



Speech By
Dr Christian Rowan

MEMBER FOR MOGGILL

Record of Proceedings, 26 June 2026

COMMITTEES

Estimates Hearing



Dr ROWAN (Moggill—LNP) (Leader of the House) (8.56 pm): I move—

That, notwithstanding anything contained in standing and sessional orders, the order for hearings and reporting program for each portfolio committee (estimates program 2026) and attachment 1 circulated in my name, be agreed to.

1. For the consideration of the annual appropriation bills for 2026-27:
 - (a) The portfolio committees to only hold hearings and take evidence on the areas of responsibility, on the dates and within the timeframes provided in attachment 1.
 - (b) The Leader of the House, after consultation with the Speaker, if necessary, to issue a memorandum changing the days and times for each hearing in attachment 1;
 - (c) Where a minister administers a number of distinct portfolio areas, matters relating to each portfolio area can only be raised during the hearing time specified for that portfolio in attachment 1.
2. In accordance with standing order 177(5), each portfolio committee is to report to the House on the annual appropriation bills by Friday, 14 August 2026.

ATTACHMENT 1 PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE, AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, DATES OF HEARING AND TIMEFRAMES

GOVERNANCE, ENERGY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, 20 July 2026

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	SPEAKER	HEARING TIMES
Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service	Speaker 1.5 hours	PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE 4:00pm—5:30pm

GOVERNANCE, ENERGY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE*Tuesday, 21 July 2026*

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	MINISTER	HEARING TIMES
Premier and Cabinet Veterans	Premier and Minister for Veterans 4 hours	PREMIER 9:00am—11:00am BREAK 11:00am—11:15am PREMIER 11:15am—12:45pm VETERANS 12:45pm—1:15pm BREAK 1:15pm—2:00pm
Treasury, Energy and Home Ownership	Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership 4.5 hours	TREASURY 2:00pm—4:30pm HOME OWNERSHIP 4:30pm—5:00pm BREAK 5:00pm—5:30pm ENERGY 5:30pm—7:00pm

GOVERNANCE, ENERGY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE*Wednesday, 22 July 2026*

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	MINISTER	HEARING TIMES
Finance, Trade, Employment and Training	Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training 3 hours	FINANCE 9:00am—10:00am TRADE 10:00am—11:00am BREAK 11:00am—11:15am EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING 11:15am—12:15pm BREAK 12:15pm—1:00pm

STATE DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKS COMMITTEE*Wednesday, 22 July 2026*

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	MINISTER	HEARING TIMES
State Development, Infrastructure, Planning and Industrial Relations	Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, and Minister for Industrial Relations 4.5 hours	INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS 1:00pm—3:00pm INFRASTRUCTURE 3:00pm—4:00pm BREAK 4:00pm—4:30pm PLANNING 4:30pm—5:30pm STATE DEVELOPMENT 5:30pm—6:00pm

STATE DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, 23 July 2026

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	MINISTER	HEARING TIMES
Housing, Public Works and Youth	Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth 3.5 hours	HOUSING 8:30am—10:30am BREAK 10:30am—10:45am PUBLIC WORKS 10:45am—11:45am YOUTH 11:45am—12:15pm BREAK 12:15pm—1:00pm
Sport, Racing, Olympic and Paralympic Games	Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games 3.5 hours	SPORT 1:00pm—2:45pm BREAK 2:45pm—3:00pm RACING 3:00pm—3:30pm OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS 3:30pm—4:45pm BREAK 4:45pm—5:15pm
Transport and Main Roads	Minister for Transport and Main Roads 4 hours	ALL PORTFOLIO (DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS) 5:15pm—7:15pm BREAK 7:15pm—7:30pm ALL PORTFOLIO (DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS, ASSOCIATED SCHEDULE 7 ENTITIES) 7:30pm—9:30pm

JUSTICE, INTEGRITY AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Friday, 24 July 2026

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	MINISTER	HEARING TIMES
Attorney-General, Justice and Integrity	Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity 3 hours	ALL PORTFOLIO (DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ASSOCIATED SCHEDULE 7 ENTITIES) 9:00am—10:30am BREAK 10:30am—10:45am ALL PORTFOLIO (DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE) 10:45am—12:15pm BREAK 12:15pm—1:00pm
Police and Emergency Services	Minister for Police and Emergency Services 3 hours	POLICE 1:00pm—2:30pm BREAK 2:30pm—2:45pm EMERGENCY SERVICES 2:45pm—4:15pm BREAK 4:15pm—4:45pm

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	MINISTER	HEARING TIMES
Youth Justice, Victim Support, Corrective Services	Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services 3 hours	YOUTH JUSTICE AND VICTIM SUPPORT 4:45pm—6:45pm BREAK 6:45pm—7:00pm CORRECTIVE SERVICES 7:00pm—8:00pm

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 28 July 2026

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	MINISTER	HEARING TIMES
Health and Ambulance Services	Minister for Health and Ambulance Services 4 hours	HEALTH (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ALL HHSS, HEALTH OMBUDSMAN) 9:00am—10:30am BREAK 10:30am—10:45am HEALTH (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ALL HHSS, QIMR, MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, HEALTH AND WELLBEING QLD) 10:45am—12:15pm BREAK 12:15pm—12:30pm AMBULANCE SERVICES 12:30pm—1:30pm BREAK 1:30pm—2:15pm
Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation	Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation 4.5 hours	TOURISM 2:15pm—4:15pm BREAK 4:15pm—4:30pm SCIENCE AND INNOVATION 4:30pm—5:15pm BREAK 5:15pm—5:30pm ENVIRONMENT 5:30pm—7:15pm

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 29 July 2026

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	MINISTER	HEARING TIMES
Natural Resources and Mines and Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development	Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development 4 hours	NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES 9:00am—11:00am BREAK 11:00am—11:15am MANUFACTURING AND REGIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT 11:15am—1:15pm BREAK 1:15pm—2:00pm

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	MINISTER	HEARING TIMES
Primary Industries	Minister for Primary Industries 3.5 hours	ALL PORTFOLIO 2:00pm—3:45pm BREAK 3:45pm—4:00pm ALL PORTFOLIO 4:00pm—5:45pm

EDUCATION, ARTS AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Thursday, 30 July 2026

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	MINISTER	HEARING TIMES
Education and Arts	Minister for Education and the Arts 3.25 hours	EDUCATION 9:00am—11:30am BREAK 11:30am—11:45am ARTS 11:45am—12:30pm BREAK 12:30pm—1:15pm
Women and Women's Economic Security, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multiculturalism	Minister for Women and Women's Economic Security, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Multiculturalism 3.5 hours	MULTICULTURALISM 1:15pm—2:15pm BREAK 2:15pm—2:45pm ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS 2:45pm—4:15pm WOMEN AND WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY 4:15pm—5:15pm BREAK 5:15pm—5:45pm
Families, Seniors, Disability Services, Child Safety and Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence	Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence 3 hours	CHILD SAFETY 5:45pm—6:45pm BREAK 6:45pm—7:00pm FAMILIES, SENIORS AND DISABILITY SERVICES 7:00pm—8:00pm PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE 8:00pm—9:00pm

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SMALL BUSINESS AND CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE

Friday, 31 July 2026

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	MINISTER	HEARING TIMES
Customer Services, Open Data, Small and Family Business	Minister for Customer Services and Open Data and Minister for Small and Family Business 3 hours	SMALL AND FAMILY BUSINESS 9:00am—11:00am BREAK 11:00am—11:15am CUSTOMER SERVICES AND OPEN DATA 11:15am—12:15pm BREAK 12:15pm—1:00pm

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	MINISTER	HEARING TIMES
Local Government, Water, Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers	Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers 4 hours	DISASTER RECOVERY AND VOLUNTEERS 1:00pm—2:00pm FIRE 2:00pm—3:00pm BREAK 3:00pm—3:15pm LOCAL GOVERNMENT 3:15pm—4:15pm WATER 4:15pm—5:15pm

I rise to move this motion relating to the timetable for the 2026 budget estimates hearings. With the passage of the Crisafulli Liberal National Party state government's second state budget, the House now turns to the next important stage of the parliamentary budget process: the detailed examination of the annual appropriation bills through the estimates hearings.

The estimates process is one of the parliament's most important accountability mechanisms. It provides members with the opportunity to scrutinise proposed expenditure, examine government performance and question ministers on the delivery of government policy and services. It is a process that goes to the heart of parliamentary accountability and transparency.

The motion before the House is a straightforward one. It establishes the timetable under which the portfolio committees will conduct this year's estimates hearings and provides for each committee to report to the House by Friday, 14 August 2026 in accordance with standing order 177(5). Importantly, this motion is confined to the timetable for this year's estimates hearings. Unlike last year, it does not propose any amendments to the standing orders; nor does it make any changes to schedule 7. Those important reforms passed by the Queensland parliament last year remain in place and continue to govern the conduct of estimates hearings. This motion simply gives practical effect to those arrangements by setting the timetable for the 2026 estimates process.

As members will see from the timetable, this motion preserves the enhanced scrutiny that was established and implemented by the Crisafulli Liberal National Party state government last year. Every minister, along with the Speaker and the Clerk, retains exactly the same allocation of examination time as in 2025. The overall hours of estimates hearings remain unchanged.

Queenslanders will once again benefit from the additional day of estimates and additional four hours of questioning that was introduced by the government in 2025—reforms that strengthened parliamentary oversight and delivered greater transparency and accountability in the examination of public expenditure. The timetable has been carefully developed to ensure every portfolio committee has appropriate time to undertake its work in an orderly, structured and transparent manner whilst providing certainty for ministers, public servants, committees, parliamentary staff and members alike.

Consistent with established practice, this motion also contains a practical contingency provision enabling the Leader of the House, after consultation with the Speaker, if necessary, to vary hearing days and times should exceptional circumstances arise, such as the illness of a minister or another unforeseen event. That is simply a sensible administrative safeguard to ensure the smooth operation of the estimates program.

The reforms introduced by the Crisafulli LNP state government have already strengthened Queensland's estimates process. The introduction of an additional day of hearings, additional questioning time and the consistent oversight provided by the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker as chairs have delivered a more disciplined, transparent and accountable process—one that better serves this parliament and, most importantly, serves the people of Queensland. That is exactly the way it should be. Estimates should never be viewed as political theatre. It is about accountability, transparency and ensuring Queenslanders can have confidence that public money is being spent reasonably and that governments are properly held to account for the decisions they make.

The Crisafulli Liberal National Party state government welcomes the scrutiny because our second budget continues to strengthen the foundations of a fresh start that Queenslanders voted for in 2024. It delivers practical, cost-of-living relief, stronger health services, safer communities, responsible financial management and a clear plan for Queensland's future. The estimates hearings now provide the Queensland parliament with the opportunity to examine those investments in detail. I would simply say

to those opposite that this process works best when ministers and members come prepared—something that was simply lacking last year when one looks at the performance of those Labor members opposite who turned up not prepared. To quote the words of a Labor Treasurer, 'If you want better answers, ask better questions.' In addition, I would suggest to the opposition that if they want fewer points of order then they should stay within the standing orders.

Finally, in advance I place on record my sincere appreciation to the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker for the important role that they will play. I acknowledge the Clerk of the Parliament, the Parliamentary Service, the committee secretariats and all of the parliamentary staff for their professionalism, as always. I also thank the many public servants from across government departments and statutory bodies who devote a considerable amount of time to preparing for these hearings. As such, I commend the motion to the House.