

SHARKS — DETERRENT DEVICES

**797. Mr D.J. KELLY to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. Is it not the truth that given that the Premier's response is so shallow, the only reason he is opposed to this proposal is that we proposed it first?

**Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:**

My goodness! "We proposed it"! What a fool!

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you! Premier.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** Did we do the research before or after the opposition's policy?

**Mr D.J. Kelly:** It's your research!

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** Yes, but we did not propose it. We did the research into Shark Shields and other electronic devices, and all of that is appropriate, but it is a big step, a reckless step, for a government to come out and endorse a commercial product and give the message out there that, "If you buy one of these at our subsidised price, you are safe". That is something a government should never do.

**The SPEAKER:** That concludes question time.