

CABINET MEMBERS - BRIAN BURKE AND JULIAN GRILL

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

I am asking the questions. I have a supplementary question. Has the Premier asked any of his colleagues whether they negotiated a deal with Brian Burke and Julian Grill to put him in the position of Premier?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

What an outrageous suggestion of the great Australian Labor Party - the good men and women of the state Labor Party. What a shocking suggestion.

Ms S.E. Walker: Why did you make Norm the minister, then? You thought he had talent.

Mr A.J. CARPENTER: I had forgotten to bring in my quote from *The West Australian* of a few months ago when I think Robert Taylor said that the surprise package Norm Marlborough was turning out to be one of the "star performers of the cabinet". Does Robert Taylor remember saying "the star performer"? It is marvellous how we can blot out our memory when we do not want to recall issues. It is marvellous how we are all so brilliant in hindsight.

The Leader of the Opposition should ask the Deputy Leader of the Opposition now what deal was done so that the Leader of the Opposition could sit in his seat and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition could sit next to him. I do not have to ask my members those sorts of ridiculous conspiratorial questions.

Several members interjected.

Mr A.J. CARPENTER: No; I do not have to ask those questions.