

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE — SITTING HOURS

Standing Orders Suspension — Motion

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House) [10.11 am] — without notice: I move —

That so much of standing orders be suspended so as to enable the Council to sit beyond 5.20 pm on this day's sitting and take members' statements at a time ordered by the house.

By way of explanation, this reflects an understanding behind the chair that we will finish the Planning and Development Amendment Bill 2023 we are dealing with through to the completion of third reading before we finish orders of the day at 5.20 pm, but in the event that we need a little bit more time we will have that capacity. I am sure everyone is looking forward to us finishing the third reading by 5.20 pm today so we can then do our Christmas speeches and then have a drink with the media. That is the intention of the motion.

HON DR STEVE THOMAS (South West — Leader of the Opposition) [10.12 am]: I confirm that this is the result of conversations behind the chair, noting that with the goodwill of the house we will achieve our aims, but just in case we need a little bit of extra time, rather than come back next week, I think we are determined that we will finish the bill today.

Question put and passed with an absolute majority.