

**BARBAGALLO RACEWAY — MINISTERIAL MEETINGS —
HON AARON STONEHOUSE'S COMMENTS**

Statement

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House) [5.44 pm]: I want to respond to some of the comments made by Hon Aaron Stonehouse who is out of the house right now. I have had a very quick conversation with Hon Mick Murray and he advised me of the following. It was certainly a robust discussion and he did express his frustration, and perhaps used one word that expressed frustration. It might be described as colourful but I have to say that it is not the most colourful word I have ever heard and certainly not the most colourful from Mick Murray. Nevertheless, some people might take offence at that word. The genesis of the conversation and the meeting in the minister's office was very serious. The minister was frustrated that after a significant period, the respective groups that were involved in this had not been able to work together to find a common solution. That was his frustration. The minister denies the allegation of flipping the bird but he certainly acknowledges that it was a robust conversation. He said that it was less robust than some days in the Legislative Assembly but it was robust and he was frustrated because he was trying to find a way to bring groups together to address what began with a tragedy.

House adjourned at 5.45 pm
