

EDUCATION AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE

Motion

MR J.C. KOBELKE (Nollamara - Leader of the House) [10.53 am]: I move -

That leave be given to the Education and Health Standing Committee to sit from 12 noon to 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 16 October 2002 and Wednesday, 23 October 2002.

As members are aware, committees cannot sit when the House is sitting. That creates all sorts of problems because members may not be able to be in the Parliament to attend to duties or to speak on particular matters in which they are interested. However, from time to time we will allow a committee to sit longer hours to enable the expeditious passage of business through the committee system. This committee is taking evidence on those Wednesday mornings, and it will assist the committee if it can sit for an extra two hours to allow more people to give evidence. Therefore, I seek the concurrence of the House to allow this motion to be passed so that the committee can take evidence while the House is sitting.

MR R.F. JOHNSON (Hillarys) [10.54 am]: I put on the record that once again the Opposition is more than happy to accommodate the Government and the committees of this House in carrying out their functions. We have no problem with the motion moved by the Leader of the House.

Question put and passed.