

*Legislative Council Chamber — Adjournment Debate*

**HON MICHAEL MISCHIN (North Metropolitan — Parliamentary Secretary)** [9.49 pm]: I will not delay members for very long, but it seems fitting to me that before we rise on the last day that we—or anyone—will sit in this chamber in its current configuration, we recognise that it is, in its own small way, a historic event. It has been the workplace for me, and the newer members, for a relatively short time; and, for other members, a very long time. It is easy to take it for granted and not realise the significance of its passing.

Once we leave this place this evening, all that will remain of its original configuration will be our memories of it and some photographs. I respectfully invite members to take a moment to reflect on the significance of that before we proceed to our other business, as, if nothing else, a sign of respect to those who designed it, those who built it, and those who have worked in this chamber for the past century, and to consider the good, the bad and the drama that emerged from it over those decades. I will be sorry to see it go in many respects, although I can understand the need for modernisation.

**Hon Jon Ford:** If only chairs could talk!