

COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC SECTOR STANDARDS - REPORT ON CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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

I ask a supplementary question. Will the Premier confirm that the report deals with matters post those matters that the Premier has mentioned; that is, post 2002? Will the Premier tell this Parliament which of his ministers is in breach of section 105 of the Public Sector Management Act?

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

I have a good deal of respect for the Leader of the Opposition; however, there are times when he is just obdurately ignorant. This is one of those times.

**Mr P.D. Omodei:** I spoke to the commissioner myself!

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** Is that so? Perhaps the Leader of the Opposition would provide that advice, because the advice provided to the department -

**Mr P.D. Omodei:** You have not even read the report!

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** No examples are cited in the report.

**Mr P.D. Omodei:** Of course not. It is your job to find out which ministers are in breach of section 105.

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** Perhaps we can also explore the appropriateness of the Leader of the Opposition interrogating the Commissioner for Public Sector Standards. The Commissioner for Public Sector Standards, Ms Maxine Murray, has told the head of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet that she is not aware of any breaches found by her office in relation to sections 8 and 105, apart from those examples highlighted.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The level of talk across the chamber - about 20 people on one side are talking to about 20 people on the other - is of no interest to anyone. The Premier.

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** I will round off my response to those questions by pointing out that over the past two days we have highlighted gross impropriety in the behaviour of the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party.

Several members interjected.

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** Or should I say, member for Kalgoorlie, that we have highlighted further gross impropriety by the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party, completely independent of the improper behaviour that he demonstrated to the member for Kalgoorlie at the time. However, in response to that, absolutely no action has been taken by the Leader of the Liberal Party.

Several members interjected.

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** The question has been raised about what action I took when the Corruption and Crime Commission investigation brought into sharp relief the behaviour of the then member for Peel. I sacked that member from cabinet.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, member for Cottesloe!

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** The member for Cottesloe has the maturity of a spoilt six-year-old boy. He is completely unable to control his behaviour under any sort of pressure, and we all know it. He demonstrates that in this chamber every day. I sacked the member for Peel, and I told him to leave the Parliament. I contrast that with the behaviour of the Leader of the Opposition. When asked outside the Parliament last night about the behaviour of the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party, the Leader of the Opposition said, "What Troy Buswell does is Troy Buswell's business." That is what he said! I could equally have said, "What Norm Marlborough does is Norm Marlborough's business." The Leader of the Opposition has no capacity to understand his role as a leader in maintaining standards on his side of the chamber. The harder we squeeze and the harder we shake members on the Leader of the Opposition's side of the chamber, the more we will rattle out of the Leader of the Opposition's side of politics what his members have done in the past, and what the Leader of the Opposition has not done about that.