

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE — PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

*Standing Orders Suspension — Motion*

**MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough — Deputy Premier)** [12.07 pm]: On behalf of the Leader of the House, who is currently at a funeral, I move —

That so much of standing orders be suspended as is necessary to enable private members' business to have priority on Wednesday, 21 September 2016 between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm.

It is my understanding that the Leader of the House has discussed with the opposition the need to expedite passage of the Loan Bill 2016 and other government business through the house. This is a customary practice for the end of the year at around this time.

**MR B.S. WYATT (Victoria Park)** [12.08 pm]: It is my understanding that the Leader of the House has discussed this issue with the manager of opposition business. However, the point needs to be made that although it is customary, it is very early for a motion to reduce private members' time to be moved. I looked at what happened in 2012. There was not a motion like this in 2008 because of the early election. A similar motion was moved in November 2005 with only the last sitting of Parliament to go. The point needs to be made that, yes, this is customary, but because of the way the government has obviously ham-fistedly handled its legislative agenda, we have to reduce private members' time much earlier than is ordinarily the case. The point needs to be made also that although this is customary, the opposition reluctantly cedes an hour of its private members' time to assist the government in its legislative agenda and does so knowing full well that this is very early compared with the precedents set over the periods leading up the last few elections.

Question put and passed.