

ROAD SAFETY COMMISSIONER — KIM PAPALIA

**543. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Road Safety:**

Why did the minister mislead the house when she clearly supported the forced removal of Mr Kim Papalia from the position of Road Safety Commissioner well before 27 June?

**Ms M.M. Quirk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girrawheen, I call you to order for the first time.

**Ms M.M. Quirk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** I call you to order for the second time, member for Girrawheen.

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:**

These are matters that I have answered in this house before. Obviously, there is some attempt by the opposition to throw a bit of mud in my direction today. I think that is most unfortunate. I certainly did not set out to get rid of Mr Kim Papalia; he is someone who has my respect. I do question when we send correspondence to the opposition whether they sought his permission to make public that correspondence in this house, because I do not think they did.

**Dr M.D. Nahan:** Answer the question.

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** The member can answer that if he likes, but I do not think the opposition did Mr Papalia any service by revealing in this house the correspondence that he made with the Leader of the Opposition. Mr Kim Papalia made his decision not to continue in the role of his own accord without any pushing from me.