



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) (11.17 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 Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and the Biodiscovery and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, a maximum of three hours to complete all stages
 - (b) the Forest Wind Farm Development Bill, a maximum of 2.5 hours to complete all stages
 - (c) the Queensland Future Fund Bill and the Royalty Legislation Amendment Bill, a maximum of four hours to complete all stages
 - (d) the Health Legislation Amendment Bill, a maximum of 2.5 hours to complete all stages.
2. The following time limits for the bills listed in 1. apply:
 - (a) the minister to be called on in reply:
 - (i) for the Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and the Biodiscovery and Other Legislation Amendment Bill by 30 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours
 - (ii) for the Forest Wind Farm Development Bill by 30 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours
 - (iii) for the Queensland Future Fund Bill and the Royalty Legislation Amendment Bill by 30 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours
 - (iv) for the Health Legislation Amendment Bill by 30 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours.
 - (b) consideration in detail to be completed by three minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours
 - (c) question on third reading to be put by two minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours
 - (d) 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 has not been completed by the allocated time specified in 2., or by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 13 August 2020, Mr Speaker:
 - (a) shall call on a minister to table any explanatory notes to their circulated amendments, any statement of compatibility with human rights or any statement relating to an override declaration
 - (b) shall 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
 - (d) will complete all stages required by this motion notwithstanding anything contained in standing and sessional orders.

I thank the members of the Business Committee for their attendance at last night's meeting. As members will appreciate, this is the penultimate sitting week of this term and the Palaszczuk government is getting on with the job of delivering for all Queenslanders. We have a number of bills on the *Notice Paper* which will benefit Queenslanders right across our state as we continue to deliver economic recovery and unite and recover Queensland from COVID-19.

Members will note that there are six bills within this business program motion before the House and I urge everyone to support this sensible motion and these bills. I acknowledge that prior to question time we moved motions in relation to cognating four of those bills. The legislation before the House ranges from legislation to strengthen the protections the Palaszczuk government has already put in place to protect our pristine environment, legislation to assist the development of the Forest Wind farm and to further enable renewables in Queensland, legislation dealing with our economy and strengthening our economy and health related legislation to be moved by the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health to further strengthen the Palaszczuk government's work in protecting Queenslanders.

On that point about health, we know the great work that Queensland Health is doing under the leadership of our amazing Chief Health Officer, Dr Jeannette Young, the director-general and the Minister for Health and Deputy Premier in keeping our communities safe from COVID-19. Of course, they are led by the Premier in that great work. On behalf of my community of Redcliffe, and indeed all Queenslanders, we thank Dr Young for her outstanding and diligent work in keeping our communities safe during COVID-19. As the Premier said earlier today, we thank all Queenslanders for their efforts in dealing with COVID-19 and working with us collectively to protect this state. We know that we all have to play a role, but the leadership of our health sector is absolutely critical. Dr Jeannette Young's efforts are unquestionable.

Mr Hunt: Ministerial statement.

Mrs D'ATH: I take that interjection. If those opposite think it is an issue or a waste of time complimenting Dr Jeannette Young and Health on these wonderful things, then by all means they can raise that.

To ensure that this House gets on with the job of debating in their house—the people's house—the legislation that matters to the people of Queensland, I will move a motion later this week to suspend the debate of committee reports for this week's sitting to enable further time for this House—in particular, those opposite—to debate the legislation put before this House by the Palaszczuk government, which is getting on with the job of delivering for all Queenslanders.

We have a lot to do in our last two sitting weeks before the election. The people of Queensland expect us to get on with that job. I know that the Manager of Opposition Business will get up and once again criticise the business program. He has two occasions left to continue to criticise it this term. It is important that these bills are debated and that we do it in a way that the people of Queensland can listen and participate in that debate during sensible sitting hours that we introduced in this term of parliament. I continue to thank the committee members for their contribution. I ask for the support of all members in relation to this motion.