



Speech By
Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe

MEMBER FOR SANDGATE

Record of Proceedings, 1 December 2016

MOTION

Alleged Contempt of Parliament by a Member, Withdrawal

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (4.50 pm), by leave: I move—

That the motion moved by the Leader of the House earlier this day regarding the redaction of evidence from the *Record of Proceedings* be withdrawn.

The motion seeking to redact evidence from the *Record of Proceedings* was done urgently with the intention of protecting a witness who had given evidence in a private hearing. The member for Southport's speech referred to the evidence being given at a public hearing when the evidence had in fact been given to a private hearing. However, since the motion regarding the redaction of evidence from the *Record of Proceedings* was moved, it has become apparent that the witness who sought to be protected had in fact circulated a statement identical to that made by the witness at the hearing to a large email list, which included the member for Southport. To be clear, it is now apparent that the identical statements made in the member for Southport's speech had been made both in a private hearing and in a statement circulated by the witness. Given that the witness has circulated the identical statement in a different form widely and the member for Southport's speech was sourced from that circulation and not the private hearing, there is no justification to protect the witness and the motion is unnecessary and, I accept, redundant.