



Speech By Hon. Dr Steven Miles

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Hon. SJ MILES (Murrumba—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (11.27 am): I rise to support the parliamentary business motion moved by the Leader of the House. Of course, it is not every week that I get to follow the broken record of the member for Kawana as he sets the tone for all those opposite, those broken records, who get up in every debate desperately trying to filibuster to ensure that the member for Kawana can accuse us of guillotining debate. In fact, all they are doing is reading, re-reading and reading again the speaking notes given to them by their shadow ministers. The member for Kawana asked how we could get through the first day of a sitting week without a parliamentary business motion. We could do that because it was the budget day. It is a thing we do every year on the Tuesday. After that, we settle how to deal with the rest of the week. The Leader of the House called a meeting of the parliamentary Business Committee to determine how the rest of the week should be handled, as is entirely appropriate.

The budget week is an important week. The Treasurer has delivered a good and important budget. From my perspective, it delivers the health care, ambulance and mental health funding that we need, all of which I had the chance to speak to today. Later in the week in my contribution to the budget debate I look forward to saying more about that and about the important investments being made in other portfolios in my electorate of Murrumba.

Tomorrow we will get to hear from the Leader of the Opposition. We will hear how she intends to fund all of her uncosted promises. Hopefully she is getting some help from the member for Clayfield. We know that he is much 'gooderer' at numbers than the member for Everton. Of course, our expectations are low. Even their own supporters in the media—people like Alan Jones—say that she is absolutely hopeless and economically illiterate, so we can look forward to a budget reply speech that is equally absolutely hopeless and economically illiterate. Between now and then, we will get the chance to debate another important bill this afternoon before moving on to the budget tomorrow, which of course we are all looking forward to. I commend the motion to the House.