

MEMBER FOR PERTH - MR GRAHAM KIERATH

**392. Mr P.D. OMODEI to the Premier:**

This morning the member for Perth made comments in this house along the lines that the former Minister for Planning, Hon Graham Kierath, owned two decrepit houses that were used by streetwalkers for their customers.

- (1) Is the Premier aware that Mr Kierath has strongly denied these claims of ownership of the properties?
- (2) Will the Premier demand an immediate retraction from the member for Perth and an unreserved apology to the house and to Mr Kierath for this disgraceful and false accusation?

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:**

(1)-(2) To be quite honest, I am unaware of any assertion along those lines.

**Mr T. Buswell:** Come on!

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** I am. I am unaware of Graham Kierath's property holdings. I can discuss the issue with the member for Perth later, but I have no reason to believe Mr Kierath owns property. I have no evidence one way or the other.

Several members interjected.

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** I have no evidence. It is interesting the Leader of the Opposition has asked this question. I hope it means he has given away the silly assertions he was making this morning, because he was making allegations and assertions about the member for Perth and he had no evidence to support them - none whatsoever. The unfortunate thing is that when people take this line in politics, they end up getting into all sorts of slanging across the chamber and in the public domain, which is, of course, exactly what some people want.

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** You can hardly talk.

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** I do not know what the member is talking about. He can throw mud around -

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** Did you ever fabricate material?

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** Me? No. Is the member suggesting that I have? What is this? For God's sake!

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** We'll see.

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** When the member for Cottesloe was Leader of the Opposition, did he sit at a fundraising dinner with Paul Afkos and Mr Con Papakostas?

Several members interjected.

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** Assertions have been made about the member for Perth on the basis that he received a phone call from someone. I receive phone calls from people all the time. The situation the member has outlined against the member for Perth would be analogous to that involving Mr Afkos, who would be analogous in that position to Mr Drewett - that is, there is some association between Mr Drewett and other people who are under investigation as there was an association between Mr Afkos and people under investigation, and the member for Cottesloe associates himself with Mr Afkos. Therefore, for some reason or other, Mr Hyde should resign and the member for Cottesloe should resign. People ring me up at home and make suggestions to me about interfering in police investigations, and therefore I should resign. It is utterly ridiculous. The member for Cottesloe said this morning he did not believe Mr Hyde was a fit person to hold the office.

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** I would doubt his suitability.

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** The member said that. It is just ridiculous. There is no substantiation for any of the assertions the member was making this morning. No allegation has been made against the member for Perth, none whatsoever, and the opposition is carrying it on here this afternoon in question time when members opposite should know better.