

MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

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

Although he is on the run, he may be able to answer one question! I refer the Premier to section 83 of the Criminal Code, which states -

Any public officer who, without lawful authority or a reasonable excuse -

(a) acts upon any knowledge or information obtained by reason of his office or employment;

...

(c) acts corruptly in the performance or discharge of the functions of his office or employment, so as to gain a benefit, whether pecuniary or otherwise, for any person, or so as to cause a detriment, whether pecuniary or otherwise, to any person, is guilty of a crime and is liable to imprisonment for 7 years.

(1) Is the Premier aware that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services yesterday released privileged and confidential information about the Leader of the Opposition that was made available to her only by virtue of her position as a minister of the Crown?

(2) If so, will the Premier sack the Minister for Police and Emergency Services from state cabinet and demand that she apologise to the Leader of the Opposition?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

(1)-(2) The answer to the second part of the question is no. In answering the first part of the question, I remind the house of the debate it had last year about matters concerning the now member for Mindarie, then the member for Innaloo. I remind the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition of the questions that were asked in this Parliament of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services by the Leader of the Opposition about that incident.

An opposition member: What were the answers?

Dr G.I. GALLOP: All the questions were answered by the minister. Some of the questions were -

(1) Will the minister please list all traffic and other offences that the member for Innaloo was observed committing?

(2) If the member for Innaloo was observed committing traffic offences, why was he not charged?

(3) Did the member for Innaloo identify himself to any of the attending officers as a member of Parliament?

I could go on. I tell the Deputy Leader of the Opposition that his party is totally hypocritical on this matter. The question of the breathalyser reading was put into the public domain by no other person than the Leader of the Opposition!