




Speech By
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MOTION

Amendments to Standing Orders

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (5.00 pm): We note the motion just moved by the Leader of the House with respect to the amendments to the standing orders. These amendments talk about the Human Rights Bill, which the Attorney-General introduced earlier in the year, which will take effect early next year.

The standing orders are being amended to include that, on the tabling the bill in the House, they table a copy of the bill and the explanatory notes but also a 'statement of compatibility with human rights for the bill'. My view is that it does not require a separate statement to be issued. The explanatory notes are already issued. A statement could be contained within the explanatory notes without having a separate statement. I think it is a waste of time. It is a waste of resources.

It could easily be achieved by having a statement contained in the explanatory notes. They are the explanatory notes of the bill, and they already contain certain statements, for instance, on the fundamental legislative principles. It seems that the government wants to make a political point of the Human Rights Act by having a separate big statement in bold, a shiny bauble. I think it is a waste of time.