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Dear Senator Crossin

At the Estimates hearing on 25 May 2011 I was asked about a speech made by Mr J.R. Quigley, MLA, Western Australia in which allegations were made in relation to an AGS employee, Ms Darryl Wookey, and about AGS itself.

I indicated at the hearing that, while I was aware of a speech having been made by Mr Quigley, I was not aware of the allegations themselves, and that I would look at what was said.

Having regard to the nature of the allegations, I thought it appropriate to inform the Committee of the outcome of my consideration of the matters raised by Mr Quigley.

On the information currently available to me, it is considered that the matters are not ones which give rise to national security concerns or which warrant AGS taking any action in relation to Ms Wookey.

I note that Ms Wookey has initiated a private defamation action against Mr Quigley in the Supreme Court of Western Australia and that this action is listed for hearing in October 2011.

In light of Mr Quigley's statement to the WA Parliament and the associated media coverage, I am sending a copy of this letter to the Speaker of that Parliament and to the Attorney-General's Chief of Staff.

Yours sincerely

**Ian Govey**  
Chief Executive Officer





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**ALLEGATIONS BY MR JOHN ROBERT QUIGLEY, MLA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
RELATING TO AGS**

I was asked about Mr Quigley's allegations at Senate Estimates on Wednesday 25 May 2011 by the shadow Attorney-General. I replied that I was aware that a speech was given by Mr Quigley to the WA Parliament, but did not know what the allegations were and that I would 'certainly look at what was said'.

Having regard to the references to AGS by Mr Quigley and the associated media coverage, it is considered appropriate to advise the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs - Legislation Committee and the WA Parliament of my assessment of the claims, insofar as they relate to AGS.

These comments also respond to the media coverage of this matter in *The West Australian*.

I have attached Quigley's statement and a summary of his allegations insofar as they relate to AGS. They are directed primarily at Ms Darryl Wookey who is a Senior Executive Lawyer with AGS, currently performing a management role in AGS as Practice Manager, Office of General Counsel (OGC).

I have consulted Ms Wookey and a limited number of senior AGS colleagues in preparing this response to Mr Quigley's allegations.

The claims by Mr Quigley arise from his former relationship with Ms Wookey. A defamation claim by Ms Wookey against Mr Quigley is currently before the Western Australian Supreme Court. We understand that the matter is listed for hearing in October 2011.

The key considerations insofar as AGS is concerned appear to be the following:

- Ms Wookey's visit to Indonesia and Singapore in December 2008 and January 2009 was in an entirely personal capacity. It did not involve AGS and any suggestion that AGS 'chaperoned' Ms Wookey's partner is incorrect.
- We are unaware of any security concerns arising from the visit.
- Ms Wookey was employed by AGS in February 2008 as a legal adviser to government clients. In this context Ms Wookey was granted a security clearance at the Secret level in July 2008 following a security vetting process conducted by the former Australian Security Vetting Service (ASVS). As part of





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- the clearance process, Ms Wookey underwent an AFP check and an ASIO security check, both of which gave no cause not to grant Ms Wookey a Secret clearance.
- In providing information to ASVS, Ms Wookey disclosed her relationship with her now husband (then boyfriend) and the fact that his address for the period 1998 to 2002 was the Department of Corrective Services in Western Australia.
  - Ms Wookey also disclosed the Indonesia / Singapore visit before her departure in accordance with the usual AGS procedures for holders of security clearances.
  - There is no information we have that would support Mr Quigley's claims that AGS's agency security adviser acted inappropriately in handling this matter. From our perspective, the adviser acted in a professional and proper manner.
  - Ms Wookey's current role as Practice Manager for OGC does not give rise to any national security concerns for AGS. Ms Wookey is a valued member of AGS management, although not the 'second senior lawyer at the AGS', as Mr Quigley states. As OGC's Practice Manager there is no requirement for her to access national security classified material.

For completeness, given the media attention following Mr Quigley's statement, I note that 2 corrections were provided in relation to the main article published on Friday 27 May (attached).

The first correction was provided by the Attorney-General's Office on Friday 27 May and published on Monday 30 May (attached).

The second was provided by AGS to The West Australian on Monday 30 May and published on Tuesday 31 May (attached).

I also enclose a report to the Procedure and Privileges Committee of the Western Australian Parliament that incorporates a response to Mr Quigley's allegations provided by Ms Wookey's husband.

Finally, I note that the claims made by Mr Quigley are, in substance, the same as those he made to my predecessor, Ms Rayne de Gruchy AM PSM, in 2009. Mr Quigley wrote 6 letters to Ms de Gruchy in January 2009 and a further 4 in February 2009. In response, Ms de Gruchy wrote to Mr Quigley on 20 and 29 January 2009 and 13 March 2009, advising, in essence, that the matters raised by Mr Quigley



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related to Ms Wookey's private capacity and were not matters which AGS considered warranted the taking of any action against Ms Wookey.

**CONCLUSION**

In the circumstances, based on the information currently available to me, I do not believe that Mr Quigley's statements give rise to any national security concerns or any other concerns requiring action by AGS. AGS will continue to monitor developments in inquiries or proceedings arising out of allegations in the matter, as may be relevant to its responsibilities.

**Ian Govey**  
Chief Executive Officer

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has taken from middle income families and returned nothing to them. In the meantime, despite prating about financial restraint and good fiscal management, general government spending has blown out by a massive 36 per cent since Colin Barnett came to office. That is well in excess of inflation and reflects just how poorly, how lazily and how arrogantly this government is managing Western Australia's finances. It is lighting cigars with \$100 bills, throwing back five-cent pieces and calling it a good result.

The government deserves to be condemned for its arrogance and indifference to the needs of our community. The Premier is quick to point to Canberra and say, "Blame them; they're taking all our money," in an environment in which revenue is actually increasing. He does this to divert attention from his raid on our wallets and our bank accounts, all to fund his expenditure blow-out and his debt blow-out. That is what he does not want people to see. That is why he is playing the Canberra card. Western Australians deserve better than this. They deserve better than politicians who play the politics of distraction and deflection to avoid confronting the ugly reality that they are inflicting more and more pressure on households, more and more profligate government spending and more and more public debt.

Nearly a week has passed since the Treasurer rose in this place to outline the government's priorities for the next 12 months, its strategies for achieving them and the future that this government is building for. He outlined the future that his blueprint was laying down. It is a blueprint of more pain, more increases, more spending and more debt. It is a callous, arrogant vision. It is a budget built on fragile assumptions. It is a bloated palace built on a foundation of sand.

**MR J.R. QUIGLEY (Mindarie)** [12.42 pm]: It is my unhappy task to inform the chamber today that my family and I have been the subject of several criminal offences that have led to great distress to my wife and family. In fact on Sunday night, I was unfortunate enough to find my wife in a foetal position in the bathroom, dry-retching into a bath mat, saying, "I can't take any more. I can't take any more." The Western Australian police force kindly, through the dignitary protection unit, attended and did a security assessment of our house. It has taken steps to secure the safety of my family and me, including installing a distress button by my wife's bed, which she can press should there be a break and entry into our house to threaten her safety.

I will have to take the chamber back through a little bit of history to put the matters in context so that members can understand what has led to this dreadful situation at our home, where my wife lives in utter terror, together with my two baby daughters. It was known that in the 1990s I had a relationship with Darryl Wookey, who went on to become a freedom of information commissioner. I ended this relationship in 1997 for personal reasons that I do not care to go into. Ms Wookey thereafter sought to establish a relationship with my 11-year-old daughter. She did so and fostered that over the next decade. As a non-residential parent, I did what I could to interfere with that relationship because I did not think it to be in my daughter's best interests. I was unsuccessful and became estranged from my daughter.

Things went on. I got cancer, as the chamber knows. I got married; I had children. I lost track entirely of where Ms Wookey was up to in life and whether she was working in Western Australia or not. I would not have had a clue. In the latter half of 2008 my daughter returned to live with her mother in the house behind me with her infant child, my grandson. At that time she visited me and we had an unspoken pact that we would not discuss Ms Wookey; we would just try to rebuild our lives. I did not know anything about Ms Wookey or where she was or whom she worked for or anything about her life.

The next thing I knew—and I was absolutely stunned—*The West Australian* newspaper published a series of articles on Ms Wookey, revealing her association with Western Australia's worst criminal, a man by the name of David Everett. David Everett puts David Hicks in the shade. I have a law report from the Australian criminal law reports 1994, which details his crimes. I seek leave to lay that on the table of the chamber.

[The paper was tabled for the information of members.]

**Mr J.R. QUIGLEY:** I table that together with the photograph of the security device that has been installed at my home. This law report will reveal that David Everett was before the court on 25 counts of terrorism and bombing. He was an ex-Special Air Service regiment soldier—just an incredible person and a diagnosed psychopath. The Director of Public Prosecutions was seeking to increase his sentence from 16 to 35 years. As the respondent, Everett, through his lawyer, put to the court that he was being held in solitary confinement in Casuarina Prison and that this was very cruel and unusual punishment. The court therefore limited his increase from 16 to 20 years. He subsequently wrote a book called *Shadow Warrior: From the SAS to Australia's Most Wanted* in which he detailed and boasted of his crimes. He said that he now saw the light and did not want to do that. Nonetheless, he was so dangerous, as he was putting out in this book, that he had to be held in solitary confinement. My information is that that is not entirely the case. They had to hold him in solitary confinement



because he was under threat from other prisoners because he had used his SAS training and shotguns and automatic weapons to kidnap Western Australian families, Western Australian pregnant women and children. Even the prisoners really get angry at prisoners who do that. He was also held in solitary confinement because it became known within the prison that as an ex-SAS trooper who had gone rogue, he was flogging other custodial officers who were also from the SAS, so he had to be held in custody for his own protection, which was not entirely successful because he was beaten within the special handling unit for those matters.

The next matter that came to my attention concerning Everett and Wookey was that on Christmas Eve 2008, as I arrived home with my final Christmas presents at 4.30 pm, getting ready to go to Christmas Mass with my wife and children and my extended family for sort of a rebuilding Christmas, I saw my wife running down the front stairs, crying. She handed to me, as she ran out, a letter from a very senior Perth lawyer called Martin Bennett. This letter from Martin Bennett, which I have here and will seek also to lay on the table, said that he acted for Wookey and that he knew that on or about 10 December I sent envelopes to the Australian Government Solicitor. These were very menacing envelopes that were sent to the office of the AGS. On one side was a photograph of Everett; on the other side was all this defamatory material about Wookey. This was sent to me on Christmas Eve.

The letter was written on the twenty-third. The letter was held back and delivered to me at 4.30 pm on Christmas Eve. It said that unless I responded within 24 hours, all these things would occur to me. Of course, this just blew the Quigley family Christmas to smithereens, as we were informed that we were under serious police investigation. The letter went on to say that for me to engage in such conduct as a sitting member of Parliament in the state of Western Australia is a disgrace. The letter itself constitutes serious professional misconduct by the practitioner who has made these assertions against me. To cut a long story short, I did not send any of these materials. There was a very high-profile police investigation into me that lasted for some months, during which I fully cooperated with DNA sampling, fingerprinting and the like. I seek to lay on the table for the rest of the day the police clearance of John Quigley of these allegations that I had committed these crimes. I seek permission to lay the police clearance on the table.

**The SPEAKER:** Before I make a decision with respect to that, can the member indicate to me whether those documents he is seeking to lay on the table at the moment are in fact simply private correspondence to yourself or to yourself and your wife?

**Mr J.R. QUIGLEY:** I am sorry; the correspondence I now seek to lay on the table is a letter to me from the specialist crime division.

**The SPEAKER:** Is it directed to you?

**Mr J.R. QUIGLEY:** John Quigley, LLB, JP, MLA, Clarkson. Both of them are letters to me in which the police—I know that Mr Martin Bennett is a bit itchy about people being called suspects and the like—

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mindarie, I will give you permission to lay those documents on the table. I provide some information to you, as I would to any member in this place, that when allegations are made or indications are that an allegation is about to be made about an individual, you need to be very careful about what you might say about that person, an organisation or other people. I provide you with that information, but I give you permission to lay those documents on the table.

[The papers were tabled for the information of members.]

**Mr J.R. QUIGLEY:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. Those documents clear me of any involvement in this matter.

I then asked my lawyer, Mr Malcolm McCusker, AO, QC, to attend upon Mr Bennett to explain that I had been cleared and to get from him an undertaking that Ms Wookey and Mr Bennett knew that I had been completely cleared in these matters by Western Australia Police. Mr McCusker reported back to me that Mr Bennett said, “We know that Quigley lied to the police; we know that Quigley’s two eldest children lied to the police about their knowledge of Wookey going to Singapore”—he does not say whether “we” means he and Everett or he and Ms Wookey. By implication, Mr Bennett was saying to Mr McCusker that the shadow Attorney General for Western Australia perverted the course of justice and pressured his children into joining him in this perversion of the course of justice.

This letter from Mr Bennett is an incredible letter, given that, as we have proceeded, there is now a police investigation by Western Australia Police and the Australian Federal Police—which I will come to in a moment—and the Corruption and Crime Commission. I had the opportunity of at least discussing with the police Ms Wookey’s original statement to them. I have to say that the statement that she made to the police after Mr Bennett wrote to the police was only ever put to the police as a working statement. It is unsigned, but I can confirm that this is the statement given to the police. It is a remarkable document in itself because it reveals that when these menacing and defamatory materials were forwarded to the Australian Government Solicitor, they were intercepted by the security officer, Mr Adamov, who had a discussion with Ms Wookey about them and he



encouraged her to take the materials and report the matters to the AFP and to the ACT police in Canberra, and she declined to do so because she said that the statements were anonymous and that she could not even consider who could be the culprit in this matter. Amazingly, Mr Adamov, the security officer for the AGS, told her to go home and to discuss it with David Everett, and to see what action David Everett would like to take, a person whom Mr Adamov knew to be a psychopathic terrorist. It is unbelievable that the security officer of the AGS would do that and totally fail in his duty to report it himself to the AFP or to the ACT police.

The other issue about this document is that it, in no small part, undercuts the letter of Martin Bennett, which was delivered to me on Christmas Eve. That date of delivery was unprofessional in that the letter was written on 23 December and withheld from being given to me until 4.30 pm on Christmas Eve when there was no chance for me to get any legal advice. This was a malicious act to try to destroy the Quigley family, and those legal practitioners who have worked for Martin Bennett who know of this matter said that it was typical of this bully and that he had mounted a campaign of shock and awe upon my family.

Ms Wookey, after refusing to report the matter to the AFP and to the ACT police, and after being advised by the AGS security officer to go home and to discuss her concerns with a known psychopathic terrorist who was sentenced to 20 years in prison in 1992 and who is still serving those 20 years, went home and saw Everett. Nothing more happened for a week. Everett and Ms Wookey then decided to travel to Perth on the way to Bali and Singapore on a holiday on 21 December. They visited Mr Bennett's office on 23 December. The result of that visit generated that disgusting letter that was sent to my place on Christmas Eve. I wanted to know who else knew that Ms Wookey was going to Singapore, because Mr Bennett wrote in his letter to me that he knew I was the culprit because it mentions going to Singapore, and that I must have been told by my children that Ms Wookey was going to Singapore. My children denied any knowledge of her going to Singapore. Although the police refused to tell me for two years who else knew she was going to Singapore, she reveals in this document that not only did the security officer go home and discuss —

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mindarie, I listen with very great interest and intent, as do many people in this chamber. There are a couple of important things I would like to clarify with you. Can you indicate to this house whether a legal case involving you and Ms Wookey might be proceeding in a court at the moment?

**Mr J.R. QUIGLEY:** Yes there is, but I touch upon criminal offences that have been committed against me. I do not go into the pleadings of those cases. I am relating details of this criminal offence. The extortion note I received in March arrived way after any legal proceedings.

**The SPEAKER:** I thank the member for Mindarie for that information. I draw your attention, and the house's attention, to standing order 91 on the sub judice convention. The reason I draw your attention to it, and I give you and other members the opportunity to speak while I am on my feet, is that you need to be very careful about defamation and about what you are able to say in this place under the privileges we have as members of this house. I am sure that the member for Mindarie is aware of that, given the nature of your reply to the budget speech. You are absolutely entitled to give a reply of that nature. I just provide information about standing order 91 and ask that if you proceed with providing that information to the house, you do so in the full knowledge that if a case is currently before the courts, you will not prejudice the outcome of that case, and that you will not defame, either by incident or by accident, any body, any persons or any organisation.

**Mr J.R. QUIGLEY:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. As I said, the other information that came to light was that Ms Wookey was travelling with Mr Everett to Indonesia and Singapore. In fact, if Mr Everett had gone to Singapore and committed any of these offences in Singapore, he would have been executed. The real issue now is that one of our bomber terrorists was chaperoned into Indonesia and into Singapore, while still under a 20-year sentence, by a senior practitioner at the AGS. Questions have to be raised in relation to that, and, perhaps in due course, the Prime Minister or someone can explain whether our bombers go away and have a little holiday in Indonesia chaperoned by the Australian Government Solicitor, and whether it is like us accepting in return some of their terrorists for a holiday or illegal boat arrivals. These are very serious matters. As a result of this case proceeding, and I do not want to go into the case, a very interesting and disturbing note was pushed through my letterbox. I came home from this Parliament to my crying wife. I asked her what was wrong and she pointed to a note on the bench. That note was an extortion note, which said that mediation on her part means "Big dollars or free rein on you". I will not read the rest of the note because I do not want to go into the civil litigation, but it is a serious extortion note. That note was then passed to the Western Australian police, where it is at the forensic analysis bureau being analysed. I cannot tell members how serious it is. As a result of these events, I went back to the Western Australian police department and said, "Would you properly investigate what is happening? My family is under threat. Would you really shake the tree hard?" The tree was shaken hard. This has nothing to do with me now, because out of the side popped the fact that the note was anonymous. I either am in mediation or have mediation coming up with only two women. One is Ms Gael Roberts from the Legal Practitioners Complaints Committee. I do not have any problem with being prosecuted. Ms Roberts is not going to send me an extortion note, for heaven's sake. The other person I am likely to be in mediation with is Ms Wookey. The police



became so concerned about all this upon hearing the background to it that they sent out superintendents to see me. Through the Minister for Police, I pass on my thanks to the Commissioner of Police. He has spoken to me personally and sent Superintendent Barry Shelton and his team from the dignitary protection unit to assess our house and install distress alarms that my wife has to have next to our bed. That is why she was having a total nervous breakdown and crying and vomiting at night.

When I pressed the police on this threat, what came out sideways was the fact that there had been a previous threat to someone else. I need to lay my notes on the table because they are relevant. This other threat relates back to the original "Inside Cover" articles revealing all this. On that day, the author, Sean Cowan, rang Ms Wookey at the Australian Government Solicitor and sought confirmation from her that she was party to the asset confiscation proceedings in the Western Australian Supreme Court bought by the Western Australian Director of Public Prosecutions to confiscate a unit, house or realty that she and Mr Everett had acquired in Canberra when she got a job with the AGS. It is stated in Sean Cowan's police statement that he rang Ms Wookey at 11.18 and that at 12.03, the first threat came from Curiosity1@live.com.au. The email reads, "Hi Sean, things do go bump in the night. Think about it. Regards, the cat." Mr Cowan took this as a veiled threat that the writer would attack Mr Cowan at home during the night. Given the timing of the email, 45 minutes after he had called Ms Wookey, he assumed that it was from Everett. This was based on his knowledge of Everett's extensive criminal record. He did not commit all his offences at night.

Mr Cowan, being a man's man and staunch, nonetheless proceeded to write the article and it was published the next day. I congratulate Mr Cowan for his courage in writing the article in the public interest. I also congratulate the then editor of *The West Australian* and the editorial staff for having the guts to publish the article the next day. They had to take immediate security measures. They were liaising with the Western Australian police about the threats, and security measures had to be put in place for Mr Cowan. Several more articles were written. The next day, Mr Cowan wrote an article detailing that Ms Wookey's boyfriend prior to Mr Everett was another criminal whom she had been visiting in prison, a thug from the racecourse. Mr Cowan wrote that IC was more than happy to not have to knock on the previous boyfriend's door. The next day, Mr Cowan got another email saying, "Knock, knock". Someone was trying to intimidate him. When he got the first email, he emailed Curiosity1 and asked him whether he was joking.

[Member's time extended.]

**Mr J.R. QUIGLEY:** Mr Cowan wrote, "You have lost me, I'm afraid. I hope it's someone playing a practical joke on me." However, he got another email saying, "As I said, things go bump in the night. Have a think about it." Mr Cowan took that as a reply to confirm that the author of the email was not a practical joker but wished to cause him fear. Another email was sent to Mr Cowan after each of his other articles was published in *The West Australian*. As I said, *The West Australian* had to take security measures. This has nothing to do with Mr Cowan now. I feel sorry for Mr Cowan in a way because things quietened down. If Mr Everett is going to get upset about and look for whoever is rattling the gorilla's cage, he should not pick on Sean Cowan or Mr Brett McCarthy, the editor of *The West*; he should pick on me because I went to the Western Australia Police and said, "Really shake the tree and pull up everything you've got on Everett." Someone said to me, "Boy, making this speech could leave you in real danger from one of the worst criminals in Australia who is still under a 20-year sentence, is a known terrorist and bomber, and is a psychopath." I invite people to read the Wikipedia definition of "psychopath", which is someone who has no empathy with any other person and who is unrestrained by conscience and can be restrained only in a custodial setting. What risk am I putting myself at? On page 562 and 563 of the judgement of the Court of Criminal Appeal are listed the 25 convictions Mr Everett was sentenced to that morning. Mr and Mrs Terpenis and the other Western Australian families did not do anything to goad Mr Everett into coming into their room with his Special Air Service mate wearing a balaclava and carrying automatic weapons. The poor pregnant woman woke up with a weapon in her face and was bound and gagged and taken hostage by this maniac, Everett. He is a terrorist bomber, who the AGS has seen fit to escort to Indonesia. Mrs Terpenis did not do anything to goad him, and Mr Sean Cowan did not do anything to goad him. Perhaps I am in further fear and danger today. Perhaps my lovely, beautiful wife and children are in further danger because I am standing in the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia and speaking the truth. Mr Sean Cowan was brave enough to publish those articles and do his public duty. The editor of *The West Australian* and its editorial staff were brave enough to publish the story and do their public duty. It would not be fitting of me if I knew all these things and went to water and failed to do my public duty because I was fearful. The biggest coward in all this is the SAS-trained soldier, Everett. He does not have a backbone. He has a tube of custard running from his head to his bum, because the only times he has ever used the weaponry he was trained to use by the SAS was inside the homes of Western Australian families as he took pregnant women and children hostage. Hicks is not in the same class as this fiend.

I seek leave to lay on the table for the rest of today's hearing the true copy of the statement given to Western Australia Police by Mr Sean Cowan.

[The paper was tabled for the information of members.]



**Mr J.R. QUIGLEY:** The security measures that were taken have been excised and redacted at the bottom of that statement. A lot of people have a lot to answer for in this whole mess. There is one thing that we do know as we start to unravel all this, and that is that the Commissioner of Police and the specialist crime division have already found that I am innocent—not just not guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. A letter from the police to me states —

As you are aware, you were nominated as a person of interest in this matter. You cooperated with police by providing an affidavit to refute the allegations and samples of you handwriting, fingerprints and DNA.

I am no longer considered to be a person of interest. It is just as everyone writes about this: the member for Mindarie is a victim, and my wife, children and extended family are victims. As I said at the start of this speech, what has prompted me to go public is seeing my wife dry-retching into a bath towel on Sunday night in a total panic attack, and having to go to bed and sleep next to a big box with a distress button. It is a big box because there is a battery in it. The police explained to my wife that the big battery is there so that if Mr Everett comes in and cuts the electricity and the phone wires, she can still hit the distress button.

I have to stay in the chamber after the hours of darkness, as you know, Mr Speaker, doing my public duty, with my beautiful wife, aged 30, and our two gorgeous girls at home by themselves. My wife is petrified. I am petrified. But the Quigleys will not shirk it; we will do our public duty, because that is what I was elected to do. I am not going to take it from this twerp, Martin Bennett, that I am a disgrace in this chamber. That is for my colleagues to decide. That is for the members collectively assembled to decide and, beyond them, for the people of Mindarie to decide. It is not for some lawyer to decide on the basis of an absolute fabricated lie. One of the things being investigated at the moment is the letter that came out of Bennett's office. There were three people in that office, and we know Wookey's position before she went into that office; she has no clue who sent this stuff to her. We know her position vis-a-vis the police: "I don't want to complain to the AFP and I don't want to complain to the ACT police, because I don't know." We know what the security officer, Adamov, says: "Go and discuss it with Dave." Dave and Wookey go to Bennett and out of that office comes the product of crime—a perversion of the course of justice, we now know, because it was written without any belief that I am the guilty party. We can see now, as this ties into the extortion note that has come through our letterbox, that there was a plan afoot, not necessarily involving Bennett, to extort money from me—big dollars. What do they want, \$30 000 or \$40 000 that the Quigleys do not have to pay? My financial statements are registered in the Clerk's office. Everyone knows what my pay is. I gave up my big pay to become a member of Parliament to try to serve the public. I do not have \$30 000 or \$40 000 dollars to pay. There is the generosity, the absolute generosity, of Mr Malcolm McCusker, AO, QC, Governor-designate, and Mr Steven Penglis, senior partner at Freehills, and several other lawyers, who, in seeing what was happening, came to the Quigley family's aid. I have had to pay solicitors; it has cost me \$100 000 to instruct these people. It has cost me more money. So far, it has cost me more money than I earn in this place in a year. It is an absolute disgrace.

What has come out of Martin Bennett's office is an absolute disgrace. Where does all this leave us? On 13 January 2009, I wrote to the chief executive officer of the AGS alerting them to all of this, and I would like to lay a copy of my letter on the table of the house.

[The paper was tabled for the information of members.]

**Mr J.R. QUIGLEY:** The federal Attorney-General, Mr R. McClelland, will know about this. Indeed, I took the precaution of ringing his office to let him know that his office should be in contact with the AGS and to get onto it, but not giving him any details. Mr McClelland must know about this. Here we have a terrorist, who puts David Hicks in the shade, as the partner of the second senior lawyer at the AGS. What sort of security is that? Let us think about that. She is the legal practice manager for Mr Robert Orr, PSM, QC (Commonwealth). When the office of national security, the Defence Signals Directorate, the AFP and ASIO want legal advice, they go to the general counsel of the AGS. Who is the legal practice manager there? The wife of Australia's most feared terrorist—a man who is still under a 20-year sentence.

I am only the member for Mindarie. I am only the shadow Attorney General. I do not quite understand how the security of the nation works. I am lost. I am bamboozled—totally bamboozled. I am bamboozled by how the AGS can escort a terrorist into Indonesia. I have looked at the AGS website and it states that the organisation practises the highest degree of ethics. No doubt it has told the Indonesian government that it is taking in a terrorist. No doubt it has told the Singaporean government that it is taking in a terrorist. This is just breathtaking in its reach.

And then the federal Attorney-General comes to Western Australia during Law Week and hectors the local profession, saying that the legal profession in Western Australia should sign up to national regulation. I have a message for the federal Attorney-General. I say two things to the federal Attorney-General: firstly, coming over here to say that while there is this cancer in his own legal practice means he does not have any credibility; and, secondly, until the federal Attorney-General can reassure me that the Quigley family is not under attack by or



threat from the legal practice manager at his law firm, he has no credibility with the Quigley family. Until the Australian government comes out and tells our neighbours in Indonesia and Singapore what the heck it is doing taking a known terrorist, who is still under a 20-year sentence, into Indonesia and Singapore, the government has a problem. Everett has really done it this time.

I have to say that I know Darryl Wookey. When I used to go with my late friend Brian Singleton to weekday mass down at All Saints' Chapel behind bar chambers—the mass was held at 1.15 pm—I used to see Darryl Wookey. She had a conscience; psychopaths do not have consciences. I say my prayers and in my prayers are prayers for Darryl Wookey because she is so compromised now. She is in a dreadful situation. Everett is going to realise that Darryl Wookey is the biggest danger to him, because when they start investigating this threat against Sean Cowan, they will have to go to Wookey and ask, "After 11.18 am, when Sean Cowan rang you and recorded the phone call, did you ring Everett?" If the answer to that is yes, her evidence will jail Everett, because those offences carry three years each—that is four offences of three years each, plus the offence of creating a false transmission service. This is very serious and I worry for Ms Wookey. The penny will drop that her biggest danger is David Everett. I also worry that he has turned her mind. On a website is a research project called "The Psychopath—The Mask of Sanity" about women who fall in love with and who are manipulated by psychopaths. Clearly, the Attorney-General has to isolate Ms Wookey this afternoon, call in the AFP and find out whether she rang Everett after Cowan rang her. This is enormous in its security implications for Australia.

*Tabling of Documents by Members — Statement by Speaker*

**THE SPEAKER (Mr G.A. Woodhams):** Before I give the member for Albany the call, members in the house will have observed the member for Mindarie ask whether he could lay papers on the table. There is not the opportunity in this place for a member to table a document without seeking the permission of the Speaker. Obviously, in the instances today, that has been enabled for the balance of this day's sitting.

I will provide some further information that I think is a good instruction for all of us in these circumstances, whether for the member who seeks to lay something on the table or the person who is interested to see the documents that have been laid on the table. Members will forgive me while I read this.

A decision about whether to give leave to a member to lay documents on the table is made by me, the Speaker, and is not a question put to this place. The Speaker can take into consideration any factor that he considers relevant in making that decision. One factor, for example, might be whether there is unreasonable interference with a person's private life in the absence of any outweighing public interest in the matter.

If leave is granted to lay the documents on the table, they may be copied by the staff of the house if any member requests a copy, and at the end of the day the original documents will be returned to the member—in this case, the documents will be returned at the end of this day's sitting to the member for Mindarie. No one other than a member will be given a copy of those documents by staff of the house. This is important information.

The documents, as such, do not form part of the records of the house and are not recorded in the Votes and Proceedings. They are not recorded in *Hansard*. If a member wants to give the documents to anyone who is not a member, he or she must do that personally. It does not form part of the proceedings of the house; nor is it covered by parliamentary privilege.

In providing that information, if members are interested and pick up either these particular documents or other documents that a member has asked the Speaker's permission to lay on the table, once they have access to those documents, might I suggest that they need to be absolutely careful with what they might do with those documents. I know that the member for Mindarie and I have had discussions and I appreciate those discussions. I know that certain things come through me as Speaker in this place and having had those experiences on a couple of occasions, I thought that it might also be timely, in this instance, to provide that advice to all members.

*Second Reading — Cognate Debate Resumed*

**MR P.B. WATSON (Albany) [1.20 pm]:** It gives me great pleasure today to reply to the budget on behalf of the people of Albany. It is a disappointing budget for the people of Albany. A lot of people in Albany wanted some relief from rises in water, power and gas prices. People are struggling at the moment. We live in a twin-edged economy. People in rural areas, not only seaside towns such as Albany, but also inland towns, are really struggling at the moment. When I doorknock and ask people whether they have any concerns, the first thing they say is, "I can't really afford to pay my gas bill, my electricity bill or my water bill." In some cases, husbands and wives are both working and they are now classified as the working poor. At one stage when husbands and wives were both working people, they were fairly well off; they could do the extra things they wanted, such as send their child to a private school, go to the movies or go out for a meal once a month. All these things have been taken away. Some people are not letting their kids play sport anymore. A lot of children played two or three sports, but a lot are now playing only one sport because their parents cannot afford to get out and help them.



## **CLAIMS BY MR JR QUIGLEY, MLA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA PARLIAMENT**

On Wednesday 25 May in the Western Australian Parliament Mr JR Quigley (Member for Mindarie) made a lengthy statement concerning the conduct of his former partner (Ms Darryl Wookey, who is Practice Manager, Office of General Counsel in AGS) and her current partner. In his Statement Mr Quigley has made several allegations of inappropriate conduct by Ms Wookey in her capacity as an AGS officer, AGS itself and arguably the Attorney-General and the Australian Government.

The main allegations are set out below:

- 1) AGS's security officer acted inappropriately in the handling of anonymous material forwarded to AGS by suggesting to Ms Wookey that she *'go home and discuss it with David Everett and to see what action David Everett would like to take'*.  
  
Mr Quigley said: *'Amazingly, Mr Adamov, the security officer for the AGS, told her to go home and to discuss it with David Everett, and to see what action David Everett would like to take, a person whom Mr Adamov knew to be a psychopathic terrorist. It is unbelievable that the security officer of the AGS would do that and totally fail in his duty to report it himself to the AFP or to the ACT police.'*
- 2) Mr Quigley stated that: *'The real issue now is that one of our bomber terrorists was chaperoned into Indonesia and into Singapore, while still under a 20-year sentence, by a senior practitioner at the AGS.'* and subsequently *'He is a terrorist bomber, who the AGS has seen fit to escort to Indonesia.'*
- 3) In effect, Mr Quigley seems to be suggesting that the Attorney-General and AGS have a security problem because of Ms Wookey's role in AGS as *'legal practice manager'*. (Ms Wookey is incorrectly referred to as *'the second senior lawyer at the AGS'* and as being the *'legal practice manager for Mr Robert Orr, PSM QC (Commonwealth)'*).

Mr Orr is described as the person to whom the *'office of national security, the Defence Signals Directorate, the AFP and ASIO'* go to for legal advice.

Mr Quigley also states that the Attorney-General has *'this cancer in his own legal practice'* and *'does not have any credibility'*.

He also implies that the Australian Government is involved in Mr Everett's visit to Indonesia and Singapore when he says *'Until the Australian Government comes out and tells our neighbours in Indonesia and Singapore what the heck it is doing taking a known terrorist, who is still under a 20 year sentence, into Indonesia and Singapore, the government has a problem.'*

He concluded his statement by saying that *'Clearly, the Attorney-General has to isolate Ms Wookey this afternoon, call in the AFP and find out whether she rang Everett after Cowan rang her. This is enormous in its security implication for Australia.'*



## News

# Inquiry over Quigley's claims

DANIEL EMERSON

Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland has announced an Australian Government Solicitor inquiry after allegations that national security was compromised because the office employed Darryl Wookey, the partner of a convicted criminal.

Ms Wookey, a senior AGS lawyer, and her partner David Everett, who was jailed in the 1990s for kidnapping and armed robbery, were the subject of a litany of allegations

under parliamentary privilege by WA Labor frontbencher John Quigley on Wednesday.

Mr Quigley, who was in a relationship with Ms Wookey for three years until 1997, said an "extortion note" was put in his letterbox on March 14 which left his family living in "utter terror". Ms Wookey and Mr Quigley are likely to go to mediation in a defamation action

she has taken against him. It is due for trial in August.

Mr Quigley alleged this made Everett a prime suspect. He also

claimed Everett sent threatening emails to reporter Sean Cowan at *The West Australian* in 2008 after Ms Wookey told her partner about a report exposing their relationship.

Mr Quigley called on Mr McClelland to "isolate" Ms Wookey.

"When the office of national security, the Defence Signals Directorate, Australian Federal Police and the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation want legal advice, they go to the general counsel of the AGS," Mr Quigley said.

"Who is the legal practice manager there? The wife of Australia's most feared terrorist, a man who is still under a 20-year sentence. What kind of security is that?"

A spokesman for Mr McClelland said AGS chief executive Ian Govey would "inquire into the specific

allegations made by Mr Quigley".

Mr Quigley branded the inquiry a "sick joke", claiming he told Mr Govey of the matter in January 2008 but he "swept it under the carpet".

In the Legislative Assembly yesterday, Mr Quigley challenged Ms Wookey's lawyer Martin Bennett to

deny that Everett sent Cowan the threatening emails.

Mr Bennett said: "The attempt by Mr Quigley to personalise his attack on me represents a grossly improper attempt by Mr Quigley to compromise my ability to appear for Ms Wookey at the forthcoming defamation trial."

He said Ms Wookey considered Mr Quigley's attack on her employment at the AGS a deplorable misuse of parliamentary privilege.

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three? Was it the same culprit?  
Climate scientists predicted that the northern winter in Europe in 2009-10 would be one of the warmest on record. The opposite occurred. Probyn, that is the reason I am loopy and notorious.  
Tom Rendell, Kalgoorlie.

## Compassion at last

All hail Alison Xamon and Helen Morton, the first politicians to show compassion and understanding for the plight of the mentally ill (Specialist court scheme planned for mentally ill, 26/5).

The prospect of a court diversion for the mentally ill is long overdue because mental illness has never been a priority for any political party. For those of you who labour under the misunderstanding that a court diversion equates to a "get out of jail free card" you are wrong.

In simple terms, it means that those with chronic mental illness will have their illness taken into account when being sentenced, so there is in fact a consequence to their action regardless of their illness.

Furthermore, they will be in a position to seek treatment rather than just punishment. The life of a person afflicted with mental illness is not for the faint-hearted and one has to look no further than the Third World facility in which we relegate our most vulnerable. Graylands is an archaic hospital that has no place in an affluent society and is a sad reflection of our priorities.

My family, friends and colleagues will support any government that places mental health high on its agenda and I urge everybody to make it their business to seek out which political parties care and which ones don't.

Debra Sobott, Mt Lawley.



Alison Xamon



Helen Morton

## CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

**AGS inquiry:** We incorrectly reported that Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland had announced an Australian Government Solicitor inquiry after allegations that national security was compromised because the office employed senior lawyer Darryl Wookey, the partner of a convicted criminal (inquiry over Quigley's claims, page 9, May 27). A spokesman for Mr McClelland said the chief executive officer of the Australian Government Solicitor, Ian Govey, undertook at Senate Estimates last Wednesday night to inquire into specific allegations made in State Parliament by WA Labor frontbencher John Quigley relating to the AGS.



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With no evidence or even a  
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and environmental benefits.

Bernie Masters,  
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## MISLEADING REFERENCES

I was dismayed at the headline  
(Recycled sewage may soon be on-  
tap, 27/5).

The report was reasonably  
well-balanced referring to "treated  
wastewater" and "effluent treated  
to a drinking standard before  
being pumped into Perth's  
groundwater".

Also it is made clear that the  
treated water would also be  
subjected to more natural  
treatment as it percolated through  
the aquifer over several years.

Unfortunately, the first  
paragraph of the report refers to  
"recycled sewage", as does the  
unfortunate headline. It is not  
difficult to work out that these  
references are misleading and  
deceptive.

In the present parlous state of  
the water supply in the south west  
of the State because of low and  
diminishing winter rainfall, any  
initiative to make better use of the  
State's water should be welcomed  
and not impeded by unnecessary  
and inaccurate references to  
"recycled sewage".

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Toowoomba, Queensland,  
referring to recycled sewage  
defeated an attempt in that  
community to alleviate a chronic  
water-supply problem in the  
recent past. The type of headline  
used in this newspaper on May 27  
could lead to a similar outcome  
here.

While there are differences of  
opinion among experts, it is clear  
that the trial which has been  
conducted so far has been subject  
to in-depth monitoring and no  
doubt this will continue in the  
years ahead.

So far the results appear to have  
been very encouraging. I would  
suggest that this should have been  
the point made in your headline.

Kelvin Lord,  
West Perth.

intelligent and well-educated  
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from that reached by every  
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publish their findings, not in  
prestigious scientific journals  
such as Science or Nature, but in  
the letters pages of our daily  
newspaper. We are truly blessed.  
Ruth Conway, Byford.

## CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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carpet". Mr Govey was not the chief  
executive of the AGS in January  
2009 and he did not receive any  
correspondence from Mr Quigley at  
that time or since his appointment.

Alcohol and pregnancy: In our  
report on advice to pregnant  
women to abstain from alcohol  
because it could harm unborn  
babies, National Health and  
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post-doctoral research fellow  
Colleen O'Leary was attributed as  
saying there were risks to brain  
development based on moderate  
drinking -- three to four standard  
drinks a day (Abstinence urged  
during pregnancy, page 27, May 28).  
The figure should have been three  
to four standard drinks once or  
twice a week.

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## REPORT

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly referred to the Procedure and Privileges Committee a letter dated 3 June 2011 from Mr David Everett seeking to use Standing Order 114 to respond to comments made on 25 May 2011 by the Member for Mindarie, Mr John Quigley, MLA.

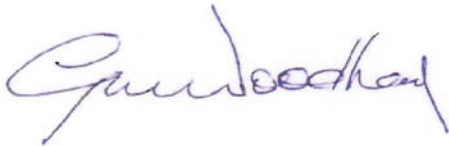
The Committee has agreed to the attached response proposed by Mr David Everett.

In accordance with Standing Order 114 the Committee has not considered or judged the truth of any statements made in the Legislative Assembly or in the submission.

### Recommendation

Your Committee recommends —

That a response by Mr David Everett in the terms specified in the Appendix to this report, be incorporated in *Hansard*.



HON. GRANT WOODHAMS, MLA  
CHAIRMAN TO THE COMMITTEE  
16 June 2011



## APPENDIX

### **RESPONSE BY MR DAVID EVERETT**

#### **AGREED TO BY MR DAVID EVERETT AND THE PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 114**

I would like to respond to the personal attack on me, under parliamentary privilege, by the Member for Mindarie, Mr Quigley, on Wednesday 25 May 2011. By the highly defamatory and untrue comments Mr Quigley has made under that protection, I have been adversely affected in my reputation, in respect of my dealings and associations with others, and my privacy has been unreasonably invaded.

The particular comments and my responses are:

***“Western Australia’s worst criminal, a man by the name of David Everett. David Everett puts David Hicks in the shade. I have a law report from the Australian criminal law reports 1994, which details his crimes. I seek leave to lay that on the table of the chamber.”***

I do not resile from or try to minimise the seriousness of the crimes I committed 20 years ago, for which I have been punished. However, I do not accept Mr Quigley’s suggestion, by labelling me “Western Australia’s worst criminal”, that my crimes were worse than those of murderers, serial killers, paedophiles and rapists.

My deep remorse and regret for my actions of almost two decades ago is a matter of public record. After so many years of working towards making a positive contribution to the society I live in, it is deeply hurtful to have a long dead past dragged back up. I served my time. And I deserved it for what I did. To this day I work to, in some way, redeem myself in any way I can.

***“This law report will reveal that David Everett was before the court on 25 counts of terrorism and bombing.”***

Untrue. That is untrue and Mr Quigley had the law report in front of him and tabled it. I was never before the courts on terrorism charges. A reading of the document Mr Quigley tabled will reveal that.

I was not charged with “bombing”. I was convicted of one count of causing an explosion when I caused an explosives shed to blow up 20 years ago.

***“He was an ex-Special Air Service regiment soldier—just an incredible person and a diagnosed psychopath.”***

Untrue. I have never been diagnosed a psychopath. I have been diagnosed by a psychiatrist, on the request of the Department of Veterans Affairs, as having severe Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) caused by a number of near-death experiences that happened to me during my time in the Special Air Service Regiment.

***“The Director of Public Prosecutions was seeking to increase his sentence from 16 to 35 years. As the respondent, Everett, through his lawyer, put to the court that he was being held in solitary confinement in Casuarina Prison and that this was very cruel and unusual punishment. The court therefore limited his increase from 16 to 20 years.”***

Untrue. I was originally sentenced to 18 years prison, which was reduced to 14 years and 9 months after discounts for time served and a guilty plea. The crown appealed and the sentence was increased to 20 years with 2 years taken off for time served and my guilty plea. This gave me a head sentence of 18 years not 20 years. I was not “held in solitary confinement”. I was held in the Special Handling Unit (SHU). The sentence was not reflective of me being held in the SHU as the majority of the appellant judges rejected that argument by my lawyer. They stated that the authorities could let me out of the SHU at any time, which they did in 1994. Therefore they would not discount any of my sentence.

***“He subsequently wrote a book called Shadow Warrior: From the SAS to Australia’s Most Wanted in which he detailed and boasted of his crimes.”***

Untrue. Nowhere in my book *Shadow Warrior*, Penguin, 2008, have I boasted of my crimes. The message of my book is that crime does not pay and the catastrophic effect it has on the victims of crime. It is an anti-crime book and suggests people do not follow the path I did. That message is repeated on my public website.

***“Nonetheless, he was so dangerous, as he was putting out in this book, that he had to be held in solitary confinement.”***

Untrue. My book was published in 2008. I was released from prison in 2002. I was not being held in solitary confinement when my book was released; I was not in prison when my book was released; and I had been released from the SHU—which is not solitary confinement—in 1994, some 14 years before the book was published.

***“My information is that that is not entirely the case. They had to hold him in solitary confinement because he was under threat from other prisoners because he had used his SAS training and shotguns and automatic weapons to kidnap Western Australian families, Western Australian pregnant women and children. Even the prisoners really get angry at prisoners who do that. He was also held in solitary confinement because it became known within the prison that as an ex-SAS trooper who had gone rogue, he was fissing to other custodial officers who were also from the SAS, so he had to be held in custody for his own protection, which was not entirely successful because he was beaten within the special handling unit for those matters.”***



Untrue. Mr Quigley's informant is wrong. This is a complete fabrication.

Firstly, I was not held in solitary confinement. I was held in the SHU, the special security unit of the prison. There were a number of other prisoners in the SHU—about 8 at the time of the sentencing appeal.

Secondly, I was held in the SHU only because prison authorities feared I was an escape risk. That was stated by Ipp J in his judgment on my appeal as follows:

Prior to the commission of the crimes for which he was sentenced, the respondent was a member of the Special Air Services Regiment and received specialised military training. That training was utilised by the respondent in the commission of his crimes. The prison authorities believe, further, that that training would enable the respondent more readily to escape. For those reasons he has been placed in the special handling unit. He is not in that unit because of his conduct while in prison.

Thirdly, I was never held in protective custody for any of my prison term. I have never heard the term "fizzed" but if, by that, Mr Quigley means "informed", I have never "fizzed" on fellow inmates.

Fourthly, I was not bashed in prison for the crimes I had committed or for "fizzing" as Mr Quigley puts it. I was only ever assaulted once in ten and a half years behind bars. This was as a direct result of me complaining to the Ombudsman of Western Australia that a prisoner was bashed by a large group of prison officers from the Metropolitan Security Unit outside my cell window. I was called as a witness to this trial. A prisoner, hoping to curry favour with the prison officers who had been charged with this offence, came into my cell in the SHU. He struck me when I wasn't looking, rendering me unconscious, then proceeded to break my face whilst I was lying on the floor. I only became aware of who assaulted me and the facts of the matter when the prisoner who did it gave a statement to the prison authorities and accepted responsibility for it.

***"Amazingly, Mr Adamov, the security officer for the AGS, told her to go home and to discuss it with David Everett, and to see what action David Everett would like to take, a person whom Mr Adamov knew to be a psychopathic terrorist."***

There is nothing extraordinary in a highly distressed woman speaking to her partner about a seriously distressing situation like this, which concerned both of them. It is normal behaviour in a very close and loving relationship for this to happen. This is normal human behaviour. As I have repeated above, I am not a psychopath and I am not a terrorist.

***"after refusing to report the matter to the AFP and to the ACT police, and after being advised by the AGS security officer to go home and to discuss her concerns with a known psychopathic terrorist who was sentenced to 20 years in prison in 1992 and who is still serving those 20 years, went home and saw Everett. Nothing more happened for a week. Everett and Ms Wookey then decided to travel to Perth on the way to Bali and Singapore on a holiday on 21 December."***

Untrue. There are a number of untruths by Mr Quigley in the above paragraph.

I cannot deal with the first of them as it relates to Darryl Wookey's defamation litigation currently on foot against Mr Quigley.

Yet again, I must state that this falsehood of me being a psychopathic terrorist is untrue and not based on any evidence.

I am not a serving prisoner; that is untrue. I was released from prison in August 2002 on work release. I finished my parole in February 2005. Therefore I am a free man.

We did not decide to travel to Perth only after this incident occurred. Both myself and Darryl had planned to travel home to Perth for Christmas months before this horrible incident occurred.

***“The real issue now is that one of our bomber terrorists was chaperoned into Indonesia and into Singapore, while still under a 20-year sentence...”***

Untrue. I am not a convicted terrorist, nor a “bomber terrorist”. I was not chaperoned into Indonesia and Singapore; I travelled there with my partner, on holiday, as a free man who has served his time and paid his debt to society, totally in compliance with both the laws of Singapore and the laws of Indonesia. I am not a sentenced prisoner as I have outlined above.

***“Someone said to me, ‘Boy, making this speech could leave you in real danger from one of the worst criminals in Australia who is still under a 20-year sentence, is a known terrorist and bomber, and is a psychopath.’ I invite people to read the Wikipedia definition of ‘psychopath’, which is someone who has no empathy with any other person and who is unrestrained by conscience and can be restrained only in a custodial setting.”***

Untrue. I am not “still under a 20-year sentence”. I was not sentenced to 20 years. I am not still under sentence. I am not a serving prisoner; I am a free man. I have never been convicted of terrorist offences and I am not a psychopath, nor have I been diagnosed a psychopath. I am not a “known terrorist and bomber”.

While my crimes, 20 years ago, were undoubtedly very serious, I dispute that I was “one of Australia’s worst criminals” and I am not now a criminal. I have rehabilitated myself and now live a law-abiding life as a normal person. I have served my time for the crimes I have committed.

***“He is a terrorist bomber...”***

Untrue. Mr Quigley repeats the assertion that I am a terrorist bomber. I am not a terrorist and I am not a terrorist bomber. I have never been convicted of any terrorist charges.

I have been convicted of one offence of causing an explosion which was for blowing up an explosives shed 20 years ago.

Describing me repeatedly as a terrorist and a bomber in the current world climate of the “War on Terror” unjustifiably compares me to members of current terrorist organisations and suicide-bombers.



***“It is a big box because there is a battery in it. The police explained to my wife that the big battery is there so that if Mr Everett comes in and cuts the electricity and the phone wires, she can still hit the distress button.”***

I believe that this is another untruth by Mr Quigley. He has simply inserted my name, for dramatic effect, in what would have been a standard briefing on the operation of the panic device. The advice would have been on how to operate the device if *anyone* came into the room. By this statement the Shadow Attorney General falsely identifies me as a threat to his family, has publicly denied me the presumption of innocence and publicly accused and adjudged me on no evidence to be guilty of an offence with which I have not been charged, or even interviewed about.

***“threat that the writer would attack Mr Cowan at home during the night. Given the timing of the email, 45 minutes after he had called Ms Wookey, he assumed that it was from Everett.”***

Again, Mr Quigley accuses and publicly adjudges me guilty of offences I have never heard about, been interviewed in respect of, been charged with or been convicted of. The presumption of innocence is a hallmark of our society and laws.

***“Here we have a terrorist, who puts David Hicks in the shade...”***

Untrue. Yet again Mr Quigley refers to me as a terrorist and compares me to David Hicks who was convicted of terrorism charges. The offences I was convicted of bear no comparison to the offences Mr Hicks was convicted of. I have never been convicted of terrorist charges. I am not a terrorist.

***“The wife of Australia’s most feared terrorist—a man who is still under a 20-year sentence.”***

Untrue. I am not, nor ever have been convicted of terrorist activities, I am not Australia’s most feared terrorist and I am not a serving prisoner nor serving a prison sentence. I am a free man as Mr Quigley full well knows.

***“I am bamboozled by how the AGS can escort a terrorist into Indonesia. ... No doubt it has told the Indonesian government that it is taking in a terrorist. No doubt it has told the Singaporean government that it is taking in a terrorist. This is just breathtaking in its reach.”***

Untrue. I am not a terrorist. AGS did not escort me into Indonesia. I travelled there with my partner (in a private capacity) on a holiday. I entered both countries lawfully. This is a total misrepresentation and distortion of the facts and the truth by Mr Quigley.

***“Until the Australian government comes out and tells our neighbours in Indonesia and Singapore what the heck it is doing taking a known terrorist, who is still under a 20-year sentence, into Indonesia and Singapore, the government has a problem. Everett has really done it this time.”***

Again untrue. I am neither a terrorist nor a serving prisoner. I am not “still under a 20-year sentence” and never have been under a 20-year sentence. The Australian government did not take

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me to Indonesia and Singapore. I travelled there lawfully as a free man on holiday with my partner.

***“This is very serious and I worry for Ms Wookey. The penny will drop that her biggest danger is David Everett. I also worry that he has turned her mind. On a website is a research project called ‘The Psychopath—The Mask of Sanity’ about women who fall in love with and who are manipulated by psychopaths.”***

I am a very easy target for Mr Quigley because of the crimes I committed 20 years ago and the fact that I am a pensioner. But to be deliberately attacked under parliamentary privilege with what are obviously blatant falsehoods is terrible. I have served my punishment for the crimes I have committed, I have been released from prison and am now a free man, leading a law abiding life with my beautiful wife Darryl, whom I love dearly and worship the ground she walks on.

For Mr Quigley to claim that I am involved in an extortion attempt against him is both preposterous and outrageous. His wife admitted outside of Parliament to the media that she had no idea who sent the extortion note.

