

APDA QUICK GUIDE

Background/case statement - No time limit, delivered by PM (first gov speaker)

- Explain setup/structure of case
- Give context and additional information that's necessary to understand the topic
- Case statement: claim the gov side will defend

Points of clarification (POCs) - 15:00, questions from opp to gov (any speakers)

- Opp asks gov questions about case, background, setup, other context/information
- In POCs and background/case statement, what gov says is taken as fact unless left up for debate

Prime minister constructive (PMC) - 7:30, delivered by PM (first gov speaker)

- Deliver the strongest arguments that support your chosen case statement (usually 3)
- Wide range of arguments, solid logical reasoning and examples, and clear impacts
- Add preemption and framing to make case airtight

Leader of the opposition constructive (LOC) - 8:30, delivered by LO (first opp speaker)

- Offcase: deliver arguments against case statement, considering what's best against PMC
- Oncase: respond to PMC, prioritizing instead of trying to cover everything
- Frame round to show how arguments clash and fit together

Member of government (MG) - 8:30, delivered by MG (second gov speaker)

- Frame or weigh in an overview to attack all the opp arguments at once
- Offcase: respond to the opp's constructive arguments, careful not to drop too much
- Oncase: defend your case against the LOC's responses, highlighting and weighing drops

Member of opposition (MO) - 8:30, delivered by MO (second opp speaker)

- Overview: reorient the round by resolving clash or introducing new content, reframing the material from the past 3 constructive speeches
- Respond to the MG, either directly along oncase/offcase or indirectly by grouping big issues
- Highlight and weigh dropped LOC arguments

Leader of the opposition rebuttal (LOR) - 4:30, delivered by LO (first opp speaker)

- Remember: no new arguments, focus on framing and weighing instead
- Identify and re-explain your strongest arguments, comparing them to what you predict gov will talk about in PMR
- Cover all your bases by showing how all the potential ground fits under your arguments

Prime minister rebuttal (PMR) - 5:30, delivered by PM (first gov speaker)

- Remember: no new arguments, focus on framing and weighing instead
- Develop the strongest arguments against what the LOR has argued, and show why you're better
- Respond to new content from the MO
- Apply arguments from the PMC and MG strategically, especially if opp drops them
- Weigh comparatively against the arguments that might let opp win

Theory - usually argued by opp

- Tight call: opp claims that the gov case statement/setup is unbeatable, gov has to show how opp could've won - must be introduced in LOC
- Spec call: one side claims the other used content that's too specific or niche to know
- Squo call (less relevant): opp claims the gov case defends the status quo, instead of a change to it

Good luck! Ask if you have any questions or clarifications!