



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) (11.14 am): I move—

1. That the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill will be considered during this week's sitting.
2. If the bill listed in 1. has not completed all stages by 5.45 pm on Thursday, 16 September 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
 - (d) will complete all stages required by this motion notwithstanding anything contained in standing and sessional orders.

I will speak very briefly because I want to ensure that we have as much time as possible to debate the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill before the House this week. What we have done with the business program motion this week is ensure that the entire week is dedicated to debating this one bill and ensuring that every single member who wants to speak on this bill during the second reading debate will get that opportunity. There is a number of hours also allocated for consideration in detail.

As far as the time allotted is concerned, we simply have said that this bill will be finalised by 6 pm on Thursday, but, other than that, we want a free-flowing debate. We already suspended the committee reports last sitting so that we could create an extra hour of debate as well, and shortly after this business motion, I will also be moving a motion to extend our sitting hours for this evening and Wednesday evening to ensure that there is adequate time for the debate for all members. I ask that members support this motion.