

ATTORNEY GENERAL — GIFTS AND TRAVEL — HELICOPTER FLIGHT

**575. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. Will the Premier undertake—from his answer, I take it that he has not—to conduct a proper review of the circumstances of the Attorney General’s helicopter flight, given the level of public interest in this matter?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

This is just muckraking by the Nationals WA and the Liberal Party. As I said to the Leader of the Opposition yesterday, when the coalition was in office, the then Leader of the National Party flew around in a helicopter with Clive Palmer, the bloke who has tried to take us for \$30 billion, the bloke who gave the National Party \$260 000 in donations, and the guy who spent \$60 million getting the Liberal Party elected at the last federal election. You flew around in a helicopter with him—your leader.

**Ms M.J. Davies:** I did not.

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** Your leader flew around in a helicopter with Clive Palmer whilst he was promoting a project that he sued the state government for \$30 billion over. Fortunately, we defeated him. It is not the same as someone going to a birthday party with a friend. I mean, honestly, the opposition is expending all this effort on someone going to a birthday party with a friend! Has the Leader of the Opposition ever been to a birthday party with a friend?

**Mr V.A. Catania:** That’s not the issue.

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** That is exactly the issue. Someone going to a birthday party with a friend seems to be the biggest issue that the National Party is pursuing here. Someone went to a birthday party with a friend. Yesterday the Leader of the Liberal Party said, “It would have been all right if it was in a car.” It is okay to go with a friend in a car to a birthday party. I do not know about a boat; I do not know whether that is okay. I do not know whether it is okay on a motorbike. It seems that the mode of transport is the issue. I have read that some people tried to equate it with Bronwyn Bishop using taxpayers’ money to go to a Liberal Party fundraiser. It is not the same. Everyone with a brain would understand that. At the same time, members opposite are out there with their friends in “The Clan” and all of their nefarious carry-on, which we will no doubt get into further later on, and all their branch stacking and inappropriateness. That is all okay, according to the Liberal Party. Somehow, in the twisted minds of the opposition, it is wrong for someone to go to a birthday party with a friend. I mean, seriously, I think the opposition needs to get with the program.