



STANDING ORDERS AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

REPORT ON PERSON REFERRED TO
IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

CLIVE BIRCH

Laid on the Table of the Legislative Assembly
10 September 1998

REPORT

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly referred to the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee a letter from Mr Clive Birch seeking to use Standing Order 165A to respond to a statement made by the then Member for Gosnells, Mrs Yvonne Henderson, on 11 November 1987.

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

It should be noted that Standing Order 165A specifically precludes the Committee from considering or judging the truth of any statements made in the Assembly or in the submission.

Recommendation

Your Committee recommends -

That a response by Mr Birch in the terms specified in the Appendix to this report, be incorporated in *Hansard*.

CHAIRMAN

Response by Mr Clive Birch
Agreed to by Mr Birch and the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee
pursuant to Standing Order 165A

My name is Clive B. Birch formerly of Clive Birch Real Estate and I have been adversely affected by reason of an untrue statement made by Mrs Yvonne Henderson in a grievance statement in the Legislative Assembly on 11 November 1987, recorded in Hansard at pages 5647 and 5648.

The statement made and repeated through Mrs Henderson's speech that "He took off to Britain with at least \$800,000." is completely untrue, unfounded and unsubstantiated. Neither the investigating police officer or the auditors of my accounts was ever involved and furthermore, no authority has ever made any statement that any money was ever taken out of Australia, and that was never any part of the Crown's case against me.

I did write to Mrs Henderson on 30 October 1993, at the suggestion of the Official Secretary of His Excellency the Governor, Mr Kevin Skipworth, and Mrs Henderson did respond on 16 May 1994, however in her response she did not answer the question concerning this mythical \$800,000. I did write again on 25 May 1994 but did not receive any further correspondence from the Member.

I do sincerely believe that this untrue, unfounded and unsubstantiated statement, made by Mrs Yvonne Henderson has seriously prejudiced me in all aspects of my life since that date.

And had the circumstances been permitted I would have addressed all of her other statements.

Clive B. Birch
29 July 1998