

TABCORP — AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE INVESTIGATION

**142. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Treasurer:**

I refer to the Australian Federal Police investigation into alleged illegal payments to Cambodian interests by Tabcorp in 2009–10.

- (1) Can the minister categorically rule out any cases of inducements being offered to any state government staff by Tabcorp or any individuals or entities linked to Tabcorp as part of the state government asset sales process?
- (2) Will the state government cease all negotiations with Tabcorp on a potential sale of the TAB until the AFP has concluded its investigations?
- (3) Did the Treasurer change his TAB sale position before or after he learnt of Mr Elmer Kupper's resignation?

**Dr M.D. NAHAN replied:**

- (1)–(3) This is the most bizarre question I have ever been asked; it is totally bizarre. First, I suggest the member ask his questions about the TAB of the Minister for Racing and Gaming. I have had no involvement or discussions with Tabcorp whatsoever.

The idea that I would know whether the TAB was giving bribes in Cambodia is absurd. The implication that we would be involved and knowingly not disclose bribes given by Tabcorp to public servants is outrageous. That is the implication. It is outrageous! If the member has any indication that somebody in this state is receiving bribes from Tabcorp, he should go to the Corruption and Crime Commission.

**Mr M.P. Murray** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Collie–Preston, I call you to order for the first time.

**Dr M.D. NAHAN:** Again, it shows the low level of thought and desperation of the people on the other side.