

PREMIER - DISCUSSIONS WITH BRIAN BURKE

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

Is it not the case that the member for Willagee was a willing participant to a deal and that it was the support of Brian Burke through Norm Marlborough that secured him the position of Premier?

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

It is hard to make a living as a comedy writer. It is a tough gig being a comedy writer. The Leader of the Opposition should practise more often, because he is close to being almost professionally comical.

An opposition member: What a joke!

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** Exactly - a joke; a professional comic. What ridiculous nonsense. Let us not forget the scenario that has been played out. I warned Norm Marlborough about Brian Burke. Where is Norm today? He is gone. Where is Brian Burke? He is gone. Where are all the people -

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** I call to order the members for Dawesville, Murray, Moore and Murdoch.

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** Even before Geoff Gallop resigned as Premier, I warned people to stay away from Brian Burke. I told them that whatever they do in politics, they should stay away from Brian Burke. Those who have not -

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** I call to order the members for Murdoch and Murray.

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** The initial allegation was that I made the phone call. That little edifice has dropped away. As I understand it, the next allegation was about the member for Murchison-Eyre and the member for Rockingham. That allegation has now dropped away. Now the allegation is about Norm Marlborough.

**Mr P.D. Omodei:** Did Norm ring you in London?

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** Why would I ask Norm Marlborough to get Brian Burke's support when I had advised Norm to stay away from Brian Burke? He did not, and his career has been destroyed. What happened to Norm is sad.

**Mr P.D. Omodei** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, Leader of the Opposition!

**Mr A.J. CARPENTER:** The Leader of the Opposition can take his best shot. I repeat the response I gave earlier by asking the Leader of the Opposition: is that all you got?