



***PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES  
COMMITTEE***

**REPORT ON PERSONS ADVERSELY  
REFERRED TO  
IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**MR ROBERT (BOB) FALCONER**

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# COMMITTEE'S FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

Legislative Assembly Standing Order No. 284 provides the following functions, powers and terms of reference to the Procedure and Privileges Committee -

## **Procedure and Privileges Committee**

284. (1) A Procedure and Privileges Committee will be appointed at the beginning of each Parliament to -
- (a) examine and report on the procedures of the Assembly; and
  - (b) examine and report on issues of privilege; and
  - (c) wherever necessary, confer with a similar committee of the Council.
- (2) Membership of the committee will consist of the Speaker and four other members as the Assembly appoints.
- (3) Standing Order 278 will apply except that where possible any report of the committee will be presented by the Deputy Speaker.
- (4) When consideration of a report from the committee is set down as an order of the day it will be considered using the consideration in detail procedure.



# REPORT

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly referred to the Procedure and Privileges Committee a letter dated 10 December 2008 from Mr Robert (Bob) Falconer, seeking to use Standing Order 114 to respond to comments made on 27 November 2008 by the Member for Mindarie, Mr John Quigley.

The Committee has agreed to the attached response proposed by Mr Falconer.

In accordance with Standing Order 114 the Committee has not considered or judged the truth of any statements made in the submission.

## **Recommendation**

Your Committee recommends –

That a response by Mr Robert (Bob) Falconer in the terms specified in the Appendix to this report, be incorporated in *Hansard*.

HON. GRANT WOODHAMS, MLA  
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE  
11 December 2008





# APPENDIX 1

## **RESPONSE BY MR ROBERT (BOB) FALCONER**

### **AGREED TO BY MR ROBERT (BOB) FALCONER AND THE PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 114**

It has come to my attention that on 27 November 2008 in the Legislative Assembly the member for Mindarie, Mr J R Quigley, made an untrue assertion in relation to actions he attributed to me in the role of WA Police Commissioner.

My objection is to the following statement as reported in Hansard: *“In 1998-99 that peanut Falconer, that little turnip from Victoria, who had been given the job as Commissioner of Police, together with Caporn said “He’s the man.”*

I assure you and your fellow members of Parliament and indeed anyone else who may have read that comment that at no stage did I determine who would or would not be the subject of the ‘Macro’ investigation.

I would appreciate this correction being read into the Parliamentary record in the interests of accuracy and fairness please.

Yours sincerely,

R (Bob) Falconer APM