

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — WHISTLEBLOWER

888. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Corrective Services:

I have a supplementary question. Why has the minister not lifted a finger to help this whistleblower, despite the fact that he has used her information to pursue his own agenda and brazenly boost his own profile in the media?

Mr J.M. FRANCIS replied:

Once again—the same as last week—what a ridiculous proposition. Let me tell members, I formed my views —

Mr P. Papalia: You used her information! Where was the Public Sector Management Act when you met her in July?

The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro, you have had a chance to ask a question and a supplementary; do not answer your own question, please. I call you to order for the first time.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: Let me just go back in history briefly.

Mr P. Papalia: You used her information; that is against the act.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro, I call you to order for the second time.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: I will go back in history briefly. This person raised their concerns publicly with *The West Australian* before I met them. To suggest that I used information that they provided to me to publicly comment about the department —

Mr P. Papalia: The minister said that his department had a cultural problem, based on her information.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro, I call you to order for the third time!

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: This is just a ridiculous proposition. Let me make this perfectly clear: I formed my views on issues about culture and performance within sections of the Department of Corrective Services independently. The information that I received was another bit of evidence that supported the views that I had already formed about the Department of Corrective Services. I wholeheartedly reject any allegation. No matter how many times the member makes this allegation and no matter how many journalists he may tell that I used this person, this person revealed their concerns to *The West Australian* and they were printed in *The West Australian* before I raised them.