



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) (11.21 am): In accordance with sessional order 2B, I move—

- (1) That the following government business will be considered this sitting week, with the nominated maximum periods of time for each bill specified:
  - (a) the Criminal Code (Non-consensual Sharing of Intimate Images) Amendment Bill, a maximum of 5 hours 30 minutes to complete all stages, and
  - (b) the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, a maximum of 5 hours 30 minutes to complete all stages, and
- (2) The following time limits for the bills listed in (1) apply:
  - (a) the minister to be called on in reply:
    - (i) for the Criminal Code (Non-consensual Sharing of Intimate Images) Amendment Bill 30 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours
    - (ii) for the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 60 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours
  - (b) consideration in detail to be completed by 3 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours
  - (c) question on third reading to be put by 2 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours
  - (d) question on long title to be put by 1 minute before the expiry of the maximum hours.
- (3) If the nominated stage of each bill has not been completed by the allocated time specified in (2), or by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 14 February 2019, Mr Speaker:
  - (a) shall call on the minister to reply to the second reading debate
  - (b) shall put all remaining questions necessary to either pass that stage or pass the bill or motion without further debate;
  - (c) may interrupt non-specified business or debate on a bill or motion to complete the requirements of the motion; and
  - (d) will complete all stages required by this motion notwithstanding anything contained in standing and sessional orders.

In moving this motion, at the outset I want to say happy new year to all members and staff of the parliament and wish everyone a very happy 2019 for the sitting year ahead. Having said that, our thoughts are also with those who have been affected by the natural disasters over the summer period—the fires, the floods and those Queenslanders who are still facing the impacts of floods in North Queensland. I thank the leader of opposition business for his cooperation in pairing the minister and shadow minister in order for them to go help those communities most in need that are facing those floods.

Turning to the bills before us, 5½ hours have been allocated for each bill to allow as many members as possible to make a meaningful contribution. Additionally, specified time has been allocated for the minister in reply and consideration in detail for these bills, and I believe that that is important.

Last year during the debates we saw many members on the other side—the opposition and the crossbench—asking questions of the minister in relation to the debate. It is really important that we allow the minister to respond in reply to those questions and issues being raised by members and also allocating sufficient time in consideration in detail to allow any issues to be raised and any questions to be put to the minister or any amendments to be moved in consideration in detail. Once completed, the House will continue with other business on the *Notice Paper* if those two bills are completed within adequate time this sitting week.

As we are now in the second year of this term of parliament, I want to reflect on the achievements of last year and the new business model. Despite what we have heard in the past in this debate on the business motion, I have been advised that statistics now show that 674 individual second reading speeches have identified that 282 speeches were made by government members and 392 were made by non-government members. That equates to 42 per cent by the government and 58 per cent collectively by non-government members. This shows that the system is working. For those who claim that they are not getting the chance to be heard and to represent their community by having a say and speaking on the bills, the statistics speak for themselves. They are more than adequately getting the opportunity to put their views across—both the opposition and the crossbench—in the debates.

The way that we are now framing these motions means that they are not only getting time on the second reading but also getting the opportunity to hear the minister in reply and importantly to put questions if need be in consideration in detail. I am very pleased to move this motion this week to see these important bills being debated and to continue the fine work of this parliament.