




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

Record of Proceedings, 30 March 2023

MOTION

Regional Sitzings of Parliament, Cairns; Temporary Sessional Orders

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (4.01 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

1. That the House notes that the Legislative Assembly will sit in Cairns at the Cairns Convention Centre from 9 to 11 May 2023; and
2. That the days, hours of sitting and order of business for the sitting week of 9 to 11 May 2023 contained in the temporary sessional orders circulated in my name be agreed to.

Sessional Orders for the Sitting of the Legislative Assembly at the Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns from 9 to 11 May 2023

Hours of Sitting and Order of Business

Unless otherwise ordered and notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing and Sessional Orders, from 9 to 11 May 2023, the hours of sitting and Order of Business for each days sitting at the Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns shall be as follows—

Tuesday 9 May 2023

*9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business **

Prayers

Messages from the Governor

Matters concerning privilege

Speaker's Statements

Appointments

Petitions

Citizen's Right of Reply

Notification and tabling of papers by the Clerk

Ministerial Papers

Ministerial Notices of Motion

Ministerial Statements

Any other Government Business

Personal Explanations

Tabling of Reports

Notice of motion for disallowance of statutory instrument

10.15am—11.15am—

Question Time

11.15 am—11.35 am—

Business Program Motion (in accordance with Sessional Order 4)

11.35am—1.00pm—

Government Business
1.00pm—2.30pm—
Lunch break
2.30pm—3.30pm—
Matters of Public Interest
3.30pm—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.)*

Wednesday 10 May 2023

10.30am—10.45am—Preliminary Business *
Prayers
Messages from the Governor
Matters concerning privilege
Speaker's Statements
Appointments
Petitions
Citizen's Right of Reply
Notification and tabling of papers by the Clerk
Ministerial Papers
Ministerial Notices of Motion
Any other Government Business
Personal Explanations
Tabling of Reports
Notice of motion for disallowance of statutory instrument
10.45am—12.30pm—
Government Business
12.30pm—1.00pm—
Introduction of Private Members' Bills #
1.00pm—2.30pm—
Lunch break
2.30pm—5.30pm—
Government Business
5.30pm—6.00pm—
Ministerial Statements
6.00pm—7.00pm—
Question Time
7.00pm—7.30pm—
Automatic Adjournment to commence after Question Time ends

** (If completed before 10.45am, Government Business will commence earlier.)*

(If there are no Private Members' Bills to introduce, or any introduction to complete, the next item of business to commence with starting times for all other items, except lunch breaks, in the Order of Business adjusting accordingly.)

Thursday 11 May 2023

9.30am—10.15am—Preliminary Business *
Prayers
Messages from the Governor
Matters concerning privilege
Speaker's Statements
Appointments
Petitions
Citizen's Right of Reply
Notification and tabling of papers by the Clerk
Ministerial Papers
Ministerial Notices of Motion
Ministerial Statements
Any other Government Business
Personal Explanations
Tabling of Reports

Notice of motion for disallowance of statutory instrument

Notice of motion for debate during Private Members' Motion (Thursday 3.30pm—4.30pm) (Notice may be stated in the House and delivered to the Clerk)

10.15am—11.15am—

Question Time

11.15am—1.00pm—

Government Business

1.00pm—2.30pm—

Lunch break

2.30pm—3.30pm—

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

3.30pm—4.30pm—

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

4.30pm—5.00pm—

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.)*

Questions on Notice

Standing Order 114(2) is suspended for Wednesday 10 May 2023 and every question on notice must be lodged with the Clerk by 1.00pm.

The motion before the House in relation to the regional parliament which will be held in Cairns between Tuesday, 9 May 2023 and Thursday, 11 May 2023 will be the sixth regional sitting of the Legislative Assembly in regional Queensland and a great opportunity for Queenslanders living in Far North Queensland to see their House, the people's house, live in action. This regional sitting of the Queensland parliament builds on successive sittings of regional parliament which have occurred under Labor governments in Townsville in 2002 and 2019; in Mackay in 2011; and in Rockhampton in 2005.

The motion before the House contains the bespoke sessional orders for the upcoming regional parliament sitting. These sessional orders are the same sessional orders as those that were used at the recent Townsville regional parliament and are designed to enable the democratic processes of the House to occur and allow MPs to engage with community members in the Cairns region.

In moving this motion, I also table the constitutional instrument dated 16 March 2023 signed by the Governor setting the time and place for the Far North Queensland regional sitting of the parliament in Cairns, the *Parliamentary Precinct Notice 2023*, which defines the parliamentary precinct in Cairns, and an extract from the *Queensland Government Gazette* dated 17 March 2023 which incorporates the gazettal of these papers.

Tabled paper: Constitutional Instrument, dated 16 March 2023, signed by Her Excellency the Governor setting the time and place for the Cairns regional sitting [411](#).

Tabled paper: Parliamentary Precinct Notice 2023 defining the precinct for the Cairns regional sitting [412](#).

Tabled paper: Extract from Queensland Government Gazette No. 45, dated 17 March 2023, regarding the regional sitting of parliament in Cairns [413](#).

I take this opportunity to thank the parliamentary staff and, in particular, the departmental staff, who are working together to organise this important democratic event. I commend the motion to the House.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.