

CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION REPORT — PRISONER SUPERVISION

Question without Notice 319 — Supplementary Information

MR F.M. LOGAN (Cockburn — Minister for Corrective Services) [2.47 pm]: I rise under standing order 82A to provide additional information in answer to a question that was put to this house by the member for Dawesville. In his question, the member for Dawesville inferred that the Corruption and Crime Commission report looked into the officer in question and that the officer had let paedophiles access Hungry Jack's restaurants as part of his relationship with the boys.

Point of Order

Mr D.T. REDMAN: Mr Speaker, the minister is clearly commenting on the issue rather than simply making a statement, as this standing order entails.

The SPEAKER: I will get the official version. The standing orders state —

82A. Immediately after question time, Ministers may give further brief, factual information in relation to a question already answered in the Assembly, either with notice or without notice, but will not debate the matter.

Minister, if you could get to the point.

Debate Resumed

Mr F.M. LOGAN: To correct the record, three prisoners were referred to in the report. Prisoner A was serving a three-year sentence for armed robbery and drug offences.

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member!

Mr F.M. LOGAN: Prisoner A was serving a three-year sentence for armed robbery and drug offences. Prisoner B was involved with outlaw motorcycle gang activity, which is why he was in prison. Prisoner C was a convicted murderer whose offences included property and drug offences. There is no mention whatsoever —

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Dawesville, I call you to order for the second time. This has become a habit.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: There is no mention whatsoever of paedophiles.

The SPEAKER: Okay. That is enough.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: It is your job to tell the truth in this house.

Point of Order

Mr D.T. REDMAN: Mr Speaker, the minister is clearly running a debate, which is absolutely contrary to the —

The SPEAKER: I have told him. All he did was explain the facts that—sorry, I can never remember Dawesville. If anyone wants to query that, there is a protocol.

Dr M.D. Nahan interjected.

The SPEAKER: What was that, Leader of the Opposition? What was that comment you just made?

Dr M.D. Nahan: I was interjecting. I said, "Bikie, druggie, murderer—okay."

The SPEAKER: I made a decision on this. The member said it was paedophiles. The minister has said it was not. End of story. It is corrected in *Hansard* forever.

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup interjected.

Mr M.P. Murray: You're a grub!

The SPEAKER: Member for Dawesville, I call you for the third time. Minister for Sport and Recreation, I call you for the first and second time.

Members, let me explain something. When I am on my feet, there will be silence. People kept talking then and I could have pinged you. I will not have people disrespecting the Chair. You might have an opinion—great. I suggest, Minister for Sport and Recreation, when I am on my feet, you keep it to yourself.

Withdrawal of Remark

Mr D.T. REDMAN: The Minister for Sport and Recreation used an unparliamentary term in reference to the member for Dawesville. I ask you to ask him to withdraw it.

Mr V.A. Catania interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for North West Central, I call you to order for the second time. I just explained what being on my feet meant but obviously it did not click. What was the comment, member?

Mr D.T. REDMAN: The Minister for Sport and Recreation used an unparliamentary term.

The SPEAKER: Can you tell me what it was?

Mr D.T. REDMAN: It was very loud and it was a four letter word, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: I didn't hear it. I will find out from the Clerk. A grub?

Mr D.T. REDMAN: Yes.

The SPEAKER: I have been here 17 years and that would probably be the nicest thing that has ever been said about me! Member, sit down. I am ruling on a point of order. I have been called names much worse than that by members on that side of the house, but if the member wants to withdraw, he can.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I withdraw my insensitive remark.

Point of Order

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I have a point of order, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Be very careful to get this right because I will call you to order.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: Just so I can understand your ruling, I assume that you are accepting the Minister for Sport and Recreation's point to the member for Dawesville that he was in fact a grub as not an unparliamentary term and you did not seek to ask the minister to withdraw it but, in fact, asked whether he would voluntarily withdraw it.

The SPEAKER: It is not a point of order. I offered the minister the opportunity to withdraw it, which he did. Are you happy with that?

Mr D.T. Redman: No.

The SPEAKER: The member has a problem if you are not happy with that. It is a point of order. I gave him the opportunity—the same as everyone else—to withdraw, as I did today for someone on this side of the house. I did not say "withdraw". I said, "Do you want to withdraw it?" and he did. I cannot see the difference between either side of the house. I will not put up with these points of order that are not proper. You have put your point, member.

Dr M.D. Nahan interjected.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition, you are on three calls. I will not have you disrespecting the Chair. The next time, I will not call you but I will name you because of your disrespect for the Chair.