

MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND WORKS, TENDER POLICY

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

As a supplementary question, as the Premier's representatives or the Premier himself have not spoken to Mr Joyce, how did the Premier answer the first question today from the Leader of the Opposition that there was no substance to the allegations; that they were invalid?

Mr N.R. Marlborough: It was tabled in the upper House this morning!

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

Indeed; where is the member for Kingsley coming from? The question from the Leader of the Opposition was based on the actions of the Minister for Housing and Works in relation to a particular tender. The member for Kingsley raises completely separate issues. Mr Speaker, you know the matter is before the court as the Government has taken advice from you on this matter. I find it extraordinary that the Liberal Party is stirring away in its usual attempt to smear people because its politics have no substance. The policy has been withdrawn. This Government is sensible about these things. When a policy is not working, it is reconsidered. The Government has done that. That is the basic fact of this matter.

Mr C.J. Barnett: It was improper conduct, and you failed to act!

Dr G.I. Gallop: You're way behind, Leader of the Opposition.

The SPEAKER: I call the Leader of the Opposition to order.