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456. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I have a supplementary question. If I am so far off the mark, why was the minister's office panicked into calling the office of the federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Joe Ludwig, this morning, seeking information in a desperate attempt to attack me?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

Mr Speaker, the only thing —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members on both sides, I would like to hear the answer to the member for Warnbro's supplementary question.

Mr M.P. Murray interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Collie–Preston! I formally call you to order for the second time today. I do not want to hear you when I am on my feet.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: Thank you, Mr Speaker. The reason we call federal offices and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is to get quality information to ensure that they are putting out all the right stuff when I make a statement. What I do not do is wake up in the morning, find page 3 of *The West*, grab that article and run it as hard as I can without knowing what is actually going on.

Mr P. Papalia: That is not what they said you asked. They said you asked for information to smash me with.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: That is the modus operandi of the member for Warnbro in respect to agriculture and food in Western Australia. He has asked me two questions this year, and this is the second one. We can see where the opposition puts agriculture in its policy settings as a potential government. We provide quality information. I am not going to hide anything here. We support the notion of the scientific process. We support science and the federal regulatory authorities.

Mr A.P. O'Gorman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Joondalup, I formally call you to order for the first time today.