

MEMBER FOR GIRRAWHEEN — DISALLOWED QUESTIONS

**472. Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Premier:**

The Premier acknowledged across the chamber to me that the two disallowed questions today concerning the member for Girrawheen were drafted in his office.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:**

- (1) Why did the Premier draft questions that were clearly in contravention of standing order 75?
- (2) Was it just a concerted attempt to intimidate the member for Girrawheen?
- (3) Did the Premier approve of the further personal attack on the member for Girrawheen by the Minister for Emergency Services?

*Point of Order*

**Mr J.M. FRANCIS:** Mr Speaker, I refer you to standing order 75 —

Questions may be asked of —

- (1) Ministers regarding matters under the Minister's administrative responsibility;
- (2) The Leader of a party in government regarding that party's policies;
- (3) Members regarding any matter connected with the business of the Assembly for which that member has charge;

I would suggest that that question is grossly out of order.

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** Further to that point of order, standing order 75(3) clearly states —

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The Premier clearly admitted during question time that he has charge of the dorothy dixers opposite. In fact, he admitted that those questions were drafted in his office.

Several members interjected.

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** Is it not our practice to hear a point of order in silence?

This is a matter that the Premier has charge of; it comes under standing order 75(3) and it is connected with the business of the Assembly. The business currently before the Assembly is question time, and the question is about question time and what the Premier has already admitted in drafting those questions.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Midland, we have heard you. The Premier does not have control of question time; I have control of question time. The question does not fall under standing order 75(3). We have dealt with this before, so I am not going to allow the question on that basis.