

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE — TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2016

Standing Orders Suspension — Motion

HON PETER COLLIER (North Metropolitan — Leader of the House) [5.04 pm] — without notice:
I move —

That so much of the standing and temporary orders be suspended as to enable the following variations to sitting times of the order of business on Tuesday, 22 November 2016 —

- (a) the Council to meet at 1.00 pm; and
- (b) that questions without notice be taken at 3.30 pm, or at a time appointed by the Council.

This has been done in consultation with all parties. We have been such an efficient chamber that we have got through pretty much all our legislation at this stage that we intended to get through before the house rises. We need to get through a couple more bills, a disallowance motion and three valedictory speeches. The intent of this motion is to commence a little earlier, at 1.00 pm on Tuesday. That will allow time to complete all the outstanding legislation and the disallowance motion and for valedictory speeches to be given by Hon Peter Katsambanis, Hon Paul Brown and Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson. That will be followed by questions without notice, possibly at 3.30 pm or whenever we finish the other formal business. That will be followed by comments from the President and party leaders. I anticipate that the house will rise late Tuesday afternoon.

As I said, it has been done in consultation with all parties who are in agreeance with these arrangements. Because question time will definitely be earlier, can members please have their questions in by 10.00 am on Tuesday. That will come out from the question office as well, but if members can have their questions in by 10.00 am on Tuesday, that will give departments time to respond.

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the Opposition) [5.06 pm]: This does indeed reflect arrangements reached behind the Chair. I take on board the Leader of the House's point and give our commitment concerning questions without notice—we are happy to provide them by 10.00 am. I make this point: often in the past, when the other place is not sitting, it has been difficult to get answers from ministers from the other chamber. Equally, I encourage the leader to raise this with his colleagues at the cabinet meeting on Monday. It would be helpful if answers can be provided.

Question put and passed with an absolute majority.