

(MR SPEAKER)

SPEAKER'S STATEMENT – CHANGE OF NEXT SITTING DATE

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members,

Having today received the position of the Government, in relation to the next sitting date and taking into account the actions of the Australian, New South Wales and Victorian Parliaments, I have determined to accept the advice of the Government that the next sitting date will be 28 April 2020.

This delay of the next sitting date is broadly in line with the determination of the aforementioned jurisdictions to amend their sitting schedules in response to COVID-19.

My view has always been that in the current circumstances the Queensland Parliament should be recalled in a reduced format if and when urgent and unavoidable bills need to be debated before the House, such as matters of supply or a further response to the COVID-19 crisis stemming either from the National Cabinet or a Queensland Government specific response.

I understand that such circumstances do not currently arise.

Under Sessional Order 1B, I therefore set the following date and hour for the next sitting of the Queensland Parliament:

Time: 9:30am

Date: Tuesday 28 April 2020

I table the letter from the Leader of the House.