

**MEMBER FOR COTTESLOE**

*Minister for Planning — Performance — Personal Explanation*

**DR D.J. HONEY (Cottesloe — Leader of the Liberal Party)** [10.18 am]: Under standing order 148, I rise to make a personal statement. Last Wednesday, during a response to issues raised in private members' business, the Minister for Planning made an assertion that my staff had accessed her private Facebook page to extract images used in Facebook posts criticising the government. I was very distressed by those assertions, because I do not support anyone, including my staff, using images from personal Facebook accounts or other personal sources for such purposes. I asked my staff to review all the images of the minister that have been used in Facebook posts that relate to her. They have reviewed all of the images of her that have been used in posts and believe that they have all been obtained from public sources. They could not identify any images that had been obtained from private sources. I contacted the minister by email last Thursday and subsequently spoke with her personally to ask her to identify any images that she believes have originated from personal sources. I have not received any images that she believes have originated from personal sources. I have not received any information from the minister to identify any such images.

I do not and will not support the use of images from private sources in political messaging or posts from my office. My staff do not research or source material from personal sources. Based on the investigation I carried out, I am comfortable that no images used in my political posts have been sourced from personal sources.