



Speech by

Hon. R. WELFORD

MEMBER FOR EVERTON

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STATUS OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL

Hon. R. J. WELFORD (Everton—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (6.53 p.m.), in reply: I thank the honourable shadow minister for his comments on the Status of Children Amendment Bill and note his comment as to the time it has taken for this bill to be debated and the number of occasions it has been put before the House.

Mr Springborg: Ten weeks and it got through.

Mr WELFORD: That is an indication of this can-do government in its second term. I look forward to many future occasions on which the shadow minister and I can cooperate in this pleasant way to get things done for the benefit of the people of Queensland.

As the honourable member mentioned, the bill brings a number of advantages to the law in relation to this area. Not least is the issue of consistency with other states. That is a desirable thing to have. It is the reason I will be bringing before the parliament in coming weeks legislation in relation to Corporations Law, to ensure that in relation to those laws there is also a consistent approach throughout Australia. I thank the opposition for its cooperation in relation to this bill. I am pleased to join with it in finally passing this bill through the House.
