

UNION OFFICIALS - WORK SITE BEHAVIOUR

**282. Mr P.D. OMODEI to the Premier:**

I refer to the battle over the screening of a video that allegedly exposes the bullying and thuggish actions of Western Australian union stalwart Joe McDonald.

- (1) Does the Premier or his government have any evidence of Mr McDonald, Mr Kevin Reynolds or any other union official engaging in illegal or bullying tactics on Western Australian work sites?
- (2) If so, why has the Premier said and done nothing to reign in these thugs and expel them from the Australian Labor Party?
- (3) Is his inaction on this issue a deliberate attempt to make Kevin Rudd look good, or is the Premier and WA Labor just weak on unions?

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:**

- (1)-(3) In relation to the third part of that - I do not know what I would call it - bizarre sort of question, no, of course not. I am continually amazed that the Leader of the Opposition comes up these lines, but there we go; that is par for the course, I suppose. The answer to the third part of the question is no. In relation to the premise of the question, I have not seen the video. Has the Leader of the Opposition seen it?

**Mr P.D. Omodei:** No, I haven't seen it.

Several members interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order, members!