

PERTH CASINO ROYAL COMMISSION — HON NEVILLE OWEN

447. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Attorney General:

I have a supplementary question. I thank the Attorney General. Just so I am absolutely clear, did the Attorney General not tell a journalist that had he known of the business and personal connections between Justice Owen and Mr Stokes, he would have objected to the decision to appoint Justice Owen?

Mr J.R. QUIGLEY replied:

I have no recollection of ever telling a journalist that at all. My position is that from the outset I have always supported and continue to support the appointment of Mr Justice Owen in his work in the royal commission. I am not aware of any conflict. I am not aware of any conflict at all that Mr Justice Owen has that would prohibit him or inhibit him in his work.