




Speech By
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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (11.16 am): It is pretty clear that the member for Kawana has not got over the loss for the LNP of Maiwar at the last election because he spent a lot of his time going over a bit of history. I am glad to fill in on the Business Committee now that the Minister for Health is the Deputy Premier. Last night what I saw was genuine consultation. The Attorney-General came and consulted with the Business Committee. There was some feedback given by the Manager of Opposition Business and that was taken on board. There was more time given to the electoral bill and less time given to the Associations Incorporation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. The Attorney-General had a genuine process of consultation, listened and actually took on board feedback from other parties. That is what a responsible government does.

This is a routine that our amateur thespian friend, the member for Kawana, loves to give. He is so passionate about debating time that every sitting he uses up debating time debating procedural motions, wasting the time of this parliament rather than getting on with business. If he wants more speaking time he should get off the procedural stuff. No-one cares about procedural debates and discussions. What they want to see is us doing our jobs. We see this as another opportunity for the member for Kawana to mount his amateur stage and pontificate and waste this parliament's time.

The Community Services Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Bill will have three hours of debate. The Associations Incorporation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill will have two hours of debate. That is appropriate. It is not something people are going to get hugely passionate about. It is an important bill, but not one that needs a huge amount of time. The Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and Other Matters) Amendment Bill gets the most time. It gets double the time, in fact, of any other bill. That is appropriate.

We have standing orders that reflect best practice. We do not need the same old key lines and themes trotted out by speaker after speaker from the LNP, which is what we hear from a divided opposition that are not ready for government. They are consumed by themselves rather than by contributing to the management of a pandemic.

Mr Minnikin interjected.

Mr BAILEY: They are absolutely consumed with their internal divisions. They are fighting with their headquarters and they are fighting amongst themselves. We are four months out from an election and it is very clear that they have no plan for Queensland. They only have a plan to fight amongst themselves, but that is not what Queenslanders want to see.

Mrs D'ATH: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. In one of their interjections, members on the other side were seeking to reflect on a member's absence from this chamber. There is a clear rule around that. I ask that the member withdraw.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Member for Chatsworth, I ask you to withdraw, please.

Mr MINNIKIN: I withdraw.

Mr BAILEY: I noticed that yesterday the member for Chatsworth was not in the corridor, lining up behind his leader. I am sure that he has been busy lately. This order of business is logical. The process has been consultative. The Attorney-General has taken goodwill to the Business Committee and has responded to feedback from other parties.

A member should be able to outline his or her main points in a substantial debate. We saw what can happen during late-night sittings in the first term of this government. We saw opposition members turn up at 2.40 in the morning, wearing football jerseys, T-shirts and all sorts of things. In some ways we are saving the opposition from themselves, because we remember that embarrassing situation. Indeed, none of us will forget it. We do not want to see that sort of thing. When debating bills, we are not at our best at one o'clock or two o'clock in the morning. Nobody thinks that the parliament should be doing that. We need to order our business appropriately, which is what we are doing here. That is why this motion ought to be supported.