



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) (11.17 am): I move—

1. That all remaining stages of the Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill be completed by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 24 August 2023 with the minister being called on to reply by no later than 5.10 pm (45 minutes before the completion time); and
2. If all stages of the bill listed in 1. have not been completed by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 24 August 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 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; and
 - (d) will complete all stages required by this motion notwithstanding anything contained in standing and sessional orders.

It has been some time since we all sat in this chamber—I welcome everyone back from the break—but, of course, our democratic system has not been on pause over the past few weeks. The important budget estimates process has been taking place in the room next door, the former Legislative Council chamber. While I will not speak at length on this matter, I note that ministers and senior public servants turned up to answer questions about the budget, just like they do every year. Those opposite, apart from one or two, turned it into the usual spectacle. That is enough of that topic. I know that members will have multiple opportunities this week to talk about estimates, as each estimates report is allocated up to one hour for debate to occur.

In addition to the estimates reports, this House will debate the important legislation which was introduced by the Minister for Police in the form of the Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. This is an important bill to continue to strengthen our tough laws to protect children in Queensland. This bill has been allocated the balance of the week to complete, noting that debate of the estimates reports will take around 7½ hours to complete. In relation to the bill, the motion before the House prescribes that the minister in reply will commence no later than 5.10 pm on Thursday, with the bill concluding by 5.55 pm on Thursday if not before.

As members will know after reading the *Notice Paper*, the private member's bill introduced by the member for Hinchinbrook is ready for debate and tonight between 5.30 and 7 pm the House will consider the Liquid Fuel Supply (Minimum Biobased Petrol Content) Amendment Bill. In addition, the House will consider the usual matters including matters of public interest, private members' statements, debate of committee reports and adjournment statements. Members will be aware that since we last met two former members of the Legislative Assembly have sadly passed away and condolence motions will be moved for them in future sitting weeks. With those few words, I encourage all members to support the motion and I commend the motion to the House.