

STATE BUDGET CRITICISM - PREMIER'S RESPONSE

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

I have a supplementary question. How can the Premier claim that he does not pander to any single interest group when his government gave \$1.5 million to the union education foundation and was able to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars finding jobs for Sharryn Jackson and Helen Creed?

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

Is there some basis to this question? What was the question again - how can we claim that we do not pander? We do not pander. There are many interest groups out there. I thought the preface to the Leader of the Opposition's first question included reference to criticism from the unions movement, did it not?

**Mr P.D. Omodei:** Yes - the teachers' union and the public sector union.

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** I thank the member.