

LEADER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY

Liberal Candidate Comments — Member for Rockingham — Personal Explanation

MS L. METTAM (Vasse — Leader of the Liberal Party) [10.24 am]: I rise to make a personal explanation under standing order 148. Last night it came to my attention that former Liberal candidate Peter Hudson made some private comments relating to the member for Rockingham. They should not have been said at all. These comments were unacceptable and do not represent the values of the WA Liberal Party or the team that I lead. I understand that Peter has apologised and is genuinely remorseful. I have spoken to him and let him know that I do not condone these comments. I have also spoken to the member for Rockingham and apologised in person on behalf of the Liberal Party. As the Leader of the Liberal Party, I will always support and champion the rights of women to work and raise families in whatever industry they choose.