



Speech by

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Comments by Member for Nicklin

Mrs GAMIN (Burleigh—NPA) (10.09 a.m.): I rise to make a personal explanation. Yesterday, the member for Nicklin made an adverse reference to me in his exceedingly brief contribution to the debate on the Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. The member for Nicklin suggested that a decision taken by the 1996-97 coalition Government's Health Bills Committee, which I chaired, is at odds with the position taken by the shadow Minister for Health, Miss Simpson. That is simply not true and he should not have pretended otherwise. The member for Nicklin evinced a lack of understanding of legislative committees utilised by the coalition both in Government and in Opposition. His statement to the House yesterday afternoon was totally and thoroughly confused, and I resent his gross misrepresentation of my position and that of the coalition Health Bills Committee.

When I spoke in the debate on the Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, I referred to proposals regarding the Chief Health Officer and I told the House that a similar option had been put to the former Minister, Mike Horan, and rejected by the coalition Health Bills Committee. I am at a loss to understand how the member for Nicklin could twist that simple fact into the extremely confused and misleading statement that he made to the House yesterday. He is foolish to allow Labor members to fill his head with such rubbish. Perhaps he just cannot follow the Hansard. I would recommend that if the member for Nicklin cannot understand any matters coming forward in future debates he should at the very least check his facts before speaking.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! This is moving beyond a personal explanation. It is more like a statement.

Mrs GAMIN: I suggest that the member for Nicklin does not again misrepresent my position in relation to business before this Parliament.
