty;
  - Rule 4.3 Appointment of the Scottish Law Officers;
  - Rule 4.6 Appointment of Other Scottish Ministers;
  - Rule 4.8 Resignation of Ministers;
  - Rule 8.9 Motions of the First Minister;
  - Rule 9.11 Crown Consent;
  - Rule 9A.13 Crown Consent;
  - Rule 9C.15 Crown Consent
  - Rule 10.5 Motion That a Draft Instrument be Not Made or Submitted
5. Following the death of Her Majesty The Queen and prior to the coronation of His Majesty The King, the SPPA Committee recommends that all references to "Her Majesty" in Standing Orders be amended to "His Majesty". These changes are set out in the annexe to this report.

# Recommendation

6. The Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends to the Parliament the Standing Order rule changes in annexe.



# Annexe

In Rule 3.11, for all references to:

“Her Majesty”

substitute:

“His Majesty”

In Rule 3.11A, for all references to:

“Her Majesty”

substitute:

“His Majesty”

In Rule 4.3.1, for:

“Her Majesty”

substitute:

“His Majesty”

In Rule 4.6.1, for:

“Her Majesty”

substitute:

“His Majesty”

In Rule 4.8.1, for all references to:

“Her Majesty”

substitute:

“His Majesty”

In Rule 8.9.1, for all references to:

“Her Majesty”

substitute:

“His Majesty”

In Rule 9.11, for:

“Her Majesty”

substitute:

“His Majesty”

In Rule 9A.13, for:

“Her Majesty”

substitute:

“His Majesty”

In Rule 9C.15, for:

“Her Majesty”

substitute:

“His Majesty”

In Rule 10.5, for all references to:

“Her Majesty in Council”

substitute:

“His Majesty in Council”

