




Speech By
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MOTION

Business Program

 **Ms BOLTON** (Noosa—Ind) (11.27 am): I will be speaking against the business program motion. I have never spoken on this motion before. This has been the most disappointing start to the year. My requests on behalf of the crossbench in relation to the business program are never unreasonable. Negotiating the order of the bills or for extra or even less time so that we can get more time for other bills should always be given consideration. This is especially so when it comes to bills on integrity. Instead we saw no consideration and no negotiation of our requests. I have to ask the question: if this is the case going forward, what is the point of even having the Business Committee? What is the point of standing here and using this time in this chamber to debate the motion?

We need collaborative systems. We need to mature as a chamber. Just like the other flaws in the committee system, this one needs to be addressed around the business motion and just like question time, where again today I missed out, like I often do when I am on the speaking list—I never take my 10 minutes. I cut it in half to try to make sure others get a chance. The system is not working. We have constantly now for years asked for a review, and it has never been more essential. We can and must do a better job. Let's get the review done. Let's get all of this sorted so we can get on with the job. What is our job? It is serving Queenslanders effectively and efficiently, not wasting time, and actually working towards getting the best systems possible for them.