



Speech By Hon. Mark Bailey

MEMBER FOR MILLER

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MOTION

Business Program

Hon. MC BAILEY (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (11.26 am): Whatever we do, we know we will get more amateur thespian routines from the Manager of Opposition Business. If we have two bills, it is not enough and if we have three bills, it is too many. The member for Kawana may have misled the House in suggesting that the Minister for Health's great goal is to have him agree to something. I do not think the Minister for Health thinks she will ever get the member for Kawana to agree to anything the Minister for Health puts forward to this House because he is au contraire.

This is a sensible motion. It is consistent with the motion that was put last time. To be quite frank, this routine of the opposition taking up procedural time on matters that are straightforward in every other assembly and parliament across the nation is a waste of this parliament's time. The opposition would do well to promote someone with more talent and skill than the member for Kawana to be the manager of opposition business because this is a waste of everybody's time.

Whatever we do here we are not going to get the support of the member for Kawana. In repeatedly making his objections he is using up debating time on a procedural matter that nobody cares about. This is normal behaviour. This is a normal motion in a normal parliament in 2021. I commend the motion.