

**HON SHELLEY ARCHER**

*Personal Explanation*

**HON SHELLEY ARCHER** (Mining and Pastoral) [11.01 am] - by leave: I would like to inform the house that I regret that my statement to the house yesterday was inaccurate inasmuch as I have now been made aware by Mr Burke that Mr Carpenter did not actually telephone Mr Burke directly to seek Mr Burke's support for the premiership. However, at the time I made the statement to the house last night, I believed that to be the case and the substance of my statement - namely, that Mr Carpenter sought the support of Mr Burke for the premiership - was not incorrect. I understand from many sources that Mr Carpenter, by the way of two go-betweens, sought the support of Mr Burke and his faction, the old right. These two go-betweens contacted Mr Burke on behalf of Mr Carpenter and requested Mr Burke's assistance in getting the numbers to support Mr Carpenter for the position of Premier when Dr Gallop retired. I was not and am not privy to the substance or nature of those communications. Further, I understand that when Mr Carpenter was elected to the position, his thanks were communicated through both of those go-betweens to Mr Burke.

I do not mind standing up and apologising when I make a mistake. I put these matters forward by way of clarification. Any queries as to the contents of those telephone conversations should be made directly to the persons concerned. I therefore apologise to the house, all the members here, and the Premier for the statement that I made last night.