

WADE SCALE

499. Mr P.D. OMODEI to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Was this holiday an attempt to discourage the grandparents from speaking out following the tragic death of Wade Scale?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

I have resisted the impulse to respond to this sort of line of questioning and the disgraceful interjections we have just heard, because this is a matter that is too serious and too sad -

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr C.J. Barnett: It's too serious for the Parliament to ignore.

The SPEAKER: The member for Cottesloe.

Mr A.J. CARPENTER: This matter is too serious and too sad to descend to the level that some are seeking to drag us down to. I have absolutely no reason to believe that the assertion made by the Leader of the Opposition in that question has any truth to it whatsoever.