




Speech By
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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (11.24 am): I note that the member for Kawana has all sorts of things that he would like to talk about. You would not know it from their question time strategy, would you? They were all over the shop. The opportunities they have to raise the issues they want to raise they waste away so the member for Kawana can get up afterwards and say, 'We didn't get a chance to talk about the things we wanted to talk about.'

This week we again see just how effective the process the Leader of the House has put in place is to manage the business of the parliament. As noted by the Leader of the House, the member for Kawana came along and whined a little again at the start. He whined a little less than last meeting, which was a little less than the meeting before, so I think the Leader of the House has reason to be optimistic that he may get there eventually.

Here is what happened at the meeting: we put forward our plan for the week. The member for Kawana, after his little whine, said, 'Oh, more of my members would like to talk on the Treasurer's bills,' so the government changed the business for the week so that those members opposite who wanted to speak would get the chance. It is not because they want to talk about the substance of those bills at all; it is because they want to use it as a chance to use flawed economic data to criticise the government. This is what we see happening here.

Mr Hinchliffe interjected.

Dr MILES: Exactly! I take the interjection from the member for Sandgate: what we see here is the government adjusting its business so that those opposite can have a go at it on matters that are not relevant to the substance of the bill but because we respect the process and respect their right to have a say. This is a system that works. This is a system that is delivering to all members of this House on this side and on that side the chance to speak on the bills they want to speak on. That is why I again support this motion moved by the Leader of the House.