

MEMBER FOR COLLIE-WELLINGTON – DRINK-DRIVING OFFENCE

380. Mr T. BUSWELL to the Premier:

- (1) When did the Premier or his office receive notification of the member for Collie-Wellington's drink-driving offence and from whom was that notification received?
- (2) I refer to the \$1 000 donation provided by the member for Collie-Wellington to Collie RoadWise following his drink-driving offence. Can the Premier confirm whether the donation came from the member's taxpayer-funded electoral allowance or from his personal account?

Point of Order

Mr M.P. MURRAY: As I am the subject of the question, I would like to give a personal explanation.

The SPEAKER: I will give the member the opportunity at the completion of question time.

Questions without Notice Resumed

The SPEAKER: The last part of the question does not fall within the province of the Premier. However, the first part of the question does.

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

I answered the question yesterday. The member for Collie-Wellington informed me on Tuesday morning. On Monday evening I was told that there was a rumour about that the member for Collie-Wellington had a .05 offence some weeks before. It was a rumour. I spoke to the member for Collie-Wellington directly after caucus on Tuesday morning in my office and he told me what had happened. I reported that to the Parliament yesterday.

Mr C.J. Barnett: Did he come to you?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER: He came down to my office immediately after.

Mr C.J. Barnett: Did you go to him or did he come to you?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER: I gave that information to the house yesterday. I faithfully described what had happened.

The SPEAKER: That completes question time.