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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 19 June 2017 enclosing petition 2680-16 regarding prayers in the Parliament, which was tabled on 16 June 2017.

As you are aware, prayers form part of the Order of Business for each parliamentary sitting day as outlined in the Parliament's sessional orders.

The removal of prayers from the Order of Business as requested in Petition 2680-16 would require an amendment to sessional orders and is a matter for the Speaker, as Chair of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly, to consider in the first instance, rather than the Government.

Yours sincerely

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