

CABINET SECRETARY, CABINET MINUTES

508. Mr R.F. JOHNSON to the Premier:

I refer the Premier to recommendation 15 of the Commission on Government report No 1 of August 1995, which recommends that the role of the Cabinet Secretary should include the accurate keeping of cabinet records.

- (1) Can the Premier confirm that the current Cabinet Secretary, a permanent public servant, is barred from attending the informal part of cabinet meetings?
- (2) What written records are kept of the informal parts of cabinet meetings, and are these filed with other cabinet records, as has been the accepted practice in the past?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (1)-(2) It is quite appropriate for the ministers of the Cabinet of Western Australia to get together to discuss matters relating to politics in Western Australia. As a group we are entitled to do that, and we do it.

Mr R.F. Johnson: We are back to WA Inc. This is a disgrace.

Dr G.I. GALLOP: It is not a disgrace.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: I call the member for Hillarys to order for the first time and the Leader of the Opposition to order for probably the third time.