

MINISTER FOR HEALTH, CAMPAIGNING IN UNIFORM

**1044. Mr JOHNSON to the Premier:**

I refer the Premier to comments made in this House yesterday by his Minister for Health when he interjected during my motion on parenting information centres and stated that he had never, ever campaigned in a uniform. The minister even went so far as to say that I was misleading the Parliament by suggesting otherwise.

- (1) Will the Premier admit that this advertisement from the *Wanneroo Times* dated 16 January 2001 and showing the now Minister for Health in his Police Service uniform and campaigning for the Labor Party is absolute and clear proof that it was his Minister for Health who mislead the Parliament yesterday?
- (2) In line with the Premier's ministerial code of conduct on the integrity and honesty of ministers -

Several members interjected.

Mr JOHNSON: Members opposite do not like this one! I continue -

will the Premier force his Minister for Health to apologise to the Parliament at the earliest opportunity for this flagrant breach of parliamentary standards?

**Dr GALLOP replied:**

- (1)-(2) The one conclusion that I have reached on these sorts of parliamentary debates is that unless I was there and heard what happened, I will never trust what the Opposition has to say. We had an example at our last sitting of the Parliament in which the member for Murdoch made accusations that were totally and utterly wrong against my colleague the member for Armadale with regard to what she had said in this Parliament in the debate on the Labour Relations Reform Bill. I would be very keen to consult with my colleague the Minister for Health -

Several members interjected.

Dr GALLOP: We are dealing here with the masters of misrepresentation. If they think they can entice me into the little cesspit that they create from time to time, I assure them I will not do it, because I have been here long enough to know that little tricks like that are played quite frequently by members of the Opposition, and we usually find that what they say is totally and utterly off the mark.