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
**MEMBER FOR EVERTON**

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**MOTION**

**Business Program**

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (12.02 pm): I rise to speak in this debate about the ongoing quest by this Labor government to have a part-time parliament. Today we will be talking about amending laws which are incredibly serious. This is a piece of legislation which every member of this House should have the right to speak to. The Attorney-General and Leader of the House has allocated six hours for this debate. Six hours, on a quick calculation, means if we are lucky we will have 30 speakers. That means less than one-third of this parliament can speak on what is an incredibly significant bill.

**Mr Crisafulli** interjected.

**Mr MANDER:** I take that interjection from the member for Broadwater. This is a bill that has not been to a committee. It has not had any scrutiny whatsoever. The only scrutiny that will take place is in the debate today—six hours on an incredibly serious bill. We saw during question time today that there are so many questions left unanswered by the government about this law and these amendments.

According to the *Gold Coast Bulletin*, the embattled police minister comes here today to say that these serious child sex offenders could have GPS trackers. Under the LNP's proposed laws they will have GPS trackers. That is the difference between people who talk tough but who do not back it up. They could have GPS tracking whereas with us they will have GPS tracking.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Stewart): Order! Minister for Police! Member for Mudgeeraba! Member for Everton, you have the call.

**Mr MANDER:** That is the first point of contention. As the Manager of Opposition Business has already mentioned, the government's legislation importantly targets child sex offenders but we believe that it should go beyond that. All serious sexual offenders should be under the same tough laws. They should also have GPS trackers on as a matter of course.

The other point of contention is that the Labor government's proposed laws talk about self-reporting. These are people who have been in jail for the most despicable crimes and this government is expecting them to follow an honesty system—that they are going to report voluntarily to the authorities. Despite the fact that they have evil desires which they cannot control, they are expecting these people to self-report. Under the LNP's proposed legislation we would have supervision orders. We would know where they are and we would know that the public is safe from these people.

**An opposition member:** Real-time tracking.

**Mr MANDER:** And have real-time tracking—I take that interjection as well. The other issue that is a real concern, as the Manager of Opposition Business has already brought up, is where these people are going to go. Where are they going to put these people? What communities are going to have living

next door to them people who have spent 20 or 30 years in jail—people whom most of the community believes should never be released? We have to make the laws that we have at the moment tougher. We have to make them more stringent. Labor talks tough. It talked tough on the bikie laws and what do we see now? The bikies are operating in total defiance of this government's supposedly tough laws, and the same thing will happen under these laws as well. All we are asking for is an opportunity to exercise our democratic right to represent our constituents in what is a very serious debate.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I seek leave to move a motion without notice.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I will seek advice on that before making a ruling. Member for Everton, your motion is out of order.