

TABLING OF PAPERS

Points of Order

Mr BOARD: I draw Mr Speaker's attention to Standing Order No 157. Yesterday during question time, the Minister for Health indicated that he would table some papers and I requested that he do so. Those papers have still not been tabled. They referred to the percentage of inpatient-outpatient attendances at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children. The minister indicated he would table those papers and I now ask him to do so.

Mr KOBELKE: Whatever undertaking may have been given by the Minister for Health certainly does not fall under Standing Order No 157, which relates to quoting from an official document. The member should have requested at the time that the minister table that document. That was not formally done. Standing Order No 157 is not applicable in this case. Whatever other undertaking the member thought the minister made is a matter that should not be raised in this way.

Mr JOHNSON: That is a good try by the Leader of the House. The minister quoted from official papers. The member for Murdoch asked him to table those papers and the minister said that he would. It is all documented in *Hansard*.

The SPEAKER: For Standing Order No 157 to be effective in relation to the particular document, the last part of the standing order must be taken into account. It states -

... if requested by any other member either during, or immediately after the conclusion of the remarks which include the quotation.

Then the Speaker would give the order for the minister to table the document. It may well be the case that the minister made a verbal agreement to table the document. However, members cannot raise Standing Order No 157 the next day and ask that the document be tabled.

Debate Resumed

Mr KOBELKE: I seek your indulgence, Mr Speaker. I have some documents that I do not need to table, but I seek your approval to lay them on the Table so that members may take one or more copies if they wish.

The SPEAKER: The documents will be tabled for the balance of the day.

[The papers were tabled for the information of members.]