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Report, Motion to Take Note

 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (3.58 pm): I rise to talk to this report. I agree with what the member for Capalaba has said. The estimates process was free flowing. I do think the LNP is starting to get how this operates in a modern society. The No. 1 rule obviously is to stick to the standing orders. It is not that hard. We say it every time: no imputations, no allegations and no hypotheticals. It is really not that hard. It is in the standing orders. However, I do think, despite their difficulties, that they are starting to get what it actually means. I want to compliment them on that.

I do take issue with one thing that the member for Glass House said—and the member for Kawana intimated the same. He called it a ‘protection racket’. I want to signal that when we return to this process next year I am not going to be accepting use of the term ‘protection racket’. I am going to call it out because what they are accusing me of is running an illegal criminal exercise. I am just saying please do not use that term in my hearings. I am going to rule it out of order because it breaches standing orders. I thought a bit more instruction might be useful for them.

I also want to say to them: beware of the call for a review of this system because they do not come to this with clean hands. Dare I say if we did review the system, the LNP would have to work harder.