

LIVING WITH DIABETES PROGRAM

917. Mr R.H. COOK to the Minister for Health:

I have a supplementary question. Given that in the past week the minister has been accused of misspending \$25 million —

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Mr R.H. COOK: — and misled the house twice —

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The SPEAKER: I want to hear the question so that I can make a decision on whether it is a supplementary question. That is the opportunity I need to be given before members to my right make decisions for themselves.

Mr R.H. COOK: Given that the minister has misspent public moneys and misled the house twice in the past week, why is he fit to hold the health portfolio?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

We used to have a really good Minister for Health —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Dr K.D. HAMES: We used to have a really good Attorney General when members opposite were on this side of the house. Sadly for their side, members opposite lost the person with that enormous area of expertise and what they have instead is a wet-behind-the-ears spin doctor who could not even spell “hysterectomy” let alone know how to do one!