



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MILLER**

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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services) (11.26 am): On this discussion or debate, the Manager of Opposition Business has spoken twice now in his contribution about making the incredible, insightful observation that when we have an order of business that it is members of the government who also have to prioritise when they speak. That has been the point of this from the very beginning. All parties have to prioritise their speakers to ensure that we do not get tedious repetition and a lot of the time of this valuable parliament taken up by the same lines and the same paragraphs from the usual suspects. That is not having respect for this parliament and the process of democracy—quite the opposite.

In his incredible contribution here, the member for Glass House has pointed out something that has seemingly escaped him to this point. That is that this government prioritises speakers when it comes to the orderly management of this House, just like every other party has to do. What we have here again is another arcane procedural contribution from the member for Glass House on behalf of the Leader of the Opposition—one might say a whingeing, whining, policy-vacant contribution, not something that anyone should aspire to, I would suggest. Perhaps they might like to prune their contribution on arcane procedural motions so that we can get more debating time on bills. That bit of pruning on that side might be something that is a positive thing rather than the usual policy cuts and infrastructure cuts that we get from those opposite.

I am not going to take up the time of the House any longer and take up my full allotment. We should get on with the business of this House and stop wasting its time with arcane procedural debates that the opposition seem to be obsessed about, when this is the way that democratic houses are ordinarily organised, appropriately, depending on the bills, depending on the condolence motions, depending on the revocations in any parliamentary session. This is the normal process and the opposition is wasting the time of the House once again with an arcane debate.