




Speech by

Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe

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MOTION: SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Stafford—ALP) (Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining) (10.03 am): I rise to speak in support of the motion moved by the Leader of the House. I find it quite extraordinary that those in the opposition come in here and talk about abuses of the parliament. This is an opposition that is led from outside the parliament. They have outsourced their leadership. They have abandoned hundreds of years of parliamentary practice. They have determined that that is not good enough for them. They come in here and lecture the government about parliamentary procedures. This is an appropriate opportunity to make sure that we use the time of the parliament wisely and continue to provide full access to the two-minuters on Thursday to all members of parliament. We will allow some government business time tonight to be used to introduce this private member's bill to the parliament.

I think it is entirely appropriate that we support this motion. We need to understand the hypocrisy of those opposite when they talk about political games. They have been using the whole parliament as some sort of politic game, led from outside this parliament. As we have seen in recent times, it is not just with the outsourced Leader of the Opposition but also with puppet-masters beyond that particular role.

I find it quite offensive that the opposition is saying that we are playing some role in degrading the parliament. I think this is an appropriate way to manage this important issue—a social issue that is vitally important to thousands of Queenslanders who are very interested in seeing this debate brought forward in the parliament. I support the motion.