

MINISTER FOR HEALTH — CHIEF OF STAFF — BULLYING ALLEGATIONS

53. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Health:

I have a supplementary question. I recommend that the minister think very carefully before responding to this question.

Several members interjected.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: It is a serious matter. Has the minister ever witnessed his good friend and chief of staff Erik Locke engaging in inappropriate behaviour or bullying in the workplace; and, if so, what was the minister's response?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

We received a formal complaint of bullying by letter on 20 November and, as a result, we are taking the appropriate action, which is to undertake an inquiry. The complaint —

Mr A. Krsticevic interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Carine, your member has asked the question. Listen to the answer.

Mr R.H. COOK: As I said, the complaint was made on 20 November and we acted on that complaint.