



Speech By
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MEMBER FOR GLASS HOUSE

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MOTION

Member for Everton, Finding of Contempt

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (4.48 pm): I rise to make a short contribution to the motion moved by the Attorney-General and Leader of the House. I too note the Ethics Committee report No. 200 that was tabled in the House this morning and the unequivocal apology provided by the member for Everton and Deputy Leader of the Opposition earlier this morning. I note the contents of this motion. The LNP will be supporting the motion, but I would point out that if the Leader of the House wants to start talking about length of service in this chamber and who should know better then we need look no further than the Premier who indeed is one of the longest serving members of the parliament of Queensland and yet was found in contempt of this parliament earlier this year. Indeed, she is the only Premier in history to be found in contempt of parliament.

Mrs D'ATH: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms McMillan): Leader of the House, I can pre-empt your point of order.

Mrs D'ATH: I rise to a point of order on relevance. The chamber had the opportunity to debate the committee report and the Premier's response at that time. Many of those opposite did speak in that debate. We are dealing with a different committee recommendation this time and he should speak to the motion.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you for your point of order, Leader of the House. I ask that the member come back to the motion and respond accordingly.

Mr POWELL: Thank you for your direction, Madam Deputy Speaker. I summarise by saying that if the Leader of the House wants to start throwing stones of that nature she should be willing to accept some of the criticisms of her own side in terms of their behaviour in this chamber.

A government member: At least we are a side; one big team.

Mr POWELL: When it suits those opposite, clearly. As I have said, we note the Ethics Committee report from this morning. We note the Deputy Leader of the Opposition's unequivocal apology this morning. We note the content of this motion—

Mrs D'Ath interjected.

Mr POWELL: The Leader of the House can mumble under her breath all she likes, but it cannot detract from the fact that there has been only one premier in the history of this state found in contempt—

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member for Glass House, you will come back to the motion, please.

Government members interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms McMillan): Order! Member for Glass House, do you have anything further to contribute?

Mr POWELL: As I said, the LNP will be supporting the motion.