



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### **Alleged Deliberate Misleading of the House by Members, Apologies**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (6.21 pm): What we have seen this afternoon is just extraordinary from the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and the Manager of Opposition Business who have all come in here at five minutes to six to apologise to this parliament.

This all came about because on Tuesday of this sitting week there were questions put to the Deputy Premier—the second most senior member of this government—that sought to impugn and imply that the Deputy Premier had not acted while she was minister for local government in relation to serious complaints relating to corruption with her department relating to local government. The Deputy Premier gave an answer at the time.

The Deputy Premier stood up in this place on Wednesday and gave a very clear, detailed explanation of the facts of the situation in explaining that these matters had all been referred to the CCC and clearly stated that it was not 326 complaints but rather 326 pages relating to three complaints from one complainant. In fact, the Deputy Premier did not even need to do that because the document that the LNP tabled on Tuesday says '326 pages'—on two pages of this document it clearly says '326 pages'—and the Leader of the Opposition on Tuesday in the media said that she would apologise if it was not 326 complaints. She said that on Tuesday.

The Deputy Premier came in here and gave a very detailed answer on Wednesday clearly stating that it was not 326 complaints. She came in here again today and tabled documents from the Crime and Corruption Commission proving that all of these documents had been considered by the CCC, yet it took until five minutes before 6 pm this afternoon for the Leader of the Opposition, the member for Everton and the member for Kawana to come in here to apologise, smiling and laughing as they stood up and apologised one by one after we have heard all of this rhetoric today about democracy and the behaviour of people in this parliament. Those opposite come in here and throw these allegations around, misleading this parliament. It is a disgusting abuse of power—

*(Time expired)*