



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

**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

Record of Proceedings, 28 March 2023

**MOTION**

**Business Program; Cognate Debate**



**Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (11.24 am): I move—

1. That the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Jack's Law) Amendment Bill and the Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) be considered as cognate bills for their remaining stages, with:
  - (a) separate questions being put in regard to the second readings;
  - (b) the consideration of the bills in detail together; and
  - (c) separate questions being put for the third readings and long titles.
2. That the following business will be considered this sitting week, with the nominated maximum periods of time as specified:
  - (a) the Housing Legislation Amendment Bill, a maximum of four hours;
  - (b) the Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, a maximum of four hours; and
  - (c) the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Jack's Law) Amendment Bill and the Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) to complete all stages by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 30 March 2023.
3. The following time limits for the bills listed in 2. apply:
  - (a) the minister to be called on in reply:
    - (i) for the Housing Legislation Amendment Bill and the Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, 45 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours for those bills; and
    - (ii) for the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Jack's Law) Amendment Bill and the Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2), by 5.10 pm on Thursday, 30 March 2023.
4. If the nominated stage of each bill has not been completed by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 30 March 2023, 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 either pass that stage or 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.

In respect of the motion before the House, members will see that there are four bills slated for debate this week, they being the Housing Legislation Amendment Bill, the Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Jack's Law) Amendment Bill, and the Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) which will be debated cognately. The motion also sets out the time frames for these bills to be considered pursuant to the sessional orders. This week the House will also move a motion of condolence for Billy Gordon, the former member for Cook.

I note that last sitting the opposition supported this motion and the debate of this motion was brief. I appreciate the collegiate nature of the discussions at the Business Committee meeting last night, and I look forward to the same approach by the opposition today.