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RP DATA

Mr REEVES (Mansfield—ALP) (10.25 a.m.): Last month, the member for Mount Ommaney and I made the House aware of the actions of RP Data, which is taking a photograph of every single house in Brisbane without permission. I have received over 550 calls from constituents regarding this issue. RP Data did not listen to the advice that it should cease its operation because, right now as I speak, this intrusive product is being launched at the Hilton Hotel.

RP Data's own marketing of this product is a disgrace, and I seek leave to table its brochure.

Leave granted.

Mr REEVES: That brochure illustrates that the claim that the company checks everyone who will have access to this database is a blatant untruth. The brochure requires only the office name and number and how many are attending, not even the names of the people who are attending. So where is the check and balance in terms of who is using the database?

Now that RP Data has not taken the hint, I ask all of those real estate agents, solicitors and valuers who could use the service not to buy the product and to tell RP Data that they will not support an organisation that is trying to capitalise at the expense of people's privacy. Once again, I call on the Federal Government to introduce the privacy legislation that it said it was going to implement more than three years ago. I also call on this House to question the supplying of information by all levels of Government at a cost to companies that misuse it. I call on the Minister for Natural Resources and his department to take action against RP Data swiftly and to stop this misuse of private information.
