

ATTORNEY GENERAL — MASK WEARING

56. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. How many times will the Premier be called upon to cover for the appalling judgement of his Attorney General?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

Honestly, is this the best the Liberals and Nationals can do? I explained the situation to you. He was at the funeral of a relative and he inadvertently forgot to put on a mask when he walked through the church carrying a coffin. Is that where you want to go? Is that as low as you want to go to pursue that? I suppose we could follow everyone around with a camera to see when, at some point in time, they do not put their mask on when they walk into a building or something. What we are asking the Western Australian community and members of Parliament to do is to do the right thing and wear masks and exhibit the right amount of social responsibility at all times. I am not perfect; I cannot guarantee that at some point in time I will not make a mistake. I cannot guarantee that any one of you will not make a mistake. If you want to follow people around and take photos of them not wearing a mask when they exit a toilet, go into a building or something of that nature, that is up to you.

The Attorney General is an excellent Attorney General with a record of achievement that is incredibly substantial. His work ethic and drive to achieve is, in my experience of Attorneys General, unsurpassed. He has a desire to serve the community that, again, I have never seen before in an Attorney General. He is quite an accomplished person in his role but on one occasion at a funeral he inadvertently did not wear a mask and when it was pointed out to him, he put a mask on.