



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**

**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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Record of Proceedings, 16 August 2022

**MOTION**

**Business Program**



**Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (11.14 am): I move—

1. That all remaining stages of the Trading (Allowable Hours) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill be completed by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 18 August 2022 with the minister being called on to reply by no later than 4.35 pm (one hour and 20 minutes before the completion time); and
2. If all stages of the bill listed in 1. have not been completed by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 18 August 2022, 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 welcome all members back to the Queensland parliament. It has been a few weeks since we sat here in this chamber, but in those weeks the Palaszczuk government has been getting on with the job of delivering for Queenslanders.

In addition, we have seen the annual budget estimates process take place in the old red chamber just a few metres down the hall from this chamber. This annual event is looked forward to by ministers, departments, the opposition, the crossbench, advisers and even the media, as it is the opportunity to talk about the budget—and what a wonderful budget it is.

This week we will see the debate of the budget reports. As we all know, each of the committees developed and tabled their report into the annual budget, with the Economics and Governance Committee tabling two reports—one for the Appropriation Bill and one for the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill. Pursuant to the standing orders, each of these reports will be debated this week for up to one hour each and will be debated in the order of the estimates hearings. I am sure it will be an interesting debate.

Once completed, the House will consider the Trading (Allowable Hours) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill until it is completed, or by 5.55 pm on Thursday, as outlined in the business program motion before the House. If the bill is finished before then, the House will continue with other items on the *Notice Paper*.

Members would be aware that I moved a motion this morning to enable the member for Callide to make his first speech to this House at 5.10 pm today, ahead of the debate of private members' bills at 5.30 pm. This week will also contain the usual matters of public interest, private members' statements, debate of committee reports and question time. This parliament will also witness an historic event today at lunchtime, with a major event occurring on the Speaker's Green—the Path to Treaty event, which I encourage all members to attend.

Let us take a moment to look at what happened last sitting. A business program motion was moved and agreed to by the House to time limit the consideration in detail for the Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill for 1 hour and 30 minutes post the conclusion of the Treasurer's reply speech. It is not surprising that those opposite took objection to this time frame. They said that they 'are very happy to stay as long as it takes to debate'. They went on to say—

The clauses can be unpacked during consideration in detail. Indeed, the LNP will be unpacking and challenging aspects of those. We do not want that part of this debate to be guillotined, and therefore we will be opposing this motion.

What does the record reflect? It shows that the second reading and the Treasurer's reply speech concluded at 4.48 pm on the Friday—a reasonable time. This is after all members of the House were given an opportunity to address the cognate debate of the appropriation bills. Then consideration in detail commenced at 4.49 pm, with the third reading and long title questions being put at 5.59 pm with no dissent. The House then rose at 6 pm. This means that consideration in detail went for approximately one hour—within the 1 hour and 30 minutes that the House set. There was no-one cut off. No guillotine occurred. All members were provided an opportunity to unpack the clauses. This shows the business program is working and I thank all members for working within the program. It is great to see the business program working as designed. With those few words, I commend the motion to the House.