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GARRY EDWARDS MP STATEMENT

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE OFFICE OF THE VALUER GENERAL**Membership**

The SPEAKER: I report the following message from the Legislative Council:

Madam SPEAKER

The Legislative Council desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

That Mr Searle be discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on the Office of the Valuer General and Mr Wong be appointed as a member of the committee.

Legislative Council
14 August 2014

DON HARWIN
President

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**Notices of Motions**

Private Members' Business Notices of Motions (for Bills) given.

QUESTION TIME

[Question time commenced at 2.20 p.m.]

MEMBER FOR SWANSEA

Mr JOHN ROBERTSON: My question is directed to the Premier.

Mr Brad Hazzard: Apologise.

Mr JOHN ROBERTSON: You are kidding, right?

The SPEAKER: Order! The Leader of the Opposition has not even started to ask his question. It might be something about regional New South Wales, you never know.

Mr JOHN ROBERTSON: I think the Hunter is part of regional New South Wales.

Mr Brad Hazzard: You are not sure. I have a Google map here for you.

Mr JOHN ROBERTSON: I was there yesterday morning, Brad, bright and early.

Mr Andrew Constance: Your chief of staff knows where it is.

Mr JOHN ROBERTSON: I know you know how to get there by plane, but I am not sure about driving or where your house is. Today Jeff McCloy gave evidence at the Independent Commission Against Corruption [ICAC] that he gave money to a third Liberal member of Parliament, the member for Swansea. Has the Premier spoken to the member for Swansea and does he retain the Premier's confidence?

Mr MIKE BAIRD: I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his question. It is clear he does not read statements that are put out. Yes, the member for Swansea recently put out a statement that said:

I do look forward to an early opportunity to clear my name. In the meantime, I have decided to stand aside from the parliamentary Liberal Party. I have informed the Premier of my decision and he has accepted it.

I accept the member's resignation from the parliamentary Liberal Party. He deserves due process at the Independent Commission Against Corruption and will have a chance to respond at ICAC. I will not make any further comments on this.