




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

1. That all remaining stages of the Disability Services and Other Legislation (NDIS) Amendment Bill be completed by 6.55 pm on Wednesday, 12 June 2019.
2. If the bill is not completed at the time specified in paragraph 1, 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 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.

As we all are aware, this week is very much all about the budget, appropriation and revenue bills before the House which will take precedence from tomorrow to Friday until completion. However, there is other important legislation to debate this week. This business motion allows for the continuation of debate on the Disability Services and Other Legislation (NDIS) Amendment Bill to the end of today. Of course in doing so, if this bill is finalised prior to the end of the day, we will continue to debate other important legislation that appears on the *Notice Paper*.

I am sure that we will hear the same arguments we hear every other week from members opposite about this business motion, what they think of the sitting hours and about having times allotted to bills. Once again, since those changes were made, on average more opposition members spoke to more bills than ever before. In terms of any allegations that somehow they are missing out on their democratic right to be heard, quite honestly there is no evidence of that. I am happy for the other side to show some statistics; I have plenty of them. The evidence is clear.

It is disappointing that members are putting their names on lists to speak for the sake of filling up lists. It does not mean that these bills are not important, because absolutely they are, but we see more members put their names on the debate of these bills not because they genuinely want to contribute to the debate but I believe because they want to prove a point. The fact is that we should be beyond that. This is about ensuring that we act in the best interests of Queenslanders, that we have genuine, robust debate and that we get on with the work of the parliament. That is what this motion is about. That is what the business model is about and that is what we will do by dealing with the disability bill this week. Of course, hopefully, we can deal with other important legislation on the *Notice Paper* and through the remainder of the week deal with the budget bills. On that basis, I ask members to support the motion before the House.