Mr MANDER: I take that interjection from the member for Moggill. It was a protection racket. Even last week when there was a committee meeting to discuss a bill before the House—and I will not mention the bill—members from the Labor side of the government—

Mrs Frecklington: Pine Rivers.

Mr MANDER: The member for Pine Rivers—I take that interjection—and the member for Thuringowa were blocking totally reasonable questions.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr MANDER: It was the member for Thuringowa, wasn’t it?

An opposition member: Logan.

Mr MANDER: Sorry, it was the member for Logan blocking questions. This constant theme is taking place with this government stopping our ability to ask questions.

There are 39 members on this side of the House and a quick calculation shows that we represent 1.4 million constituents in this state. Those 1.4 million constituents deserve to have their MPs get up in parliament and speak on any bill that they want to speak to. We will be going back to those 1.4 million constituents to tell them what is happening in this House—that is, we are not allowed to speak on what we want to speak on for as long as we want to speak on it. We are going to remind them and remind them of the arrogance of this government.

What is it trying to hide? It is pretty obvious when we see during question time today that the main roads minister was under interrogation about his failure to obey a direction from the Premier and when we see the minister who is responsible for youth justice and domestic violence justifying taxpayers’ money for perpetrators of domestic violence to have leave. This type of thing is unbelievable and these are the questions that our 1.4 million constituents want us to ask of this government. Every sitting week in this parliament at this time we will get up and speak about our democratic right. We will not relent on this because this is an important principle of our democracy and we will let everybody know what this government is trying to achieve.

Division: Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

AYES, 48:

ALP, 47—Bailey, Boyd, Brown, Butcher, Crawford, D’Ath, de Brenni, Dick, Enoch, Farmer, Fentiman, Fumer, Gilbert, Grace, Harper, Healy, Hinchliffe, Howard, Jones, Kelly, King, Lauga, Linard, Lui, Lynham, Madden, McMahon, Mellish, Miles, Miller, Mullen, B. O’Rourke, C. O’Rourke, Palaszczuk, Pease, Pegg, Power, Pugh, Richards, Russo, Ryan, Saunders, Scanlon, Stewart, Trad, Whitting.

Ind, 1—Bolton.

NOES, 43:


Grn, 1—Berkman.

KAP, 3—Dametto, Katter, Knuth.

PHON, 1—Andrew.

Resolved in the affirmative.

APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL (NO. 2)

Message from Governor

Hon. JA TRAD (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (12.07 pm): I present a message from His Excellency the Governor.

Mr SPEAKER: The message from His Excellency recommends the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2018. The contents of the message will be incorporated in the Record of Proceedings. I table the message for the information of members.

MESSAGE

APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL (No. 2) 2018
Introduction

Hon. JA TRAD (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (12.08 pm): I present a bill for an act authorising the Treasurer to pay an amount from the consolidated fund for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service for the financial year starting 1 July 2017. I table the bill and explanatory notes. I nominate the Economics and Governance Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2018.
Tabled paper: Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2018, explanatory notes.

The Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2018 provides supplementary appropriation for unforeseen expenditure incurred by the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service in 2017-18 of $5.140 million.

The unforeseen expenditure incurred by the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service was primarily due to costs associated with the 2017 electoral boundary distribution and state election. Lower equity adjustments were also applied to offset the additional departmental services. Together with the Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2018, which is also introduced today, the total supplementary appropriation for 2017-18 is $555 million.

First Reading

Hon. JA TRAD (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (12.10 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Referral to Economics and Governance Committee

Mr SPEAKER: In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Economics and Governance Committee.