



National Conference 19 November 2020

Standing Orders Committee Report Number 5

1. Rule 21 (ix) of the union rules provides:

*A motion or amendment not included in the final agenda shall not be considered at the meeting except when two thirds of the delegates present and voting at the meeting agree to add to the final agenda a motion of which timely notice could not have been given in which case that motion and any amendments thereto shall be added to the business of the meeting.*

2. The Standing Orders Committee received notices of three proposed emergency motions from the following Branches:

*Garda College Teachers; Dublin South H&W; Cork Health & Local Government*

3. The motions from the Garda College Teachers and Dublin South H&W are such that they could have been submitted for consideration by the deadline of 1 September 2020 specified in the provisional final agenda. As such the SOC considers that they must be regarded as being out of order and the SOC cannot propose that conference consider their inclusion in the agenda.

4. The proposed motion from Cork Health & Local Government reads as follows:

*In light of the recent court case brought by KPMG against Debenhams workers on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, this Conference calls on the NEC to immediately demand that ICTU organise a nationwide public campaign of solidarity and support for the struggle being waged by the former Debenhams staff. This campaign should call on the Government to immediately implement the recommendations of the Duffy Cahill report and that Debenhams and KPMG meet the demands of the former staff. This campaign must also become a priority for Forsa who need to show its support for the Debenhams staff by providing them with practical support, and using all its resources to put pressure on the Government to resolve the issue.*

5. The SOC has concluded that the proposed motion fulfils the criteria specified in rule 21 (ix). As provided for in that rule the inclusion or otherwise of the motion in the agenda requires the assent of two thirds of the delegates present and voting at the conference. It is recommended that a decision on the inclusion, or otherwise, of the motion on the agenda be taken after motion no 8 has been decided if there is time available prior to the item scheduled for 16.45. In the event that it is decided to include the motion on the agenda it should be moved immediately.

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