



Speech by

Mr S. SANTORO

MEMBER FOR CLAYFIELD

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PRIVILEGE

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Mr SANTORO (Clayfield—LP) (9.32 a.m.): I rise on a point of privilege suddenly arising. This is the first opportunity for me to do so after checking the Hansard of the last day of the last sitting of the House. In his speech in reply to the Workplace Relations Amendment Bill, the Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations referred to the departmental report on QWAs, which was a prominent subject matter of debate. In his speech the Minister told the House—

"... the member for Clayfield did not want to have the information placed before this Parliament about the analysis of the report. He wrote to me seeking a copy for himself ... What he wanted was not for this report to be distributed in the community."

The Hansard record shows that I did not seek to prevent the report being tabled in the Parliament, and I again table a copy of my letter to the Minister, within which I state about the report—

"I believe that it will enhance the quality of the debate and it will be in the public interest for the Opposition to have available to it the above documents which deal with factual and non-confidential matters."

Clearly the record shows that my privilege in this place has been infringed upon by the Minister. Mr Speaker, I ask that you rule on whether any further action by you is warranted.