



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) (11.18 am): I move—

1. That the following bills will be considered during this week's sitting:
 - (a) the Small Business Commissioner Bill
 - (b) the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill.
2. That the bills listed in 1. be completed by 6 pm on Thursday, 31 March 2022.
3. That if the bill listed in 1(b) has not completed all stages by 5 pm on Thursday, 31 March 2022, Mr Speaker shall call on the minister in reply.

In moving this motion, I want to take this opportunity to thank the member for Sandgate, Minister Hinchliffe, for stepping in and acting as Leader of the House during the last sitting week while I was at home after testing positive for COVID-19. I understand he did a 'sterling' job. While talking about positions, I take this opportunity to congratulate in the chamber the member for Glass House on taking over as the Manager of Opposition Business, a role which I am sure he will truly enjoy. While we welcome the new Manager of Opposition Business, we bid farewell to the former manager of opposition business.

After approximately 1,549 days as manager of opposition business—who is counting—the member for Kawana has been elevated to one of the two leadership positions in the LNP, seeing the demise of the National Party in those positions. I will miss the member for Kawana's contribution on the Business Committee. It might not have been constructive, but it was certainly amusing. I am sure I will not miss his debate because I have a feeling he might still contribute to the debates going forward. I do thank the former manager of opposition business, member for Kawana, during the time that he worked with me as Leader of the House.

Turning to the motion before the House today, members will see there are two bills listed to be debated this week. One is a continuation of the debate on the Small Business Commissioner Bill and the second is the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill. Both bills have been slated for debate this week and have been afforded the whole week for debate up to 5 pm on Thursday, if required, for me to then reply and have consideration in detail time allotted for this debate. Obviously, if we get through those two bills sooner, then we can move onto other bills on the *Notice Paper* as well.

I also note there will be amendments attempted to be moved by the Greens—hopefully they will get that right—which they wrote to me about, and potentially the LNP. As there is a new Manager of Opposition Business, there may or may not be amendments—I am not sure—from the opposition side. As I say, based on being advised that there may be amendments, we did allocate additional time for that. This is how the Business Committee process should work. I am pleased that we do not have to

set fixed times for each bill, that we should just let the debate flow, but it is important that this legislation gets completed by the end of the week. We know there is a time imperative particularly for the public health directives. I look forward to listening to the debates on the legislation before the bill and I do hope that all members support this motion today.