

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE — PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Standing Orders Suspension — Motion

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah — Leader of the House) [12.13 pm]: I move —

That so much of standing orders be suspended as is necessary to enable private members' business to have priority from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm on Wednesday, 4 September 2019.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I will be brief. The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill is a priority of government business. The reason for this motion is to enable private members' business to be conducted and for us to sit after 8.00 pm tonight.

MR Z.R.F. KIRKUP (Dawesville) [12.13 pm]: The opposition agrees with this suspension and the desire to move private members' business from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm. I suspect you will inform us at some point, Mr Speaker, when the dinner break will occur. I echo the sentiments last night of the member for Cottesloe about the time taken so far to deal with the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill and that we rose just after 1.00 am. I am conscious of members' welfare and the welfare of all people who serve in this place, and I think it is important that we keep responsible time management at the forefront of our minds when we are dealing with this very important piece of legislation.

Question put and passed.