

DR NEALE FONG - OPPOSITION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION

**608. Mr P.D. OMODEI to the Attorney General:**

I would like to recognise in the public gallery today students from Penrhos College and Kent Street Senior High School. I welcome them to Parliament House.

I refer to my office's freedom of information application to uncover the process leading to the appointment of Australia's highest paid bureaucrat, Neale Fong. Given the Corruption and Crime Commission investigation into Neale Fong, I ask -

- (1) Why has the Attorney General failed to release 36 of the 49 documents that were asked for?
- (2) Of the remaining documents, why has the Attorney General blacked out large amounts of those documents?
- (3) Does the Attorney General not believe that the people of Western Australia deserve to know the truth behind the appointment of Neale Fong; and, if not, what is he hiding from?

**Ms A.J.G. MacTiernan:** What about the truth of the billion-dollar sale of Westrail?

**The SPEAKER:** I was sure that the Attorney General was asked that question. Maybe he was not, but I am sure he stood up. I call the Attorney General.

**Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:**

- (1)-(3) The information would have been provided in accordance with the relevant FOI law. What was required to be disclosed would have been disclosed. I am certain of that. I am sure that the public is very aware of all the circumstances surrounding Dr Fong's appointment.