

HON BARRY HOUSE

Personal Explanation - Liberal Party State Conference, Education Motion

HON BARRY HOUSE (South West) [5.08 pm] - by leave: I thank members for granting me leave to make a brief statement. During question time, the Minister for Education and Training started to refer to a motion on education that had been moved at the Liberal Party state conference a couple of weeks ago, and I interjected to say that the motion had not been dealt with. It seems I was mistaken, and I want to correct the record.

Several members interjected.

THE PRESIDENT: Order, members! The parameters of what Hon Barry House is able to comment on are very limited, and I am sure he will keep within the limitations.

Hon BARRY HOUSE: Thank you, Mr President. I had to leave the conference at about midday on Sunday to return to my electorate to attend an important annual function of an organisation in which I have been involved for 18 years. I thought that all of the Sunday afternoon session would be taken up with constitutional amendments, not motions. However, I was wrong, because apparently the conference did get around to moving a couple of motions. One of those motions was an education motion - which was passed overwhelmingly - calling for a delay in the implementation of curriculum changes in years 11 and 12. Therefore, it seems that the Liberal Party, along with the bulk of the community, completely recognises the realities. The only person who does not is the minister.

Several members interjected.

THE PRESIDENT: Order, members! I think Hon Barry House is getting close to the boundary. Before I give the call to Hon Barbara Scott to resume the current order of the day, I understand there may be some further answers.