



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) (11.15 am): 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 Motor Accident Insurance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, a maximum of 45 minutes to complete all stages,
 - (b) the Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, a maximum of four hours to complete all stages,
 - (c) the Health Transparency Bill, a maximum of three hours to complete all stages, and
 - (d) the motion standing in the name of the Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts proposing the revocation and dedication of areas under the Nature Conservation Act 1992, a maximum of 30 minutes for debate.
2. The following time limits for the bills listed in paragraph 1 apply:
 - (a) consideration in detail to be completed by three minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours,
 - (b) question on third reading to be put by two minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours, and
 - (c) question on long title to be put by one minute before the expiry of the maximum hours.
3. If the nominated stage of each bill or motion has not been completed by the allocated time specified in paragraph 2, or by 4.55 pm on Thursday, 28 November 2019, Mr Speaker:
 - (a) shall call on a minister to table any explanatory notes to their circulated amendments,
 - (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 I firstly acknowledge the Australian Political Exchange Council's delegation from the New Zealand parliament. It was a pleasure to host them on Sunday evening. They wanted an exciting question time, so I do hope that we lived up to that expectation. I also acknowledge other international delegates who are here, our First Nations people who are here today and everyone else in the gallery.

It is a pleasure to speak to this business motion today, being the last sitting week and the last business motion for the year. I could talk about the statistics of how many more members are getting to speak on bills under this business model compared to in previous parliaments. However, firstly, I want to say that this is an important week which will end with valedictories from the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition, and other members will spread Christmas cheer and wish everyone all the best for the year ahead. Of course, we have important work to do before then. We will be dealing with the Motor Accident Insurance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, which had commenced in the last

sitting week and we will finish the debate this week. Importantly, we will also be debating the Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, a very important bill to ensure that we are looking after workers' rights in this state, as well as the Health Transparency Bill, to ensure we are looking after our most vulnerable in the community. We will also be debating the motion standing in the name of the Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts proposing the revocation and dedication of areas under the Nature Conservation Act 1992.

In speaking to this motion, I also give my thanks as Leader of the House to all of the staff here in parliament, particularly those who are here well before the bells ring in the morning and well after the bells ring for us to adjourn in the evening, who ensure that the people's house runs smoothly and effectively. I want to acknowledge the Parliamentary Service staff, in particular the attendants, who work tirelessly for the people. We still have 2½ days of sitting to go, but I take this opportunity to wish all members and staff a happy and safe Christmas. I commend the motion to the House.