

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

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

At the very least, will the Premier speak to the Minister for Police and ask her why she divulged that information to the media without seeking advice?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

No, I will not. It is pretty clear to everyone who has followed this issue that the figures from the breathalyser recording were out in the public domain and all the minister did -

Mr M.J. Birney: She made it public.

Dr G.I. GALLOP: The Leader of the Opposition was talking about it in the *Sunday Times*. I was up as usual very early on Sunday morning to go for my swim and I think I read about it in the *Sunday Times*, and the Leader of the Opposition was reported as referring to these figures.

Mr M.J. Birney: The figure of .047 was released by your minister!

Dr G.I. GALLOP: I will give the Leader of the Opposition a bit of advice. Do not blame the accuracy of the machines; do not blame some sort of Labor Party conspiracy for informing the police of his habits; and do not blame the Minister for Police for putting the facts on the table. The Leader of the Opposition should understand that he had a scare, and move on!

Mr M.J. Birney: You'll eventually learn!

The SPEAKER: Order! The Leader of the Opposition might as well. I call him to order again.