



Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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MOTION

Amendment to Business Program



Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (11.16 am): I move—

That the business program motion approved by the House on 4 February 2020 be amended to omit:

1. clause 1(a) of the motion in its entirety; and
2. the words 'a maximum of 3 hours' in clause 1(c) of the motion.

I acknowledge that, under the sessional orders, as Leader of the House I am able to bring forward a motion without notice at any point to seek to amend the business program. If the House supports this motion, it will take effect one hour after the House agrees on such amendment. This amendment will extend the time for debate on the Agriculture and Other Legislation Amendment Bill which currently, as I say, has a maximum of three hours allocated to complete all stages. It is the government's intention to debate with this bill amendments being circulated currently relating to the Paradise Dam. In doing so, we acknowledge that there should be an opportunity for both the minister and the opposition to speak in consideration in detail on that amendment. They are important amendments and members should have the opportunity to speak.

Alternatively, without this amendment, those amendments could have been put without any debate at all if the time had elapsed. There is 51 minutes left remaining in that debate. We acknowledge the importance of it. We acknowledge that the reason we put this in the sessional orders was to allow for amendments to be made to the business program so that, from time to time when these important initiatives and issues come up, we are able to be agile and flexible in our business program to adopt such. This means that those on the other side will get the opportunity, as requested of me yesterday afternoon by the shadow minister, to speak in consideration in detail on this bill. If consideration is not completed prior to 5.55, the question will be put at 5.55. It adds another approximately two hours to that debate which I hope the opposition welcomes.