

ROAD SAFETY COMMISSIONER — KIM PAPALIA

238. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Police:

With regard to the response just provided by the Premier, can the minister please advise when the former Road Safety Commissioner, Mr Kim Papalia, advised her that it was his intention to leave the position; and can the minister also update the house with regard to the Supreme Court injunction he was seeking against the release of documents and his advice to the minister on that matter?

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:

I thank the member for Scarborough for the opportunity to provide some advice. I was very interested in the Premier's answer, particularly his reference to the \$1.5 million the previous government announced on 31 January, the day before the writs were issued —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: I am not hiding you; I am calling you to order, member for Hillarys, for the second time. Minister for Housing, I do not want you to comment on everything I do today. I know you enjoy my work, but you do not need to comment. I call you to order for the first time.

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: The problem with the member for Scarborough is that she judges other people by her own dodgy standards. My answer will be brief and complete. We know that this was announced on a Tuesday, the day before the writs were issued. It was announced on a Tuesday and the writs were issued on a Wednesday. What happened on the Monday? The cabinet met. Ask the Leader of the National Party whether or not it went to cabinet, because it did not. I hear she was pretty unhappy about it; she was very angry about it. She was Minister for Sport and Recreation and she was not consulted about it.

Several members interjected.

Point of Order

Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE: Under standing order 78, the answer is not relevant.

The SPEAKER: I take the member's point of order, but there is relevance because it is about the issue the member talked about.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: These are the standards of the former minister —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bateman, I call you to order for the first time, and it is pronounced "Papalia".

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: This was then —

Mr D.C. Nalder: When did Papalia advise you?

The SPEAKER: Member for Bateman, I call you to order for the second time. You got the name right, but I have called you to order twice.

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: These were the actions of the former Minister for Police. She had the opportunity on the Monday to take it to cabinet and did not take it to cabinet. She did not refer it to Treasury and did not involve the sport minister by taking it to cabinet. That is how the member for Scarborough operates, and now she is trying to judge people by her own dodgy standards.

The answer that I am very happy to make clear is that Mr Papalia still has not advised me.