

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Statement by Minister for Finance

HON SIMON O'BRIEN (South Metropolitan — Minister for Finance) [10.07 am] — by leave: The Legislative Council has done a lot of business in June and since we have returned, and I thank members for that. We are left with the situation that although we have some business in the pipeline, it is not clear how long it will take us to deal with the government bills that are on the notice paper today. With that in mind, and with the possibility that the house may conclude its business for today early, I want to preserve the capacity for the house to also have time to take questions without notice. With that in mind, I will seek to confer behind the Chair with party leaders from all sides about the possibility of bringing forward question time to 3.00 pm today. I have already been making some logistical arrangements to make sure that questions with some notice can be delivered by that time, and we are still working that through. I wanted to get the cooperation of members and will soon have discussions behind the Chair to seek the agreement of members for the proposal, if that is convenient. Obviously, even if we were to finish early today, time would be allocated for members' statements before the house adjourned.