




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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MOTION

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (9.32 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

That so much of the sessional and standing orders be suspended to—

1. enable government business to take precedence for the remainder of today's sitting, with no debate to when the adjournment of the House is put; and
2. suspend all other business usually required to occur on a sitting day and defer that business to the next sitting day.¹

¹ For example:

- (1) Sessional Order 1 (petitions, notifications, appointments etc.)
- (2) Standing Order 114 with no Questions on Notice to be lodged today
- (3) Standing Order 125(3) with respect to petition responses due

In moving these sessional orders for today, I wish to advise the House that the sole purpose of today's sitting is to deal with amendments to the Holidays Act 1983. As members would be aware, the Prime Minister announced on Sunday, 11 September that a national public holiday to commemorate Her Majesty's remarkable life and dedication to service occur on Thursday, 22 September. To give effect to this national decision, each state and territory is required to take appropriate steps, which in Queensland's case is legislation. It should be noted that when I advised the Speaker of the government's intention to postpone this week's scheduled sitting week until the next scheduled sitting week the Prime Minister had not made the announcement of a public holiday. Upon receiving this advice, the Queensland government investigated options, with the sitting of the parliament being the only option.

As is evident by members present in this chamber, the government has taken steps to ensure that this brief sitting to deal with the legislation can occur quickly and with minimal members travelling to parliament for the sitting. I thank the Manager of Opposition Business and the leader of Katter's Australian Party for agreeing to a bulk pairing arrangement to facilitate today's sitting in a reduced format. For the benefit of the Legislative Assembly and for future generations, I table a copy of the bulk pairing agreements and thank those members of parliament who agreed to be paired or absent from today's sitting to enable this sitting to occur with minimal resources and in the most cost-efficient way.

Tabled paper: Legislative Assembly of the 57th Parliament: Government and opposition members and government and Katter's Australian Party members pairing agreement for the sitting day 15 September 2022 [1302](#).