




Speech By
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MOTION

Business Program

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (11.30 am): I endorse the motion moved by the Leader of the House. Here we are again, witnessing this paradox: the opposition complains about not enough time to debate but then wastes the chamber's time debating debating. I have said many times that this is an amateur thespian stage for the member for Kawana. It was absolutely proven when he just sang to us in his speech. Let's hope he does not start dancing as well! This is what we get from the member for Kawana: the same old speech, the same old routine. He gets a little bit of air time. Having been on the Business Committee since replacing the member for Murrumba, I have nothing but sympathy for the Attorney-General for the inane, boring and repetitious responses from the member for Kawana. The meetings are the same because he says the same things. In this place he makes the same speech and wastes the time of this chamber. It is embarrassing. It is embarrassing for someone with such poor judgement to waste the time of this chamber every session, like a needle skipping on a record. That is the member for Kawana, every sitting week.

It is very clear that the bills proposed by the Attorney-General are important bills. They should be debated. As does any other chamber in the democratic world, we have to prioritise. We all have to prioritise. This is a great opportunity for the opposition to start prioritising. If you look at their policy platform you know that there is not a lot of prioritisation going on there. The child sex offenders bill is obviously important. The Torres Strait Islander traditional child-rearing bill—

Mr Crandon: Stuck in the slow lane on the northern Gold Coast—

Mr BAILEY: The member for Coomera is obviously under a lot of pressure. He is a little unhinged.

Mr Crandon: You're under a lot of pressure on the northern Gold Coast. You are stuck in the slow lane when it comes to the northern Gold Coast.

Mr BAILEY: He is starting to feel the pressure.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Order! Pause the clock. Member for Coomera, your interjections are not being taken. They are directed at the minister. They need to come through the chair.

Mr BAILEY: The wage theft bill—we all know that the opposition is not very supportive of industrial justice. The Public Service and other legislation bill—the LNP might not support that because we know what their plan is. They want to cut, they want to sack and they want to sell after the next election. We know what their agenda is.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr BAILEY: We do have a known date, because this government reformed legislative terms to be fixed and for four years—the first time ever. This is the government that had the courage to get it done. I look forward to the last speeches of the members for Mundingburra, Caloundra and Hervey Bay. I think it is important to acknowledge the contribution of those people from both sides of the chamber, and I look forward to hearing their final speeches.

Mr Crandon: Full funding—exits 41 and 49 and no action on the construction.

Mr BAILEY: More bleating from the member for Coomera. He is under a lot of pressure from Chris Johnson. We saw it last session; we are seeing more of it now. He doth protest too much. I, too, would be embarrassed to be a member of a team that called 64 times for the borders to be opened. I would be absolutely humiliated to see my leadership doing such bizarre things that would harm Queenslanders. What we see here is the predictable and repetitive effort from the member for Kawana. It is not worth listening to his contribution. This is a logical business program motion and I commend it to the House.