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THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2022



The Legislative Assembly met at 9.30 am.

Mr Speaker (Hon. Curtis Pitt, Mulgrave) read prayers and took the chair.

Mr SPEAKER: Honourable members, I respectfully acknowledge that we are sitting today on the land of Aboriginal people and pay my respects to elders past and present. I thank them, as First Australians, for their careful custodianship of the land over countless generations. We are very fortunate in this country to have two of the world's oldest continuing living cultures in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples whose lands, winds and waters we all now share.

DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND ACCESSION OF KING CHARLES III



Mr SPEAKER: Honourable members, I have to report that I have received from Her Excellency the Governor a letter and a message advising the Legislative Assembly that our blessed and glorious Queen Elizabeth II passed away at Balmoral Castle, United Kingdom, on 8 September 2022 and that on 11 September 2022 the Governor and the members of the Queensland Executive Council proclaimed Prince Charles Philip Arthur George to be King Charles III. The contents of the message will be incorporated in the *Record of Proceedings*. I table the letter, message and copy of the gazetted notice of the proclamation for the information of members.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 14 September 2022, from Her Excellency the Governor to the Speaker advising the Legislative Assembly of the passing of Queen Elizabeth the Second on 8 September 2022 [[1297](#)].

Tabled paper: Proclamation announcing the death of Queen Elizabeth the Second at Balmoral Castle, United Kingdom on 8 September 2022 [[1297A](#)].

Tabled paper: Queensland Government Gazette, dated 11 September 2022, proclamation of the death of Queen Elizabeth the Second on 8 September 2022 and proclaiming Prince Charles Philip Arthur George as King Charles the Third [[1297B](#)].

SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

Death of Queen Elizabeth II and Accession of King Charles III



Mr SPEAKER: Honourable members, I note that on Sunday, 11 September 2022, together with other honourable members, I was present in the former Legislative Council chamber to hear Her Excellency read the proclamation of the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the accession of King Charles III.

ASSENT TO BILLS



Mr SPEAKER: Honourable members, I have to report that I have received from Her Excellency the Governor a letter in respect of assent to certain bills. The contents of the letter will be incorporated in the *Record of Proceedings*. I table the letter for the information of members.

The Honourable C.W. Pitt MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Speaker

I hereby acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the following Bills, having been passed by the Legislative Assembly and having been presented for the Royal Assent, were assented to in the name of Her Majesty The Queen on the date shown:

Date of Assent: 7 September 2022

A bill for an Act to provide for an inspector of detention services, and to amend this Act, the Corrective Services Act 2006, the Crime and Corruption Act 2001, the Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011, the Mental Health Act 2016, the Ombudsman Act 2001, the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001 and the Youth Justice Act 1992 for particular purposes

A bill for an Act to amend the Motor Accident Insurance Regulation 2018, the State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2014, the Transport Infrastructure Act 1994, the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995, the Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Road Rules) Regulation 2009, the Transport Operations (Road Use

Management—Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2021, the Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021, the Transport Planning and Coordination Act 1994 and the legislation mentioned in schedule 1 for particular purposes

These Bills are hereby transmitted to the Legislative Assembly, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Yours sincerely
Governor

7 September 2022

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 7 September 2022, from Her Excellency the Governor to the Speaker advising of assent to certain bills on 7 September 2022 [[1298](#)].

MOTION

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders



Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (9.32 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

That so much of the sessional and standing orders be suspended to—

1. enable government business to take precedence for the remainder of today's sitting, with no debate to when the adjournment of the House is put; and
2. suspend all other business usually required to occur on a sitting day and defer that business to the next sitting day.¹

¹ For example:

- (1) Sessional Order 1 (petitions, notifications, appointments etc.)
- (2) Standing Order 114 with no Questions on Notice to be lodged today
- (3) Standing Order 125(3) with respect to petition responses due

In moving these sessional orders for today, I wish to advise the House that the sole purpose of today's sitting is to deal with amendments to the Holidays Act 1983. As members would be aware, the Prime Minister announced on Sunday, 11 September that a national public holiday to commemorate Her Majesty's remarkable life and dedication to service occur on Thursday, 22 September. To give effect to this national decision, each state and territory is required to take appropriate steps, which in Queensland's case is legislation. It should be noted that when I advised the Speaker of the government's intention to postpone this week's scheduled sitting week until the next scheduled sitting week the Prime Minister had not made the announcement of a public holiday. Upon receiving this advice, the Queensland government investigated options, with the sitting of the parliament being the only option.

As is evident by members present in this chamber, the government has taken steps to ensure that this brief sitting to deal with the legislation can occur quickly and with minimal members travelling to parliament for the sitting. I thank the Manager of Opposition Business and the leader of Katter's Australian Party for agreeing to a bulk pairing arrangement to facilitate today's sitting in a reduced format. For the benefit of the Legislative Assembly and for future generations, I table a copy of the bulk pairing agreements and thank those members of parliament who agreed to be paired or absent from today's sitting to enable this sitting to occur with minimal resources and in the most cost-efficient way.

Tabled paper: Legislative Assembly of the 57th Parliament: Government and opposition members and government and Katter's Australian Party members pairing agreement for the sitting day 15 September 2022 [[1302](#)].

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

HOLIDAYS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction



Hon. G GRACE (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (9.34 am): I present a bill for an act to amend the Holidays Act 1983 and the Industrial Relations Act 2016 for particular purposes. I table the bill, the explanatory notes and a statement of compatibility with human rights. I nominate the Education, Employment and Training Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 [[1299](#)].

Tabled paper: Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022, explanatory notes [[1300](#)].

Tabled paper: Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022, statement of compatibility with human rights [[1301](#)].

I introduce the Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022. On 8 September 2022 we were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen faithfully served in the role for over 70 years and was the first and only reigning monarch to visit Australia. In line with the decision taken by the Commonwealth and other states and territories, on the afternoon of Friday, 9 September 2022 the Leader of the House wrote to you, the Speaker, to advise that the scheduled sitting of the Queensland parliament be postponed as a mark of respect while a period of mourning is observed.

On Sunday, 11 September 2022, in honour of the Queen and to commemorate the Queen's remarkable life and her dedication to service, the Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia, announced that Australia would hold a National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty The Queen on Thursday, 22 September 2022. On Sunday, 11 September the Prime Minister wrote to all members of the National Cabinet seeking support for the proclamation of a one-off public holiday in honour of the life and service of Her Majesty The Queen. The Queensland government supports the Commonwealth in observing a National Day of Mourning for the passing of the Queen. On that day, a national memorial service will be held at 11 am in Canberra at Parliament House which will be broadcast across the nation.

In Queensland a new public holiday can only be declared by an amendment to the Holidays Act 1983. This has always been the case in Queensland. It is therefore necessary for legislative changes to be made to the Holidays Act 1983 in order to provide for the National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty The Queen. The amendments will create a one-off public holiday on Thursday, 22 September 2022. The public holiday is to be named the 'National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty The Queen'. The National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty The Queen is of historical significance, and much genuine public grief has been and will be expressed at the passing of the Queen. The public holiday will allow the people of Queensland to honour the passing of the Queen and to commemorate the Queen's remarkable life and dedication to service.

The bill also makes a minor but necessary amendment to the Industrial Relations Act 2016 to ensure that the new public holiday is recognised for interpreting industrial instruments made under the act. This includes ensuring workers have an entitlement to be absent from work on the public holiday where reasonable or to be paid public holiday penalty rates as prescribed in the relevant industrial instrument where work is performed on the day. In respect of trading hours for the public holiday, the arrangements will be similar to the Australia Day public holiday, with supermarkets, cafes and retail venues able to open. I know that the National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty The Queen will give Queenslanders a chance to remember the Queen's faithful service. I commend the bill to the House.

First Reading

Hon. G GRACE (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (9.38 am): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Referral to Education, Employment and Training Committee

Mr SPEAKER: In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Education, Employment and Training Committee.

Declared Urgent; Order of Business




Hon. G GRACE (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (9.38 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

1. that, under the provisions of standing order 137, the Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill be declared an urgent bill and not stand referred to a committee and be considered immediately;
2. that a maximum of 20 minutes apply to enable all stages of the bill to be completed at this day's sitting; and
3. if all stages have not been completed by the time specified, the Speaker shall put all remaining questions necessary to pass the bill, including clauses en bloc and any amendments to be moved by the minister in charge of the bill, without further amendment or debate.


Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

Second Reading

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (9.39 am): I move—

That the bill be now read a second time.

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (9.39 am): The opposition will be supporting the legislation to honour Her Majesty The Queen on her passing. As the minister said, the Prime Minister announced the public holiday to be declared a National Day of Mourning. We understand that premiers and chief ministers had a telephone conference with the Prime Minister. I think it is a good thing for Australia to commemorate Her Majesty on the National Day of Mourning with a public holiday. Queenslanders may do it in different ways.

At our next sitting this parliament will debate an official condolence motion for the Queen, but I thought I would place on record at the first available opportunity our thanks to Her Majesty The Queen for 70 years of remarkable service to the Commonwealth. The Queen visited Queensland on eight occasions. I was there at South Bank on the last occasion Her Majesty The Queen visited Queensland, in 2011. There is much to thank Her Majesty for. As I said, the official condolence motion will be moved and debated at the next parliamentary sitting, when an opportunity will be afforded to all members of parliament to place on record our thanks and support for Her Majesty The Queen and also to look at her life, her accomplishments and what she set out to achieve, in particular in the Commonwealth. It is in that vein that I strongly support a public holiday on the National Day of Mourning.

I note that the Prime Minister, the Governor-General and other Australians are heading over to the funeral, which will take place on Monday. It is completely appropriate that as a country, as a nation, we come together. How people will do that is a matter for them. On the Sunshine Coast I would hope that our Sunshine Coast Regional Council would have events planned. I think it is a great opportunity. One has to be moved by the expression of goodwill shown by Queenslanders and Australians, and for that matter people all around the world, with the emotional tributes to Her Majesty The Queen on notification of her passing.

In her mourning we also look to the future and King Charles III. This is a King who has lost his mother. The normal mourning process a person would go through in mourning an individual loss has not been afforded to the new King because he is straight into the job. It has been good to see the seamless transition of the succession of the Crown that has occurred over the last few days.

In 2012, when I was the minister for industrial relations, we declared a public holiday for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Yesterday the minister had the grace to call me and we talked about the holiday legislation and what is in the bill today. When reading through the holiday legislation I was reminded of the fact that in 2012 we had a public holiday to celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. It is nothing out of the ordinary to afford Queenslanders a public holiday on the National Day of Mourning.

Queenslanders will mourn the loss of Her Majesty in their own way. I would encourage the state government to look at what activities on the National Day of Mourning the state can contribute to in our local communities through the offices of members of parliament, to see how we can help our community celebrate Her Majesty The Queen on this public holiday—to mourn the loss but celebrate and give thanks to Her Majesty The Queen. I would ask the government and the Premier, through protocol and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, to see what support they can give our offices that we can in turn give our community to help celebrate Her Majesty's life and accomplishments.

Queenslanders may also look at other ways that we can honour Her Majesty. For instance, yesterday the opposition announced that we believe major infrastructure should be named in Her Majesty's honour, such as changing Cross River Rail to the 'Elizabeth Line'. That is one way that many Queenslanders can get on board and look to support Her Majesty's memory and give thanks to Her Majesty The Queen for everything she has done for the Commonwealth. As we were announcing this yesterday as a way Queenslanders could come together, and listening to Queenslanders, it was disappointing to see some ministers of the Crown politicise this issue.

Government members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! I will ensure relevance to bill before the House. I believe you are straying.

Mr BLEIJIE: In the declaration of a new public holiday, on the National Day of Mourning Queenslanders will celebrate ways to remember Her Majesty. I am simply suggesting that one of the ways is to look at major infrastructure projects across Queensland in terms of naming in honour of Her Majesty. As I said, it is disappointing that yesterday some ministers politicised the issue.

Mr SPEAKER: I will direct you to come back to the bill now. I have given you some guidance. I would ask you to come back to the bill before the House.

Mr BLEIJIE: I would encourage communities across Queensland to get out and about in their communities on the public holiday. I encourage regional councils across Queensland to hold activities to not only acknowledge the loss of the Queen but also give thanks to Her Majesty. In 2012 I met His Majesty The King when he travelled to Longreach. He spoke at a sausage sizzle about his love of Queensland. I would anticipate that many Queenslanders on the National Day of Mourning, on the public holiday which will be declared after this legislation goes through, may embrace that and come together as Aussies always do, in the spirit of being an Aussie, at barbecues or the pub—whatever it may be—and celebrate the life of one of the most remarkable women in leadership I have ever seen in the world.

For 70 years Her Majesty The Queen was our monarch. She spent 70 years on the throne. At 96 years of age, she literally worked till her death. Two days before her death she swore in the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. She said to Australians—and she said it in Australia—that she would serve the Commonwealth for her whole life, whether it be short or long. It turned out it was long, and it was a great service to the Commonwealth.

Today I support this legislation so that Queenslanders can come together and celebrate the life of a remarkable woman. I publicly stated on the death of Her Majesty that we have closed the chapter on another Elizabethan era with Elizabeth II. May she be forever known as Elizabeth The Great.

Question put—That the bill be now read a second time.


Motion agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Consideration in Detail

Clauses 1 to 5, as read, agreed to.

Third Reading

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (9.48 am): I move—


That the bill be now read a third time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Long Title

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (9.48 am): I move—


That the long title of the bill be agreed to.

Question put—That the long title of the bill be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Death of Queen Elizabeth II and Accession of King Charles III, Address of Condolence and Congratulations

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Olympics) (9.49 am): I give notice that I will move—


That the following address be presented to Her Excellency the Governor for forwarding to His Majesty King Charles the Third—

'We, the members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Queensland, place on record our deep sadness on the death of Queen Elizabeth the Second.

On behalf of the people of Queensland, we give thanks for The Late Queen Elizabeth the Second's years of dedicated service and duty to Queensland and to the Commonwealth and express our deepest sympathy to Your Majesty and other members of the Royal Family on the loss they have sustained.

We also extend our sincere congratulations to Your Majesty on your accession to the throne and express our wishes that your reign is a long and happy one and that it may be distinguished by peace, prosperity and general advancement within Queensland and the Commonwealth.'

PARLIAMENT, SITTING DATES

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (9.50 am): Mr Speaker, as I indicated in my correspondence to you dated 9 September and 13 September, it is the government's intention that the postponed three-day sitting week that was slated to occur this week be rescheduled before the end of the calendar year. As such, I table an updated sitting calendar for the remainder of 2022.


Tabled paper: Legislative Assembly of the 57th Parliament: Revised sitting days for the remainder of 2022 [\[1303\]](#).

For the benefit of the House, there will not be an additional sitting week added to the calendar; rather, an additional day will be added to already scheduled sitting weeks, thus creating three four-day sitting weeks. The additional Friday sitting days will occur on: Friday, 14 October; Friday, 28 October; and Friday, 2 December. It will not occur on Friday, 11 November as that is Remembrance Day.

The overall timings and what will occur on the additional days will be discussed with the Manager of Opposition Business and a separate sessional order motion will be moved at the next scheduled sitting week regarding those matters.

MOTION

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (9.51 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

1. that the days, hours of sitting and order of business for the sitting week of 11 to 14 October 2022 contained in the temporary sessional orders circulated in my name be agreed to; and
2. that so much of the sessional and standing orders be suspended on Tuesday, 11 October 2022 to suspend all other business usually required to occur on a sitting day and defer that business to the next sitting day.

Temporary Sessional Orders for the sitting of 11 to 14 October 2022

(1) Hours of Sitting and Order of Business

Unless otherwise ordered and notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing and Sessional Orders, from 11 to 14 October 2022, the hours of sitting and Order of Business for each days sitting shall be as follows—

Tuesday 11 October 2022

9.30am—Preliminary Business

Prayers

Messages from the Governor

Government Business until 1.00pm

1.00pm—2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm—until adjournment put (no adjournment debate)

Government Business

Wednesday 12 October 2022

9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business *

Prayers

Messages from the Governor

Matters concerning privilege

Speaker's Statements

Appointments

Petitions

Citizen's Right of Reply

Notification and tabling of papers by the Clerk

Ministerial Papers

Ministerial Notices of Motion

Ministerial Statements

Any other Government Business

Personal Explanations

Tabling of Reports

Notice of motion for disallowance of statutory instrument

10.15am—11.15am—

Question Time

11.15am—11.35am—

Business Program Motion (in accordance with Sessional Order 4)

11.35am—1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm—2.00pm—
Lunch break

2.00pm—3.00pm—
Matters of Public Interest

3.00pm—5.30pm—
Government Business

5.30pm—7.00pm—
Disallowance Motions, Private Members' Bills or Government Business (in accordance with Sessional Order 1(d))

7.00pm—7.30pm—
Automatic Adjournment

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

Thursday 13 October 2022

9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business *

Prayers

Messages from the Governor

Matters concerning privilege

Speaker's Statements

Appointments

Petitions

Citizen's Right of Reply

Notification and tabling of papers by the Clerk

Ministerial Papers

Ministerial Notices of Motion

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Any other Government Business

Personal Explanations

Tabling of Reports

Notice of motion for disallowance of statutory instrument

Notice of motion for debate during Private Members' Motion (5.00pm—6.00pm) (Notice may be stated in the House and delivered to the Clerk)

10.15am—11.15am—
Question Time

11.15am—12.30pm—
Government Business

12.30pm—1.00pm—
Introduction of Private Members' Bills #

1.00pm—2.00pm—
Lunch break

2.00pm—5.00pm—
Government Business

5.00pm—6.00pm—
Private Members' Motion (motion for which notice was given immediately prior to 10.15am to take precedence)

6.00pm—7.00pm—
Government Business

7.00pm—7.30pm—
Automatic Adjournment

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

(If there are no Private Members' Bills to introduce, or any introduction to complete, the next item of business to commence with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusted accordingly.)

Friday 14 October 2022

9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business *

Prayers

Messages from the Governor

Matters concerning privilege

Speaker's Statements

Appointments
 Petitions
 Citizen's Right of Reply
 Notification and tabling of papers by the Clerk
 Ministerial Papers
 Ministerial Notices of Motion
 Ministerial Statements
 Any other Government Business
 Personal Explanations
 Tabling of Reports
 Notice of motion for disallowance of statutory instrument

10.15am—11.15am—
Question Time

11.15am—1.00pm—
Government Business

1.00pm—2.00pm—
Lunch break

2.00pm—3.00pm—
Private Members' Statements (Total time 60 minutes, 20 members x 3 minutes each)

3.00pm—4.00pm—
Debate of Committee Reports (in accordance with Sessional Order 3) if no reports to debate, Government Business

4.00pm—6.00pm—
Government Business

6.00pm—6.30pm—
Automatic Adjournment

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

(2) Address of condolence and congratulations

The following time limits will apply to debate on any motion of condolence and congratulations to be moved by the Premier on 11 October 2022—

- Premier and Leader of the Opposition – 15 minutes
- Deputy Premier and Deputy Leader of the Opposition – 10 minutes, and
- all other members – 5 minutes.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT



Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (9.52 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

That the House, at its rising, do adjourn until 9.30 am on Tuesday, 11 October 2022.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT



Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (9.52 am): I move—

That the House do now adjourn.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The House adjourned at 9.52 am.

ATTENDANCE

Bates, Berkman, Bleijie, Boothman, Brown, Bush, Crisafulli, D'Ath, de Brenni, Dick, Fentiman, Gerber, Grace, Hinchliffe, Kelly, MacMahon, Mander, McMahon, Miles, Minnikin, Palaszczuk, Pease, Pitt, Powell, Pugh, Smith, Sullivan