

LEWANDOWSKI AFFIDAVIT, ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MEDIA STATEMENT

1352. Mr R.F. JOHNSON to the Attorney General:

I refer the Attorney General to his media statement dated 10 June 2002 regarding the Lewandowski affidavit. The Attorney General said that if the affidavit were truthful, it would strike at the heart of public confidence in the police and the justice system. Given that the Attorney General considered the affidavit to be credible enough to refer it to the Royal Commission Into Whether There Has Been Any Corrupt or Criminal Conduct by Western Australian Police Officers and to grant the Mickelbergs an appeal, I ask -

- (1) Is the Attorney General aware that the Lewandowski affidavit directly contradicts the 1998 Court of Criminal Appeal testimony of the now Minister for Tourism?
- (2) Is the Attorney General further aware that the Court of Criminal Appeal was told yesterday that the Mickelbergs did not receive fair trials in previous proceedings because of false evidence given by police officers at the time?
- (3) Will the Attorney General concede that the Minister for Tourism no longer retains the public's confidence?

The SPEAKER: That question goes into an area that the House has endeavoured to avoid for many, many years; that is, matters that may be canvassed in any appeal. As such, I rule that the question in its current form is not answerable.