

MR CLYDE BEVAN

145. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

With regard to the recent appointment of Mr Clyde Bevan - a former Labor Party candidate for the seat of Swan Hills at the 1993 election - as chairman of Lotterywest, will the minister outline the relevant qualifications, background and specific expertise that Mr Bevan will bring to the role?

Hon Ken Travers: I thought you were better than that, Barry.

The PRESIDENT: Order, the minister is trying to be heard.

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

Mr Bevan is a very capable, competent manager of a very significant business in Western Australia. He has great expertise.

Hon Peter Foss: He runs a restaurant.

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS: That is right. He runs a very good restaurant indeed that has won many gold plate awards. As I understand it, he can no longer compete because he is too good. He runs an excellent business, he is extremely presentable and he has good business knowledge. I must make it clear that the question asked by the honourable member contained a slur. Unlike the honourable member - if he ever gets into power again, although I doubt he ever will - we do not appoint people on the basis of whether they were candidates or not. We appoint people on the basis of whether they are the right people for the job. I can go through the appointments made by the member opposite but I will not do that. This Government appoints people because they are competent. Just because the member opposite did not, will not and will never again get the opportunity to do that, we do not play the game as he did. We play it fair and square.