



Speech By Jarrod Bleijie

MEMBER FOR KAWANA

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MOTION

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders

Mr BLEIJIE (Kawana—LNP) (10.10 am): So as not to delay question time this morning we will not oppose the motion. However, this motion on a procedural basis deals with Minister de Brenni's motion with respect to subbies and the big issue facing subcontractors. Half an hour does not cut it. Half an hour is not enough time to deal with the huge issue facing subbies across the state. The Liberal National Party has called for a royal commission into subcontractors to let the sunlight in to disinfect this issue.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Kawana, it is a procedural motion so I would bring you back to the point of the motion.

Mr BLEIJIE: Half an hour as just set out by the Leader of the House is not sufficient for members of parliament to talk about this very important issue. We all have subbies in our electorates who have been impacted by these particular issues and that is why we do not think half an hour is sufficient time to relay the stories that the subcontractors are telling us. If the government were serious about this issue it would allocate more than half an hour for members of parliament to speak. Each member only has five minutes to speak. That is three speakers on each side of the House. Only three government members will speak on this very important issue and only three opposition members, including crossbench members. Out of the whole House, all the members of parliament, we will have six speakers speaking on this very important issue.

Only giving half an hour to this issue shows the total lack of regard and intention the government has to fix it. They are not serious about it. This is more political play. It is tokenism. It is not serious and we should, I put to the Leader of the House, have more than half an hour to stand up and talk for the subbies in the state because anything less is not serious.