




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL; BETTING TAX BILL

Allocation of Time Limit Order

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (9.36 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

- (1) That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended to allow all remaining stages of the Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill and the Betting Tax Bill to be completed by 12 am on this day's sitting including:
 - a. For the Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill:
 - i. Question on the second reading to be completed by 11.39 pm
 - ii. Consideration in detail to be completed by 11.49 pm
 - iii. Question on the third reading to be put by 11.51 pm
 - iv. Question on the long title to be put by 11.53 pm
 - b. For the Betting Tax Bill:
 - i. Question on the second reading to be put by 11.54 pm
 - ii. Consideration in detail to be completed by 11.55 pm
 - iii. Question on the third reading to be put by 11.57 pm
 - iv. Question on the long title to be put by 11.59 pm
- (2) At the time so specified, Mr Speaker shall put all remaining questions necessary to complete consideration of the bills, including clauses en bloc and any amendments to be moved by the minister in charge of the bill en bloc, without further amendment or debate.

During the last sitting week of this parliament, the government indicated its intention to move to a new model of scheduling debates for bills. The government can confirm that, from next sitting week, it will be moving to implement the new government business program similar to the Victorian parliament's program. Although the government chose not to introduce the new model this sitting week, allowing all 93 members to speak to the budget bills, we believe that, for the same reason that we will be moving to the full model, we will through this motion set a time for the debate of the remaining stages of this bill.

As stated in fact sheet A4 on the government business program of the parliament of Victoria, the benefits of the government business program are the efficient and effective use of the Assembly's time, to stop late-night sittings, to stop time wasting and filibustering and to raise parliamentary standards as a consequence, and to guide when the Assembly will debate bills. We have allocated just under 2½ hours for the remainder of consideration in detail of the relevant bills before the House. In doing so, I have taken into account some historical data in relation to previous years and the length of consideration in detail in relation to the budget bills.

I can say that in 2017 three minutes was spent on consideration in detail. In 2016 it was 13 minutes. In 2015 it was zero minutes. In 2014 it was one minute. In 2013 it was 35 minutes, but I do need to clarify for members in the House—and there were very few from our side back in 2013—that

what occurred on that occasion was that the then treasurer walked into this chamber, sought the call and got the call during the second reading debate and finished the debate. That meant that a number of opposition members were not entitled to even speak in the second reading debate. Remember that there were then seven Labor members. The treasurer at the time decided to seek the call to end the second reading on the budget bills in 2013, only allowing half of the seven Labor members to speak.

In moving this motion I remind members that all 93 members have spoken to this bill in the second reading debate. In 2012 there was one minute spent on consideration in detail. In 2011 there was one hour and 11 minutes spent on consideration in detail. That was a cognate debate, just like we are seeing here tonight. One of those bills included the repeal of the ambulance levy. In 2010 three minutes was spent on consideration in detail. On average, about 15 minutes is spent on consideration in detail of budget bills.

We have allocated almost 2½ hours for the remainder of this debate. We believe that is reasonable. It is about time we managed the business before this House in a sensible and efficient way. That is what the public expects. The public expects us to debate bills before this parliament in a timely way. Other states do this. This is sensible business operations. That is the way the Queensland parliament should operate. I ask members to support this motion.