

PREMIER, *STATELINE* PROGRAM

Mr JOHNSON to the Premier:

I ask a supplementary question.

Mr McGinty: Have you any real issues to raise?

Mr Johnson: This is about scrutiny of the Attorney General's Government and Premier.

Did the Premier's press secretary phone the producers of *Stateline* and say that the Premier will never appear on *Stateline* again?

Dr GALLOP replied:

I answered the member's question. He asked if I would appear on *Stateline*.

Mr Barnett: Yes or no?

Dr GALLOP: I ask the Leader of the Opposition -

Mr Barnett: Answer this one first: yes or no?

Dr GALLOP: I ask him a question. Would he be happy for the daily relationship between his media officers and the media - that is, what they say and do not say - to be subject to debate in this Parliament? My answer to the Opposition is that despite whatever my media officers have said, I will be quite happy to appear on *Stateline* and other television programs, if the time is available and the circumstances are appropriate.