




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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MOTION

Business Program

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (11.47 am), by leave, without notice: In accordance with sessional order 2B, and notwithstanding anything in the standing and sessional orders, I move—

1. That the following government business will be considered this sitting week, with the nominated maximum periods of time for each bill and motion specified:
 - (a) the Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, a maximum of 6 hours to complete all stages on this day's sitting, with the following changes to today's program applying should the bill not complete all stages by 6.30 pm:
 - i. the sitting will extend beyond the automatic adjournment,
 - ii. the House will break for dinner from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm today,
 - iii. 2(a), (b) and (c) of this motion will apply at the expiration of the time allocated for this bill, and
 - iv. the automatic adjournment will commence upon completion of all stages of the bill.
 - (b) the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Commonwealth Powers) Bill a maximum of 3 hours to complete all stages;
 - (c) the Electricity and Other Legislation (Batteries and Premium Feed-In Tariff) Amendment Bill, a maximum of 3 hours to complete all stages; and
 - (d) the motion standing in the name of the Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts proposing the revocation of protected areas under the Nature Conservation Act 1992, a maximum of 30 minutes for debate.
2. If the nominated stage of each bill in (1)(b) and (c) or motion has not been completed by the allocated time specified or by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 20 September 2018, Mr Speaker:
 - (a) shall put all remaining questions necessary to either pass that stage or pass the bill or motion without further debate;
 - (b) may interrupt non-specified business or debate on a bill or motion to complete the requirements of the motion; and
 - (c) will complete all stages required by this motion notwithstanding anything contained in standing and sessional orders.

At the outset I would like to acknowledge that, despite the uproar by those opposite during debate on this motion in the last sitting week, the subsequent cooperation of all honourable members to get on with the bills at hand and undertake the debate in a civil and cooperative manner should be commended. The time to debate all bills in the last sitting week was less than what was set in the Business Committee motion which is a positive early indication that the new process is working.

In setting the time frames outlined in the motion for debate which will occur this week, consideration has been given to the contents of the bills, the outcomes of the relevant parliamentary committees' consideration and any proposed or likely amendments.

The committee report on the Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 had one recommendation—that the bill be passed—and no statement of reservation. Additionally, there will be amendments moved in consideration in detail which were foreshadowed yesterday and this morning. I also note that the opposition and members of the crossbench have had the opportunity of a briefing on these amendments. Following the discussion at the Business Committee meeting last night, the motion before the House has incorporated additional time for this bill at the request of the non-government members due to the amendments which will be moved in consideration in detail.

Additionally, due to the significance of this legislation we will be debating today, the House will sit past the scheduled adjournment to ensure that the bill reaches its conclusion today. As much as we have taken on board the views of those in the committee to expand the time for this debate, we also recognise the importance of having this legislation passed in a timely way and the government's program to have this legislation completed today.

Finally, the committee report on the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Commonwealth Powers) Bill had one recommendation and a statement of reservation, which I understand the minister will be addressing. Finally, the committee report on the Electricity and Other Legislation (Batteries and Feed-in Tariff) Amendment Bill had one recommendation—that the bill be passed—and a statement of reservation, although it was attached to the former parliament's consideration of the legislation.

In setting the time for the revocation to be moved by Minister Enoch, consideration has been given to the contents of the revocation and the previous four revocations which were moved in this chamber over the past two years which averaged approximately 35 minutes. I look forward to a constructive and fruitful contribution to this debate by those opposite and I urge all members to support this motion. I commend the motion to the House.