

The plenary bell

Beginning or resumption of a sitting

- the plenary bell rings **for 1 minute continuously to signal the beginning or resumption of a sitting**; this is done ten minutes before, and again two minutes before, the beginning/resumption of the sitting

Vote

- the plenary bell rings **twice for 3 seconds (with a pause of 3 seconds in between) to signal the start of a vote**; this is done ten minutes before the start of the vote, and it is repeated several times;

End of a sitting

- the plenary bell rings **three times for 15 seconds to indicate the end of a sitting**.