



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) (11.16 am): I move—

1. That the following bills will be considered during this week's sitting:
 - (a) the Child Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill; and
 - (b) the Criminal Code (Consent and Mistake of Fact) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill.
2. If any bill listed in 1. has not completed all stages by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 25 March 2021, 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 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; and
 - (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 contributions during the meeting and thank all members of the Legislative Assembly for the way we have conducted ourselves in an efficient way over the last few weeks to get through the legislation and also allow many members to make their contributions to the address-in-reply. There are two very important bills listed for debate this week: the Child Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and the Criminal Code (Consent and Mistake of Fact) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. I look forward to listening to the debate on those bills.

I also hope that, with the progression of those bills through the House this week, we will have the opportunity to hear further members giving their addresses-in-reply. I know that there are still quite a few members who have not yet had that opportunity, and certainly we are keen to ensure that they do.

As we have done in the last three sitting weeks, there is not the proposal to allocate specific time for each of these bills. We are putting these two bills forward, and if they are not finalised by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 25 March then the question will be put. As we have seen over the last few weeks, I am very confident that members will commit themselves to being relevant and appropriate in the way this debate proceeds and that we will get to the address-in-reply as well.

I am sure that, as always, the opposition will oppose this motion, but I am grateful that we are seeing a much more cooperative and collaborative approach to bills being debated in parliament over the 2021 sitting calendar so far. I hope that will continue into the future.