



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

---

Record of Proceedings, 30 April 2019

**MOTION**

**Business Program**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (11.14 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 Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Amendment Bill, a maximum of 1 hour 30 minutes to complete all stages;
  - (b) the Criminal Code and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and the Criminal Code and Other Legislation (Mason Jett Lee) Amendment Bill a maximum of 6 hours 30 minutes to complete all stages; and
  - (c) the Health and Wellbeing Bill to complete all stages in this week's sitting.
2. The following time limits for the bills listed in (1)(a) and (b) apply:
  - (a) for the Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Amendment Bill, the minister to be called in reply by 30 minutes before the expiry of the maximum time;
  - (b) for the Criminal Code and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and the Criminal Code and Other Legislation (Mason Jett Lee) Amendment Bill, the member for Toowoomba South to be called in reply by 1 hour 30 minutes before the expiry of the maximum time;
  - (c) question on third reading to be put by 2 minutes before the expiry of the maximum time; and
  - (d) question on long title to be put by 1 minute before the expiry of the maximum time.
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, 2 May 2019, Mr Speaker:
  - (a) shall call upon the minister to table any explanatory notes to government amendments to be put;
  - (b) shall then 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 speaking to this motion, as always, I say every bill before this parliament is an important piece of legislation, and this week is no exception. We will be dealing with the Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Amendment Bill, which commenced last sitting week. We have already had 2½ hours of debate on this with an additional hour and a half, allowing for four hours of debate on this bill that I understand has the support of all sides of parliament, which I welcome.

Of course, we have very significant legislation, very sensitive legislation, in relation to the Criminal Code and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. This is being debated with the Criminal Code and Other Legislation (Mason Jett Lee) Amendment Bill in line with the motion I moved earlier today. Although this is a private member's bill and it could have sat on the notice paper for some months, the government

believes that it is important and is deserving of a cognate debate, and as a sign of respect for those families who wish to be in the gallery and to listen to this debate, these two bills will be debated together. That is what we have sought to do in allocating sufficient time during this week for such an important debate to allow both myself as the Attorney-General and also the shadow Attorney-General to speak to these two bills as well as other members of the parliament. We will finish the week with the Health and Wellbeing Queensland Bill, on which I am sure many members wish to speak.

I do not intend to be repetitious and repeat the same thing that I say every week other than to say that we believe as a government that this business motion is seeing more business go through this parliament and there are more opportunities for speakers. In fact, we are seeing an increase in the number of speakers on bills as a consequence of the new sitting hours and business motion. For that reason, I commend this motion to the House.