



Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

Record of Proceedings, 14 October 2022

MOTION

Days and Hours of Sitting and Order of Business



Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (4.23 pm): I move—

The days, hours of sitting and order of business for the sitting weeks of 25 to 28 October, 8 to 10 November, and 29 November to 2 December 2022 contained in the temporary sessional orders circulated in my name be agreed to.

Temporary Sessional Orders for the sittings of 25 to 28 October 2022, 8 to 10 November and 29 November to 2 December 2022

(1) Hours of Sitting and Order of Business 25 to 28 October 2022

Unless otherwise ordered and notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing and Sessional Orders, from 25 to 28 October 2022, the hours of sitting and Order of Business for each days sitting shall be as follows—

Tuesday 25 October 2022

*9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business **

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11.15am—11.35am—

Business Program Motion (in accordance with Sessional Order 4)

11.35am—1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm—2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm—3.00pm—

Matters of Public Interest

3.00pm—5.30pm—

Government Business

5.30pm—7.00pm—

Disallowance Motions, Private Members' Bills or Government Business (in accordance with Sessional Order 1(d))

7.00pm—8.00pm—
Government Business

8.00pm—8.30pm—
Matters of Public Interest

8.30pm—9.00pm—
Automatic Adjournment

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

Wednesday 26 October 2022

9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business *

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11.15am—12.15pm—
Government Business

12.15pm—1.00pm—
Introduction of Private Members' Bills #

1.00pm—2.00pm—
Lunch break

2.00pm—5.00pm—
Government Business

5.00pm—6.00pm—
Private Members' Motion (motion for which notice was given immediately prior to 10.15am to take precedence)

6.00pm—8.30pm—
Government Business

8.30pm—9.00pm—
Automatic Adjournment

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Thursday 27 October 2022

9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business *

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Government Business

1.00pm—2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm—3.00pm—

Private Members' Statements (Total time 60 minutes, 20 members x 3 minutes each)

3.00pm—4.00pm—

Debate of Committee Reports (in accordance with Sessional Order 5) if no reports to debate, Government Business

4.00pm—8.30pm—

Government Business

8.30pm—9.00pm—

Automatic Adjournment

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

Friday 28 October 2022

9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business *

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10.15am—11.15am—

Question Time

11.15am—12.30pm—

Government Business

12.30pm—1.00pm—

Automatic Adjournment

(2) Hours of Sitting and Order of Business 8 to 10 November 2022

Unless otherwise ordered and notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing and Sessional Orders, from 8 to 10 November 2022, the hours of sitting and Order of Business for each days sitting shall be as follows—

Tuesday 8 November 2022

9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business *

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10.15am—11.15am—

Question Time

11.15am—11.35am—

Business Program Motion (in accordance with Sessional Order 4)

11.35am—1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm—2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm—3.00pm—

Matters of Public Interest

3.00pm—5.30pm—

Government Business

5.30pm—7.00pm—
Disallowance Motions, Private Members' Bills or Government Business (in accordance with Sessional Order 1(d))
7.00pm—8.00pm—
Private Members' Motion
8.00pm—8.30pm—
Matters of Public Interest
8.30pm—9.00pm—
Automatic Adjournment

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

Wednesday 9 November 2022

9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business *

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10.15am—11.15am—
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11.15am—12.15pm—
Government Business

12.15pm—1.00pm—
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1.00pm—2.00pm—
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Government Business

5.00pm—6.00pm—
Private Members' Motion (motion for which notice was given immediately prior to 10.15am to take precedence)

6.00pm—8.30pm—
Government Business

8.30pm—9.00pm—
Automatic Adjournment

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Private Members' Statements (Total time 60 minutes, 20 members x 3 minutes each)

3.00pm—4.00pm—
Debate of Committee Reports (in accordance with Sessional Order 5) if no reports to debate, Government Business

4.00pm—6.00pm—
Government Business

6.00pm—6.30pm—
Automatic Adjournment

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(3) Hours of Sitting and Order of Business 29 November to 2 December 2022

Unless otherwise ordered and notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing and Sessional Orders, from 29 November to 2 December 2022, the hours of sitting and Order of Business for each days sitting shall be as follows—

Tuesday 29 November 2022

9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business *

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11.35am—1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm—2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm—3.00pm—

Matters of Public Interest

3.00pm—5.30pm—

Government Business

5.30pm—7.00pm—

Disallowance Motions, Private Members' Bills or Government Business (in accordance with Sessional Order 1(d))

7.00pm—7.30pm—

Government Business

7.30pm—8.00pm—

Automatic Adjournment

* (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)

Wednesday 30 November 2022

9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business *

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10.15am—11.15am—

Question Time

11.15am—12.30pm—

Government Business

12.30pm—1.00pm—

Introduction of Private Members' Bills #

1.00pm—2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm—5.00pm—

Government Business

5.00pm—6.00pm—

Private Members' Motion (motion for which notice was given immediately prior to 10.15am to take precedence)

6.00pm—7.00pm—

Government Business

7.00pm—7.30pm—

Automatic Adjournment

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

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Thursday 1 December 2022

9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business *

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10.15am—11.15am—

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Government Business

1.00pm—2.00pm—

Lunch break

2.00pm—3.00pm—

Private Members' Statements (Total time 60 minutes, 20 members x 3 minutes each)

3.00pm—4.00pm—

Debate of Committee Reports (in accordance with Sessional Order 3) if no reports to debate, Government Business

4.00pm—6.00pm—

Government Business

6.00pm—6.30pm—

Automatic Adjournment

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

Friday 2 December 2022

9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business *

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10.15am—11.15am—
Question Time

11.15am—until 12.30pm
Government Business

12.30pm—1.00pm—
Automatic Adjournment

** (If completed before 10.15am, Question Time will commence earlier and continue for 1 hour with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)*

I want to remind members why we are doing this. Due to the passing of the Queen and out of respect, the scheduled sitting week was postponed and the government committed to making up the three sitting days. In moving this motion today, I believe that this motion adheres to that commitment by ensuring that the various elements, either government or non-government, are accounted for. I have already circulated the updated sitting calendar for the rest of the year which means the House will sit again for three more weeks. These include two four-day sitting weeks and one three-day sitting week, noting that in the three-day sitting week, Remembrance Day falls on the Friday. We are sitting today, a Friday, when we would normally not be sitting. We are doing the Thursday timetable and, as such, we have made up one of those three days this week, meaning we have Tuesday and Wednesday still to replace in our sitting calendar.

We live in a vast state of great geographical challenges and to ensure that regional members and metropolitan members are able to get back to their electorates, the motion before the House proposes that we sit until 1 pm on the Friday sittings but sit slightly later on the other nights to make up the time. Government business has been spread across the sitting weeks. In respect of non-government business over the remaining sitting weeks, we will make up the matters of public interest, adjournment debates and allow additional time for the introduction of private members' bills. We have also ensured an additional one-hour private member's motion has been made up.

The program that we have circulated is more than reasonable. It makes up all of the government and non-government times that would have been lost as a consequence of postponing that sitting week, but it also sensibly allows members to get back to their electorates, whether it is for school awards, events or Christmas functions in their electorates, and not have to travel back on the Saturday which would have otherwise potentially occurred if we had been sitting a fourth sitting day on the Friday. I can assure all members that all hours—390 hours have been made up over this program, but still allow for the House to rise at one o'clock on the two Fridays.

I thank the Manager of Opposition Business for working with me on this proposal, but I do understand there is likely to be objection because the opposition want to sit late on the Friday. Why? I suspect for no other reason than to have an argument this afternoon. Would sitting on the Friday increase the hours that we would have sat? No. Would it mean there be any other business that otherwise has not already been accommodated in the revised program? No. Is there any other reason other than honestly just being belligerent for having the argument we are going to have now?

I did advise the Manager of Opposition Business that I was more than happy not to listen to any more debate on the casino bill—no offence, Attorney-General—so if they want to spend the rest of this afternoon debating this, then so be it. However, in all seriousness, what we have put forward accommodates everything that is required and fulfils our commitment that no time is lost as a consequence of the postponement, and provides a sensible finish time on those two Fridays for members to get back to their electorate. I really do ask for all members to consider supporting this, although I know those on the other side are unlikely to.