



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

**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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**MOTION**

**Business Program**



**Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (11.16 am): I move—

1. That the following business will be considered this sitting week, with the nominated maximum periods of time as specified:
  - (a) the Monitoring of Places of Detention (Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture) Bill, a maximum of 1 hour;
  - (b) the Corrective Services (Emerging Technologies and Security) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, a maximum of 2 hours;
  - (c) the Waste Reduction and Recycling and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, a maximum of 5 hours; and
  - (d) the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendment Bill to complete all stages by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 25 May 2023.
2. The following time limits for the bills listed in 1. apply:
  - (a) the minister to be called on in reply:
    - (i) for the Monitoring of Places of Detention (Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture) Bill, 30 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours for that bill;
    - (ii) for the Corrective Services (Emerging Technologies and Security) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, 30 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours for that bill; and
    - (iii) for the Waste Reduction and Recycling and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, 30 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours for that bill;
    - (iv) for the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendment Bill, by 5.25 pm on Thursday, 25 May 2023.
3. If the nominated stage of each bill has not been completed by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 25 May 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.

While we are back in the Legislative Assembly in Brisbane, I would like to take this opportunity to remark on the success of the Cairns regional parliament. I am advised that over 1,700 people attended the parliamentary precinct in Cairns, as well as over 2,500 students and staff attending during the week to see their parliament in action. This was a remarkable achievement, considering there are usually only around 60 people plus schoolchildren who attend the public gallery in this chamber during a sitting week in Brisbane. I acknowledge the school students who are up there today and say hello to all of the schools visiting here at the moment.

This was the sixth time that the parliament has left Brisbane and headed north, which I am sure all members can agree is not an easy logistical exercise. I take the opportunity to thank the staff of the Queensland Parliamentary Service, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, the Queensland Police Service, all government departments and the Cairns Convention Centre for their dedication and hard work in ensuring this important democratic event went well.

Turning to the motion before the House today, members will note that there are four bills which are the subject of the motion. The first is the Monitoring of Places of Detention (Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture) Bill which this House has been debating across a number of sitting weeks before. That is why it has only been allocated one hour to ensure its passage today. The Corrective Services (Emerging Technologies and Security) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill is allocated two hours for debate. The Waste Reduction and Recycling and Other Legislation Amendment Bill has been allocated five hours for debate. The Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendment Bill has been allocated the remaining time during this week's sitting for debate. I note that if all of these bills are finished before 5.55 pm on Thursday we will continue on to the next bill on the *Notice Paper*.

All of these bills will be subjected to time parameters which will enable the minister to reply if they so desire in time for consideration in detail if there are amendments to consider. I am sure members will agree that these are sensible time parameters to allocate for these bills which will enable this Legislative Assembly to continue to work on behalf of the people of Queensland in a methodical and orderly manner.

While I live in hope that those opposite will agree, I have a feeling they might trot out their usual lines about how they want to be here all night debating legislation. However, before they do so, they might want to look at their own past and their own actions. They might want to reflect on their brief time in government and ponder whether they all stayed for the full sitting hours at that time. While I am not commenting on specifics, a recent debate which is publicly available in *Hansard* shows that a then cabinet minister of the Newman government who currently sits across this chamber would leave, not every parliamentary Thursday but most, after question time. This goes to show that those opposite will say one thing and do another, a bit like how Campbell Newman said there was nothing to fear and then those opposite came in and trashed the state by sacking thousands of public servants. With those few words, I commend the motion to the House.