



Speech by

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Minister for Police and Corrective Services

Mr FELDMAN (Caboolture—ONP) (Leader of the One Nation Party) (10.10 a.m.), by leave: Yesterday the Minister for Police and Corrective Services implied that I had in some way interfered or attempted to interfere with a police operation on 9 October. I seek to remind the Minister of the facts.

The police operation in relation to this matter commenced somewhere between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. on 9 October, as a direct result of my phone call to the Longreach police after I received relevant information. In the early afternoon of 9 October, when the Minister's office received my fax, no such police operation existed. I caused the operation after my phone call to the Longreach police. The Minister further misled this House yesterday when he said—

"I provided a standard acknowledgment that was prepared, signed by me and sent to the member."

I table a copy of the reply that was forwarded to me, which I received on 14 October. Unless the Minister has changed his name to Ross Musgrove, he certainly did not prepare it or sign it, because that is whose name and signature appears thereon.

I again thank God for his intervention and for the sincerity and integrity of the member for Gregory, who made the safety of the boys paramount and put it above politics. He returned my call, subsequent to a similar fax I sent to him, and in the strictest of confidence set about the retrieval of two youths I was concerned about and in the process discovered the third. I trust that the Minister will cover himself with ashes and sackcloth and prostrate himself before this House in abject apology for such an indiscretion.
