

ONE NATION, MULTICULTURE POLICIES

315. Dr GALLOP to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:

I refer to One Nation's policies and, in particular, its opposition to multiculturalism and its claim that current immigration policies are leading to the "asianisation" of Australia.

- (1) Will the minister acknowledge that these policies are racist and divisive of good community relations in Western Australia?
- (2) Will the minister join with the Labor Party, the National Party and some Liberal candidates in calling for One Nation and other like-minded parties to be put last on all how-to-vote cards?
- (3) If not, what does that say about the Government's commitment to multiculturalism and its opposition to racial bigotry?

Mr JOHNSON replied:

The Government has answered these questions many times.

Dr Gallop: I am asking you; you are the minister.

Mr JOHNSON: I have answered these questions many times. If the Leader of Opposition were to stay silent I would provide a short answer. I have said many times that preferences are dealt with by the Liberal Party executive at the appropriate time; that is, just before the election.

Dr Gallop: You are the minister; you must maintain good community relations.

Mr JOHNSON: Listen sunshine!

Several members interjected.

Mr JOHNSON: The Labor Party took One Nation preferences at the last federal election and as a result won three marginal seats. What deals did it do? Members opposite should not come into this place and display their hypocrisy. The coalition Government rejects any candidate who has racist policies.