



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) (11.20 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 as specified:
  - (a) the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, a maximum of 1 hour to complete all stages;
  - (b) the Human Rights Bill, a maximum of 5 hours to complete all stages; and
  - (c) the Fisheries (Sustainable Fisheries Strategy) Amendment Bill, a maximum of 4 hours to complete all stages.
2. The following time limits for the bills listed in paragraph 1 apply:
  - (a) the minister to be called on in reply—
    - (i) for the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill—20 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours;
    - (ii) for the Human Rights Bill—20 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours;
    - (iii) for the Fisheries (Sustainable Fisheries Strategy) Amendment Bill—20 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 paragraph 2, or by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 28 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.

The motion was circulated in advance to give members the opportunity to look at the times allotted to speak to the bills. We say that the business motion is working well for this parliament. The public who come in this week to observe will see debate on bills such as the health practitioner bill, the Human Rights Bill—very important legislation that many across Queensland have a particular interest in—and also, importantly, the Fisheries (Sustainable Fisheries Strategy) Amendment Bill. This is legislation that is important to the people of Queensland and, I am pleased to say, will be dealt with by the parliament this week with the times that have been allotted.

To ensure government business can be achieved during the week we also have the motion that I have already moved in relation to the time frames for the debate on the most recent disasters, being the floods and fires, allowing members the opportunity to be heard on important issues.

I do not intend to speak at length on this motion—we speak on this motion every single week—other than to say I thank the member for Kawana, the member for Murrumba and the member for Noosa for their contributions at the business committee meeting. It is a meeting where we seek to have open discussion about time frames and the interest in these bills. I am very pleased to see that there are many members on both sides interested in speaking on the Human Rights Bill. Before we hear those on the opposite side in any way claiming that they are going to be guillotined once again this week, my rough calculation is that if members work together and look at the length of time for their speeches, every single member who has put their name down on this list will be heard on this bill. It is about working together. It can be achieved with cooperation, which is what the people of Queensland expect us to do on these important pieces of legislation. I ask members to support the motion.