



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee, Members' Entitlements

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (9.38 am): I give notice that I shall move—

That the House request that the Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee review the provisions covering the absence and leave of members of parliament including:

- how many days a member can be absent from the Legislative Assembly before he or she is required to notify the House;
 - the development of guidelines on how members of parliament should be required to notify the parliament or their electorate if they will be absent for a sustained period of time;
 - consideration of appropriate reasons for extended absence from both parliament and the member's electorate; and
- whether it is appropriate for members of parliament to engage in business activities or employment which would require significant time away from electoral duties and, if so, whether guidelines for such activities should be developed.