

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND WORKS, DIRECTOR GENERAL, MR GREG JOYCE

**880. Mrs C.L. EDWARDES to the Premier:**

- (1) Will the Premier confirm that under the Public Sector Management Act the Premier employs the Director General of the Department of Housing and Works, Mr Greg Joyce?
- (2) Has the Premier or his representatives spoken with Mr Joyce to determine the veracity of recently publicised allegations made against the Minister for Housing and Works in the Supreme Court?
- (3) If so, has Mr Joyce confirmed any part of the recently publicised allegations made against the Minister for Housing and Works?
- (4) If the Premier or his representatives have not spoken with Mr Joyce, who is the Premier's employee, why not?

The SPEAKER: I urge the Premier in answering the question to keep in mind Standing Order No 91 and that any canvassing of the matter before the Supreme Court is sub judice.

**Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:**

- (1)-(4) A statement on this matter has been read into the parliamentary record by the Minister for Housing and Works. I find it extraordinary that the Opposition is trailing behind the times - as always - on this issue. The Government made it clear from day one that the policy was introduced that it was under review.

Mr C.J. Barnett: You introduced a policy that was under review - what an extraordinary admission!

Dr G.I. GALLOP: That is called good government. I bet a few opposition backbenchers wish the previous Government had reviewed the belltower policy before the last election. I remember the then Leader of the National Party, the now retired Hon Hendy Cowan, advising the then Government not to go ahead with it. That was not reviewed, and that is why coalition members sit on that side of the Chamber. The Opposition comes into this Parliament to represent private interests on these issues. The minister has given a full account of these matters in the Legislative Council.