

Role-play Toolkit

Question Time Script Set: Senate

PRESIDENT SCRIPT	
<i>Instruction</i>	Script
<i>When the Usher of the Black Rod has put the Black Rod in its place, say:</i>	Senators, please sit down. The Senate is now in session. The rules of the Senate must be obeyed. Clerk, please read out the rules.
<i>After the Clerk has read the rules, say:</i>	Questions without notice will now be taken. I will take one question from each side of the Senate in turn, starting with the opposition. Senators with a question, please stand.
<i>Choose one of the people standing and say:</i>	I call Senator _____ (use first or last name) to ask a question.
<i>After the senator has asked the question, say:</i>	I call on the Minister for _____ to answer the question.
<i>Continue to call senators until the time for questions has run out. Then say:</i>	I call the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
<i>After the Leader of the Government in the Senate has spoken, say:</i>	This session of Question Time is ended.

CLERK SCRIPT

<i>Instructions</i>	Script
<i>To begin the session stand, ring the bell and say:</i>	Honourable senators, please stand.
<i>When the President asks you to read out the rules, stand and say:</i> <i>Then sit down.</i>	Always stand up to speak. Always address your remarks through the President. Begin with the words 'Mr/Madam President'. Senators should not interrupt each other. The President keeps order.

USHER OF THE BLACK ROD SCRIPT	
<i>Instructions</i>	Script
<p><i>When the Clerk rings the bell, lead the President into the chamber carrying the Black Rod in front of you and say:</i></p> <p><i>Place the Black Rod in its place and sit down.</i></p>	<p>Honourable senators, the President.</p>

LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SENATE SCRIPT

<i>Instruction</i>	Script
<i>When the time for asking questions has run out, say:</i>	Mr/Madam President, I request that all further questions be placed on the Notice Paper.

SENATOR SCRIPT

<i>Instruction</i>	Script
<i>To ask a minister a question, begin like this:</i>	I direct my question to the Minister for _____