




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

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VALEDICTORY

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (8.57 pm): Very briefly, because I do not seek to delay the last day of the 2020 parliamentary sitting year much further, but can I say as the Leader of the House moving this motion that I thank the Premier for her leadership. I thank all of the government members for their efforts throughout the 56th Parliament and the start of the 57th Parliament. I thank you as Leader of the House for your contributions over the year. It has been significant.

I also pass on my best to the opposition. It has been an extraordinary year. I concur with the comments by the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition and the crossbench in terms of their thanks to all of the staff of the parliament. To make this parliament work in a COVID environment was not easy. I acknowledge your efforts, Mr Speaker, and thank you for your leadership as well. I congratulate you again on your appointment as Mr Speaker. It was extraordinary to make this place work. We need to acknowledge the Clerk, all of the attendants and the staff who cleaned every seat as we moved around. I thank the Manager of Opposition Business for agreeing to give us a list of the ministers to be asked questions in question time, to give us the opportunity to move around and to socially distance. I take the comments of the Leader of the Opposition: it is about respect. I respect this institution. I respect the position of Manager of Opposition Business. I thank all of the staff here and thank them so much for making sure we could continue our important work in this House in a COVID-safe way. They have helped us to do what we have been able to do for the people of Queensland throughout 2020.

Can I provide a Christmas present to all members who have been asking me whether we will see the sitting calendar. I table the 2021 parliamentary sitting calendar for everybody.

Tabled paper: Memo, dated 4 December 2020, from the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services and Leader of the House, Hon. Yvette D'Ath, to members of the Parliament, advising of the 2021 parliamentary sitting calendar [372](#).

I wish all members and all staff of the parliament a very safe and very merry Christmas. I hope you get some time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you again in 2021. I am sure you are all looking forward to listening to the debate on the business motion each week for the next four years.