

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL — LAPEL BADGES

Statement

HON SIMON O'BRIEN (South Metropolitan) [9.56 pm]: I do not wish to detain the house, but I do wish to make one observation and offer congratulations to those involved in ordering and obtaining the new lapel badges for members. I think it was back in the thirty-fifth Parliament when then President Cash arranged for these member badges to be created. I know that since then a lot of members have sought them, and I was very pleased to see that the Usher of the Black Rod has arranged the distribution of a new model. I thank all those involved in that process. I encourage members to wear these unobtrusive lapel pins; they reflect a sense of pride in our house. They should be valued because not very many people get to be a member of this Legislative Council, so it is a badge that should be worn with pride.

The PRESIDENT: I report that this reflects the power of the Parliamentary Services Committee. This matter was raised by Hon Alyssa Hayden, amongst others, at the Parliamentary Services Committee, which is an advisory committee to the Presiding Officers. Our new Clerk, Nigel Pratt, took it up with gusto, and we now have the lapel pins.