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**525. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I have a supplementary question. Does the minister maintain that DAFWA's refusal to make a complaint against Mr Khoo is considered to be cooperation by the department, or did the minister mislead Parliament?

**Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:**

I am not versed enough to make a specific response to that.

**Mr E.S. Ripper** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** Only to say that that is an issue that I worked very closely with the department on in terms of its formal responsibilities and I was comfortable with its response and how it managed that issue.

**Mr M.P. Murray:** It hasn't done anything.

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** Quite rightly, it was important the department engage with my office, which it did.

**Mr E.S. Ripper:** You tolerate fraud.

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** Absolutely not; absolutely not. But there are a whole range of issues and complexities in this particular matter that go beyond the question asked here. I have confidence in the actions that the Department of Agriculture and Food took in respect of that issue.