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Rules of Procedure Formulation and Enforcement

Rules of Procedure code currently used by the Western Province Provincial Council, was adopted on 19th December 1996 and it became effective from 09th October 1997, having repealed the Rules of Procedure code which was in operation prior to 1997.

From that date onwards, the Rules of Procedure Code enforced from 09.10.1997 was in use up to date. After a lapse of many years from 1997, reconsideration of Rules of Procedure rules did take place in the previous Provincial Council meetings and the new Rules of Procedure book which was discussed and formulated in the Committee on Rules of Procedure was referred to the Fifth Provincial Council on 07th June 2011 for adoption. At the discussion that took place after the second reading of it, when the previous Rules of Procedure code was going to be repealed, the council agreed to the requirement of referring the Rules of Procedure code for His Excellency the President's approval under Section 2 of Part II in the Provincial Councils Act No. 42 of 1987, especially with regard to rules pertaining to finance which were added to the Rules of Procedure subsequent to their enforcement in 1997. Hence, it was referred to His Excellency the President through the Governor on 04.08.2011.

Later on, after the termination of Fifth Provincial Council and appointment of Sixth Provincial Council and subsequent inquiries made on this matter, the communication received from the Presidential Secretariat with certain recommendations and the new Rules of Procedure book were referred to the Provincial Council on 05.08.2014. However, as the requirement for reconsideration of the Rules of Procedure book for its compatibility with the communication received from the Presidential Secretariat, as well as, for its appropriateness to the present time based on the Provincial Council tradition which evolved up to this point of time was felt by the Council, New Rules of Procedure book was referred again to the Committee on Rules of Procedure.

From the first meeting of 26th August 2014 up to the end of year 2017, totaling up to around 44 meetings of Committee on Rules of Procedure, all the rules were discussed lengthily one by one considering the Provincial Council traditions which evolved up to date and the final report prepared therefrom, which was based on the Rules of Procedure book enforced especially from year 1997 up to date and having included the amendments to it (by this final report Rules of Procedure book of 1997 was not repealed and rules pertaining to finances were not amended), was presented to the Council on 07th November 2017. Accordingly, the Rules of Procedure book that includes amendments were, after discussions about it on 07th November 2017 and 09th January 2018, along with the amendments presented therein was tabled in the Council in the amended format on 09th January 2018 and adopted by the Council.

In view of that, the New Rules of Procedure Book 2018 adopted by the Council, shall hereby be enforced within the Western Provincial Council through the following motion moved by Hon. Leader of the House as per the decision taken at the Business Advisory Committee meeting held on 07.03.2018.

“The new Rules of Procedure book , which was tabled as an attachment along with the official report of 09th January 2018 ; being a compilation of all the amendments presented for the Rules of Procedure Book of 09th October 1997 and presented to the Council of 07th November 2017 and was subjected to discussion on 14th November 2017 and 09th January 2018 and approved by the Council of 09th January 2018, will be tabled today i.e. on 20th March 2018, and all the rules contained therein shall come into effect from 08th May 2018.”

(Hemantha Samarkoon)
Secretary,
Western Province Provincial Council

On the 08th day of May 2018,
Council Secretariat,
Fifth Floor, Wing “B”,
Sethsiripaya,
Battaramulla

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