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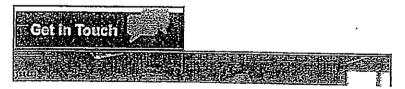
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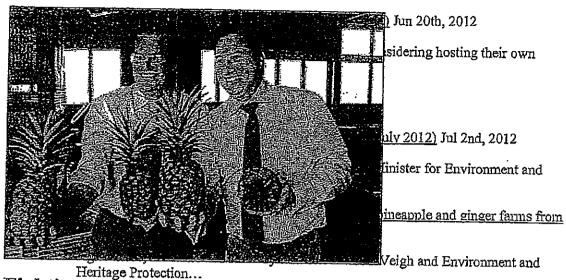
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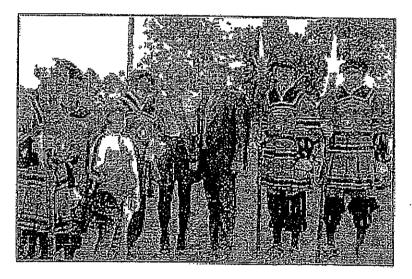


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## More Glass House Volunteers recognised (June 2012)

While in the electorate this week I had the great pleasure of presenting two more Glass House Volunteer certificates to community volunteers who were not able to attend the official presentation ceremony held in May. The Maleny Bowls Club nominated Margaret Ginns and the Maleny Information Centre nominated Helen Evans. Both ladies were praised for their dedication and commitment to helping ...

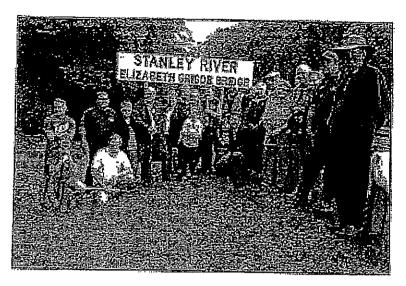
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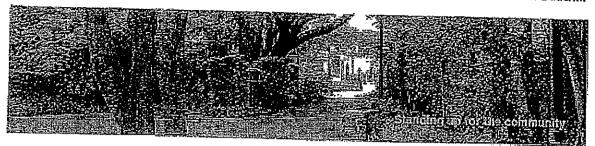
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I am honoured to have been re-elected as the State Member for Buderim and thank the residents of the Buderim electorate for your ongoing support.

I am so appreciative of the support I received from my family, my campaign team and all the volunteers on the day and leading up the election.

I secured 76.04% of the two-party preferred vote and will be one of at least 77 LNP Members in the new Queensland Parliament.

Yesterday, I was also swom in as the Minister for Notional Parks, Recreation, Sport & Racing. I am honoured to hold this Ministerial portiotio and I look forward to serving my constituency and the people of Queenstand under a 'CanDo' LNP State Government.



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#### Section: News

## Newly promoted MP breached rules on perks

#### Steve Lewis

'As travel appears to have been taken outside of entitlement, a debt is owed to the Commonwealth' - Finance Department official Kim Baker PETER Slipper, the Queensland Liberal elected to one of Federal Parliament's most powerful positions, has been forced to pay back more than \$14,000 in taxpayer-funded entitlements

The man who brokered a deal with Prime Minister Julia Gillard last month to become Deputy Speaker also allowed his family to wrongfully use travel perks

He also breached strict rules by allowing his son, Nicholas, to drive his Canberra-based vehicle while studying at a Sydney private school

Mr Slipper, who will earn an extra \$30,000 a year in his new role, spent \$835 of public funds in six months on magazines, including Australian Aquarium Keeper, fashion bible Harper's Bazaar and Gournet Traveller

The long-serving MP is being investigated by the Finance Department over his July-December 2009 travel entitlements

Continued P2 From P 1 Slipper breached rules on expenses It also can be revealed the office of former prime minister John Howard was warned by senior Liberal MPs of an "inappropriate" relationship between Mr Slipper and a staffer

Emails obtained reveal Mr Slipper, who entered Parliament in 1984, sought to spend a weekend with the staffer at taxpayers' expense. The staffer later took leave on full pay

The Courier-Mail contacted Mr Slipper two days ago but by last night he had failed to answer a series of detailed questions

The Courier-Mail has obtained a long list of entitlements claimed by Mr Slipper

Secret Cabinet-in-Confidence documents reveal he was asked to pay back \$7785.67 in April 2003 for breaching the family travel entitlement

"As travel appears to have been taken outside of entitlement, a debt is owed to the Commonwealth," Finance official Kim Baker wrote to Mr Slipper, who was acting parliamentary secretary to the prime minister at the time

Finance wrote that "on a number of occasions Mr Slipper has used the family travel entitlement in order to enable Nicholas Slipper to travel between home (Brisbane) and school (in Sydney) and school and home (via Canberra). However, the requirement that Nicholas 'accompany or join' Mr Slipper in Canberra does not appear to have been (followed) on eight occasions"

His son Nicholas also was involved in another abuse of taxpayer-funded entitlements when his father allowed him to drive his Canberra-based vehicle 300km away in Sydney

The claim was exposed when Finance noticed a large number of fuel receipts from Sydney petrol stations. The vehicle was returned at the end of its two-year lease with thousands of dollars wiped from its re-sale value

Around this time, Finance also fronted Mr Slipper with allegations that he had abused his Cabcharge expenses to the tune of about \$10,000

This came after investigations into \$250-a-trip Cabcharge expenses as he travelled via hire car from his home to Brisbane airport

The claim was exposed in the final term of the Howard government, with senior Liberal figures worried it would have been "hugely damaging" for the Coalition and on par with the Peter Reith Telecard scandal if it had been made public

He eventually agreed to repay \$2889 in 2007

On a number of occasions, the Sunshine Coast MP has been forced to pay back entitlements. These total more than \$14,000

Finance is investigating how Mr Slipper racked up more than \$6000 in taxi fares during a 15-day period in July-August 2009 - even though Parliament was in recess

He also has spent much more than any other federal MP on glossy magazines; using his "publications" entitlement

Courting controversy Peter Slipper MP Member for Fisher \* Elected with the Nationals in 1984 and resurrected by the Liberals, Slipper has Labor to thank for his latest revival \* He allowed Labor to install him as Deputy Speaker against his party's wishes.\* The deal netted the 60-year-old former lawyer \$27,000 pay rise \* Slipper rose to parliamentary secretary for the finance minister during the Howard years but has remained on the Opposition backbench since 2004 \* His latest job has angered sometime foe, neighbouring Sunshine Coast Liberal Alex Somlyay, who abandoned talks with the Government about the same job. The duo have had repeated clashes

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MPs gagged over Slipper

Steve Lewis

DISGRACED Liberal MP Peter Slipper may face disciplinary action in coming months as his abuse of entitlements sends shockwaves through the Coalition

A wornied Tony Abbott ordered his Coalition colleagues to stay mum yesterday following revelations by The Courier-Mail that Mr Slipper had paid back more than \$14,000 in wrongly claimed entitlements

Liberal Party whip Warren Entsch also issued a stern memo to his colleagues, warning them against speaking out-oither for or against Mr. Slipper.

But Mr Entsch's email highlights the depth of feeling towards the Queensland MP who is openly disliked by many of his colleagues after doing a deal with Julia Gillard to become Deputy Speaker

"I would remind members that in spite of any personal feelings, it would be unhelpful for any party to criticise or defend our colleague," Mr Entsch wrote

Senior figures in Mr Slipper's Liberal National Party say he could face moves to oust him if an investigation into his entitlements uncovers further abuses

"It will get a bit dirty but we have to wait until the inquiry is completed," one LNP figure said

The Department of Finance is examining thousands of dollars worth of air fares and Cabcharge expenses from July and August 2009 - when Parliament was in recess

Mr Slipper defended the large expenditure and claimed it was "always within entitlement for parliamentary, electorate and committee business including meetings". And he sought to dismiss the reports of abuses by saying they related to "events years ago"

Mr Slipper has repeatedly been forced to pay back entitlements including family travel perks that were wrongly claimed

The long-serving Liberal MP also broke the rules by allowing his son to use his Canberra-based vehicle - while he was studying at a prestigious boarding school in Sydney

Privately, senior Liberal figures were highly critical of Mr Slipper but are nervous further revelations will be flushed out in coming months

The Prime Minister also denied that she was aware of any investigation into Mr Slipper's entitlements when she struck a deal for him to become Deputy Speaker

Ms Gillard said Mr Slipper was a parliamentary secretary under the Howard government at the time of the allegations

"Look, allegations have been made and allegations made are investigated. There's a proper process to do that," she said.

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Slipper on the nose - Local LNP members ready to sink the boot in

## Steve Lewis IN CANBERRA

PETER Slipper, the Queensland MP elected to one of Federal Parliament's most powerful positions, is facing a grassroots revolt with local Liberal members declaring "no confidence" in the disgraced politician

Angry Liberal National Party members plan to move a motion of no-confidence within days despite efforts by the LNP hierarchy to keep a lid on brewing tensions

The local backlash follows Mr Slipper's deal with the Gillard Government to become Deputy Speaker, delivering him an extra \$30,000-plus in annual salary

In another blow to Mr Slipper's reputation, The Courier-Mail understands the veteran MP is facing further serious allegations of abuse of parliamentary entitlements

It is understood the alleged breaches of parliamentary entitlements go back at least a decade

Mr Slipper is also under pressure to explain large expenses claimed on taxis and hire cars in July and  $\widetilde{\text{August}}$  last year

A draft motion addressed to the secretary of Mr Slipper's LNP Fisher divisional council calls for a meeting to be called under the LNP constitution

It wants the LNP divisional council to "endorse a motion of no confidence in Mr Peter Slipper MP in the conduct of his responsibilities as the Federal Member for Fisher due to his actions of accepting nomination by the Labour (sic) Party for the position of Deputy Speaker"

The motion also claims Mr Slipper competed for this position "in opposition to Mr Bruce Scott" who had earlier received the official nomination of the Coalition party room

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The LNP member behind the motion, Bob Barton, declined to comment when contacted by The Courier-Mail yesterday

But well-placed sources said Mr Slipper was fully aware of the grassroots revolt and had been told of the plan to hold a special meeting for local members to express their outrage

The Courier-Mail last month revealed Mr Slipper had been forced to pay back more than \$14,000 in taxpayer-funded entitlements. This included family travel perks and other entitlements he had wrongly claimed

Mr Slipper did not return phone calls yesterday.

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Section: News

Slipper labelled 'worst offender'

Steve Lewis

DEPUTY Speaker Peter Slipper has been forced to repay taxpayer-funded entitlements each year for the past decade - earning him the likely title of Parliament's worst expenses offender

Documents obtained by The Courier-Mail reveal the Liberal MP-who struck a deal with Julia Gillard for the powerful parliamentary-role has paid back at least \$17,285 since 1999

This includes \$7000 in family travel perks the Queensland MP has been required to pay back after Finance Department investigations

Classified documents - obtained under Freedom of Information - confirm Mr Slipper, who will earn an extra \$30,000 a year as Deputy Speaker, has been a serial offender of entitlements

From 1999 until 2004 - when he was sacked by John Howard as parliamentary secretary - he repaid five separate amounts after wrongly claiming family travel entitlements. This included \$5079.40 for individual flights that were wrongly claimed by family members. Some of the travel expenses involved Mr Slipper's son Nicholas, who was also responsible for damaging a Canberra-based vehicle while studying at a rich Sydney private school

Last October, Finance required Mr Slipper to repay \$3,311.21 in Electorate Staff Travel Budget entitlements for the 12 months to June 2009

Well-placed sources familiar with parliamentary entitlements say they cannot recall any other federal MP or Senator having to repay every year - or even on a regular basis - as does Mr Slipper

The explosive revelations will increase pressure on Mr Slipper, who is facing a "no confidence" motion from angry Liberal National Party members in his Sunshine Coast electorate.

The veteran MP is under huge pressure after ke struck a deal with Labor to take the role of Deputy Speaker even though his own Coalition colleagues had chosen another person

In a statement, Mr Slipper said "most of the payments resulted from legitimate differences in interpretation of entitlements applicable at the time"

Among his repayments, about \$500 was reimbursed after wrongly claiming a business - rather than economy - airfare. And in 2003, Finance asked him to repay \$189.61 for exceeding the legal amount for "newspaper, personalised stationery and other printed material" entitlements

But the largest amounts refunded to Finance relate to family travel perks

In one eight-month stretch - between July 2002 and March 2003 - Mr Slipper breached the family travel entitlement nine times and was forced to pay back \$5079

Opposition Leader Tony Abbott continued to stand by his Liberal colleague, a spokesman said.

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#### Section: News

MPs, councillors in line for for hefty rises in pay revamp

Steve Lewis, Steven Wardill

STATE MPs and councillors could get a massive boost to their pay packets without having to lose precious perks like their federal counterparts

A long-awaited report into the entitlements of federal MPs is set to recommend a boost to their base pay in-exchange for less generous allowances—

Shadow ministers such as Joe Hockey, Malcolm Tumbull and Julie Bishop could see their pay jump to about \$200,000, while backbenchers will increase from \$135,000 to about \$170,000 as part of the biggest changes to parliamentary entitlements for years

In a further boost for MPs, the wages hike will deliver a superannuation bonanza - adding thousands of dollars to the retirement incomes of the 226 federal MPs and Senators

But parliamentarians who work in Canberra will lose a raft of perks - which can add about \$60,000 to an MP's salary

The Gold Pass - offering lifetime travel to retired MPs - is almost certain to be scrapped for future parliamentarians

This will save millions of dollars in air travel for former parliamentarians who can take up to 25 domestic flights a year

And well placed sources said it was likely to be tightened for current politicians - a plan that already has triggered a backlash among some MPs who fear they will miss out

The pay rise could flow on to state MPs and councillors who have traditionally linked their income to a proportion of the federal system but have entirely different sets of entitlements

State MPs were paid \$500 less than their federal colleagues but that gap has widened since Premier Anna Bligh capped their wages for a year before granting a 3.1 per cent increase this year

A state backbencher earns a base pay of \$130,540 and the potential 25 per cent increase for federal MPs would see this increase to \$163,000

Ms Bligh last night said as the review was yet to be released it was not possible to consider its relevance to Queensland

"However, as our recent decision on wages indicates, we will make up our own minds on the basis of what's best for Queensland," she said

The review of the \$340 million federal entitlements system comes after a series of critical reports and revelations about the thousands of dollars wrongly claimed by Sunshine Coast LNP MP Peter Slipper

Special Minister of State Gary Gray is expected to take a final submission to Cabinet within weeks

Mr Gray, who was not available for comment, wants to formally announce the changes before Christmas

But Cabinet will first have to debate how to manage a public backlash to news that MPs are getting big pay rises

Is it time for a real overhaul of politicians' salaries? Have your say at couriermail.com.au

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Pollie jaunts slug taxpayers

Michael Madigan, Steve Lewis

THREE quarters of a million dollars for "family travel costs", nights in Mexico and Cuba and a sailing trip through the coral islands of Papua New Guinea

That's just part of the multimillion-dollar tab taxpayers will again pick up for keeping the wheels of democracy turning

Politicians taking the family along on travel has cost the tax-payer \$782,890 from January 1 to June 30 this year

Prime Minister Julia Gillard spent nearly \$11,000 on family costs while the ousted Cairns-based Labor MP Jim Turnour went beyond \$14,000, as did north Queensland-based Liberal senator Ian Macdonald

Former PM Kevin Rudd spent \$11,000 on family travel costs and another \$162,039 on office facilities

But Mr Rudd's office costs were eclipsed by fellow Queenslanders including the now retired Gold Coast MP Margaret May (\$176,012) and the Gladstone-based Chris Trevor (\$247,132)

Former PM John Howard (pictured) is still costing taxpayers an estimated \$300,000 a year in airfares, chauffeured cars and office expenses, on top of his \$330,000 annual pension

The expenditure reports raised more questions about retired Townsville-based Liberal MP Peter Lindsay's trip to Cuba, Brazil, the UK, Norway and Portugal

Mr Lindsay spent four nights in Mexico and Cuba but detailed only one meeting with a Cuban official. However, it was noted that Mr Lindsay put in \$8187 of his own money to subsidise the \$18,525 trip

New South Wales Liberal MP Bob Baldwin seiled around Papua New Guinea on a charter boat between February 13 and 18, visiting 17 islands

Mr Baldwin said the purpose of the trip was partly to visit and research historic Milne Bay battle sites while --establishing dialogue on defence issues with the PNG Government.

Visits to various war memorials and cemeteries "allowed me to reflect on the courageous efforts of our fallen heroes in defending our territories against the Japanese invasion force during World War II"

The Sunshine Coast's Peter Slipper also spent more than \$1600 on glossy magazines during the past year, earning him the title of the Parliament's costliest reader

Former PM Malcolm Fraser cost \$117,000 for six months, more than ex-Labor PMs Paul Keating (\$78,000) and Bob Hawke (\$68,000) in the same time period

Taxpayers spent \$16 million on travel expenses for the country's 226 federal politicians for the first six months of the year. This included \$3.1 million on overseas travel, \$4.6 million on domestic airfares and nearly \$700,000 in charter flights.

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MPs forced to pay back family travel expenses

Steve Lewis

SCORES of Federal MPs, including senior ministers, have been forced to repay nearly \$100,000 to taxpayers after wrongly claiming family travel perks

The Courier-Mail can reveal a total of 65 federal MPs have repaid air fares and car transport in the past five

And many paid the money back only after being caught out abusing an entitlements scheme costing \$370

Tony Burke, the Minister for Sustainability and Population, has made 15 separate repayments involving family travel, totalling nearly \$7000

Liberal MP Dennis Jensen has been forced to dig even deeper, paying back \$13,411. The West Australian backbencher admits he made a mistake claiming for family travel, and also blamed a senior adviser for

Queenslander Peter Dutton, the Opposition health spokesman touted by some as a future Liberal leader, has repaid \$4618 in eight separate repayments

Even Prime Minister Julia Gillard made 10 repayments totalling \$438 for taxi fares she said were "inadvertently" claimed by a family member. Ms Gillard said the monies were "repaid immediately as soon as they

The explosive details obtained under Freedom of Information come as the Government wrestles with reforms to the entitlement scheme - including the Gold Pass, which has been rorted by many former MPs

Sunshine Coast MP and deputy speaker Peter Slipper, who has repaid more than \$17,000 over the past dec-

ade, has paid back \$1550 in family travel entitlements

Ex-foreign minister Alexander Downer, who retired from parliament in 2008, paid back \$2250 while deputy Opposition leader Julie Bishop reimbursed \$5468 to Finance. Labor Senator Trish Crossin repaid \$3022 while her Queensland colleague, Kirstin Livermore, made 10 repayments totalling \$3642

Well-placed sources said a number of Federal MPs routinely "pushed the envelope" in claiming entitlements, which are rigorously checked by the Finance Department

Some MPs told The Courier-Mail they were unwitting victims of a complex scheme that allows spouses and children to travel interstate on the public purse provided they follow strict guidelines

Former Liberal leader Malcolm Turnbull said he made two "unprompted" repayments for interstate travel by his wife, Lucy, and their son

FAMILY PERKS THE BIGGEST OFFENDERS Dennis Jensen \$13,411 (6 repayments made) Tony Burke \$6869 (15 repayments) Julie Bishop \$5468 (3 repayments) Luke Simpkins \$4950 Peter Dutton \$4618 (8 repayments) Damian Hale \$4359 Bruce Baird \$4095 Kirsten Livermore \$3642 (10 repayments) Guy Barnett \$3122 Trish Crossin \$3022 (4 repayments)

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Section: News

## Lib MPs caught in toner scandal

#### Steve Lewis

FEDERAL Liberal MPs have been caught rorting the public purse by ordering nearly \$300,000 of printer toner in the lead-up to last year's election

In a scandal insiders have dubbed "Tonergate", The Courier-Mail can reveal Liberal MPs went on a three-week blitz in late 2009 to beat a strict financial cap and stock up on office equipment

And some Liberal figures claim they were told by party HQ to be "ruthless" ordering taxpayer-funded supplies ahead of the 2010 campaign

Sunshine Coast MP and Deputy Speaker Peter Slipper, who has been forced to repay nearly \$20,000 in family travel perks and other entitlements, spent \$19,280.83 while former federal Brisbane MP Michael Johnson ordered \$18,640.86 for his office, enough to fund a marginal seat's campaign

Another Liberal MP, West Australian Don Randall, ordered \$25,414.68 of toner cartridges for his office printer while South Australian Patrick Secker spent \$21,797.74

In only three weeks - after being told that a finance cap would be introduced from October 1, 2009 - Liberal MPs ordered \$267,288 of printer cartridge toner, according to documents obtained through Freedom of Information

Despite its parliamentary majority of 18, Labor MPs spent \$127,488, less than half what the Coalition spent

Among other big spenders, senior Liberal frontbencher Chris Pyne ordered \$9519.91 of printer toner while Michael Keenan, the Opposition justice spokesman, spent \$12,253.90

Termanian senator Guy Barnott, Who headed the Liberal's WasteWateh-group before last year's election; ordered nearly \$14,000 of toner while former Queensland MP Peter Lindsay spent \$13,262.31

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By contrast, Labor MPs were far more responsible. Tasmanian frontbencher Julie Collins ordered \$9397.65 while Queensland MP Grahame Perrett used just over \$7000 of taxpayer funds

Federal MPs order toner for office printers at a "discount" rate with individual cartridges priced between \$27 and \$350 each. The toner blitz triggered alarm bells at the Finance Department with Special Minister of State Joe Ludwig warning of "uncharacteristically large orders for office requisites in the lead up to the introduction of the yearly cap"

Before October 1, 2009, federal MPs and senators could spend unlimited amounts on office supplies

On September 8, 2009, Senator Ludwig notified all MPs and senators that "office requisites and stationery entitlement expenditure will be subject to an annual financial cap"

From October 1, 2009, until June 30 last year, MPs were limited to \$26,178

Mr Johnson, who was expelled from the Liberal National Party in May last year, claimed he was "told to be ruthless" by LNP officials to ensure he had plentiful supplies for the election

"As a member of the marginal seats campaign, I did what I was told to do, as instructed by the LNP," Mr Johnson said

Mr Slipper explained his large order by claiming "our supply of consumables was down to almost zero" because of an office move

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Slipper fuels new probe

Steve Lewis

PARLIAMENT'S Deputy Speaker Peter Slipper is embroiled in fresh controversy after federal police launched an investigation into alleged misuse of entitlements by a staff member

The Courier-Mail understands the investigation relates to improper use of Mr Slipper's personal fuel card, with authorities picking up discrepancies stretching back to June last year

Australian Federal Police officers executed a search warrant on Mr Slipper's office last week and seized various documents

But the Queensland Liberal MP - who has paid back more than \$17,000 in wrongly claimed entitlements in the past decade - was not in his Sunshine Coast electorate

Instead the man who struck a deal with Labor to accept the Deputy Speaker's chair is visiting European countries, including Britain, Gibraltar, Portugal, Spain and Germany, as part of a 43 day "study tour".

Mr Slipper, who is understood to be travelling with his wife, issued a strict "no comment" when asked whether the police investigation related to misuse of his fuel card, supplied to cover the cost of petrol for MP's electorate vehicles

The MP said he was "informed" of the police investigation only after police searched his electorate office last week

"The electorate office fully co-operated with the AFP," he said

The AFP declined to offer further details. "As the matter is the subject of an ongoing investigation, it is not appropriate to comment further," a spokeswoman said

It is not known whether the staff member is still employed by the Liberal MP. Mr Slipper, a serial expenses offender, last night denied his "study tour" was partly funded by Quatas frequent flyer points.

Unlike other Federal MPs, Mr Slipper always flies Brisbane to Sydney to Canberra - instead of taking a direct flight to the national capital

In a statement, Mr Slipper said his visit to Europe included "many meetings and briefings with the Australian missions, the House of Commons and the House of Lords".

Federal MPs are entitled to one-first-class airfare every three years as part of their study tour allowance. Mr Slipper said the travel was "approved by the Minister in accordance with guidelines"

The long-serving federal MP has racked up tens of thousands of dollars in expenditure and used taxpayer funds to buy glossy magazines - including Aquarium Keeper, Harper's Bazaar, Organic Gardener and Gourmet Traveller

The Department of Finance last night confirmed Mr. Slipper was visiting Britain, Gibraltar, Morosco, Portugal, Spein and Germany on his study tour.

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Section: News

A 'casual' Slipper doesn't come cheap in travel claims

Steve Lewis

JETSETTING Queensland MP Peter Slipper is clocking up the air miles again, spending more than \$30,000 on family travel in six months

On one trip, the federal-member for Fisher on the Sunshine Coast spent three days in New Zealand's wine region as part of a taxpayer funded "study tour" but attended only two "casual" meetings

The senior Liberal MP and Deputy Speaker - who has paid back more than \$20,000 in wrongly claimed entitlements since 1999 - racked up \$31,805 in family travel in just six months in 2010, according-to-documents tabled in parliament.

Mr Slipper also spent \$800 in Comcar and taxi costs during a two-day trip to Canberra last October even though Parliement was not sitting.

Mr Slipper did not respond last night to detailed questions about his travel, but Gouncil Mayor Alistair Sow-man, whom he visited in NZ's Mariborough wine region, confirmed he and Council CEO Andrew Besleymet with Mr Slipper.

"He was in my office from 12 c'clock to I c'clock;" Gr Sowman-said yesterday

"I think from memory he was easual. He was on holiday or something and it was just a courtesy call, his people in Wellington called it." Comcar records, obtained under Freedom of Information, reveal how Mr Slipper is able to bill taxpayers without revealing the destination of his travel

One trip, from Parliament House to a destination listed "as directed", cost \$189 and took two hours, even though parliament was not sitting

Another mystery two-hour trip, from the inner-Canberra suburb of Deakin to "as directed" cost \$182

Mr Slipper also spent \$795 on three limousine trips in a six-day period in October 2010 to ferry him from his home in Buderim to Brisbane airport

Mr Slipper's \$30,000 travel bill was nearly double the amount spent by West Australian Liberal frontbencher Mathias Corman, who racked up \$16,896.95 in family entitlements. Shadow Health Minister Peter Dutton spent \$16,322.75 and Attorney-General Robert McClelland \$15,584.07

Curiously, Mr Slipper - who yesterday was briefly in the Speaker's chair - also booked about \$5000 in family travel in a 24-hour period last June. But the flights - to every mainland capital - were not used and have been credited to him for future use

The documents tabled in Parliament reveal how federal MPs including fermer prime ministers spend hun--dreds of thousands of dollars-

John-Howard, ousted in 2007 after 12 years, was the biggest spender of the former PMs, spending \$158,917 for the six months to December 31 - nearly double the amounts recked up by former Labor leaders Paul Keating and Bob Hawke

Mr. Howard racked up \$14,247.58 in domestic air fares and \$11,412.17 in car-costs. Mr Keating spent \$4618.42 on air travol and \$10,194.36 on cars

TOP TRAVEL STEADERS Peter Slipper (Lib) \$21,805.86 Methias Cormann (Lib) \$16,896.95 Peter Dutton (Lib) \$16,332.75 Robert McClelland (ALP) \$15,584.07 Barneby Joyce (Mat) \$14,981.59 Don Farrell (ALP) \$14,528.47 Tony Grook (Ind) \$14,138.42 Mark Bishop (ALP) \$13,693.51 Julia Gillard (ALP) \$13,439.13 Don Randall (Lib) \$13,215.46 July 1-Dec 31, 2010 Source: MPs expenditure on entitlements PETER SLITTERS EXPENSES Family travel July 1 Dec 31, 2010 \$31,805.86 Comear (excerpt) Date From To-Cost 11/10/2010 Camberra Airport As directed \$130.16 12/10/2010 Parliament House As directed \$189.00 13/10/2010 Deakin As directed \$182.00 Limousines Date From To Cost 11/10/2010 Budering Brisbanc Airport \$275.00 13/10/2010 Brisbane Airport Buderim \$280.00 17/10/2010 Buderim Brisbane Airport

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Slipper books travel inquiry - Angry Fisher LNP members consider support

#### Steve Lewis

LIBERAL MP Peter Slipper is facing a probe into his travel habits after booking - and then cancelling - 123 flights worth more than \$23,000

Angry LNP members in Mr Slipper's Sunshine Coast seat of Fisher are also gathering signatures for a petition that could trigger a broader investigation into the Deputy Speaker, who has repaid more than \$20,000 in entitlements

The office of Special Minister of State, Gary Gray, confirmed it was "looking into an unusual pattern of bookings" made in June last year - just weeks before the election was called

The MP booked 123 flights in June 2010 for himself and family but the economy flights were cancelled and credited to Mr Slipper for future use

Federal MPs are entitled to book and cancel their own flights

But Mr Gray's staff, have asked the Department of Finance to inquire into the high number of bookings

No other federal MP has booked significant amounts of travel that were later cancelled

Mr Slipper, who helds one of the highest parliamentary positions, travels business class on his regular flights to Canberra. The booked and cancelled flights were economy tickets

Mr Slipper and his family were preparing to travel across the breadth of Australia based on the bookings listed on the Government's entitlements website

They included flights from Brisbane to Longreach, Brisbane to Adelaide via Sydney, Brisbane to Perth via

Sydney, Hobart to Brisbane via Melbourne and Brisbane to Horn Island via Cairns

Mr Slipper did not respond to questions from The Courier-Mail yesterday

Local LMP members are also understood to be gathering signatures to be presented to Parliament. This would call for a wider police investigation into Mr Slipper's travel pattern

Last December, the Liberal MP travelled to Taiwan for a week, courtery of the Taiwanese Government. He then went streight to New Zealand on an 11 day "overseas study" tour-

This included three days in the Marlborough wine region during which he had just two "informal" meetings

Some local LNP members are considering voting for former Howard government minister Mal Brough as preferred candidate for Fisher

Ian Witten, who owns the Kawana Hardware, has been displaying anti-Slipper signs outside his business

The businessman said he was considering joining the LNP "just to vote him out".

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Section: News

Voters rebel as Slipper becomes 'dead meat'

Steve Lewis

JETSETTING Liberal MP Peter Slipper faces a likely parliamentary probe into his lavish travel spending following a revolt by his own constituents

Nearly 3000 voters in the Deputy Speaker's Queensland electorate have signed a petition calling for a "full audit" into his entitlement claims - which regularly outstrip those of Ministers

The grassroots revolt comes just days after Mr Slipper was rolled by Liberal National Party members who backed Mal Brough - a likely pre-selection rival - for a key party role

In a test for Opposition leader Tony Abbott, Liberal MP Alex Somlyay, will present the petition to Parliament next week. It will then be considered by the House of Representatives Potitions Committee which has the power to refer such matters to the relevant Minister for further action—

Mr Slipper's entitlement claims have been a source of embanassment for his colleagues. He has been forced to repay more than \$20,000 during the past decade and spent more than \$30,000 on family travel alone last year

Last night, Mr Slipper accused a local newspaper, Sunshine Coast Daily, of a "vile campaign" against him. He also attacked Mr Somlyay, whose seat of Fairfax borders his own, exposing divisions in Coalition ranks

He said it was "disappointing that Alex Somlyay sees it as part of his role to continue to fuel the Daily's campaign . . . particularly when my office and I have, for years, worked to assist his constituents who refuse to deal with him after failing to receive assistance from him"

The petition-to-be presented to Parliament requests an audit by the Department of Finance into the "extraordinary expenditure of taxpayers' money by the Member for Fisher"

"There is particular concern about his level of use of ground transport and air travel outside his electorateand during times when Parliament is not sitting," the petition said

It also requires that Mr Slipper "explain the detail of parliamentary and electoral business that led to thembeing incurred"

Senior LNP sources said Mr Slipper was "dead meat" and would be ousted - most likely by Mr Brough - at the next pre-selection contest

Mr Somlyay last night claimed he had "no choice" but to present the petition

"You can't refuse to present a petition, whether you agree or not," he said

He also rejected Mr Slipper's attack on him: "No one on the Sunshine Coast would believe that."

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Crisis looms as MP comes out fighting

Anna Caldwell, Sherine Conyers, Steve Lewis

ROGUE MP Peter Slipper is almost certain to face an early challenge to his hold on his Sunshine Coast seat, with the LNP executive last night declaring the matter "serious"

The rogue MP could be on borrowed time after a state meeting of the LNP executive broke last night to "gather evidence"

It is understood state LNP leader Campbell Newman wants the matter resolved quickly, with the Queensland election looming

While an early preselection in Mr Slipper's seat remains the most likely option, the executive is also considering expulsion from the party amid surging rage from both MPs and rank and file members over the Deputy Speaker's tactics

However, federal Liberal figures are urging the LNP to leave Mr Slipper untouched because any move against him could force him to the crossbench and potentially strengthen Julia Gillard's grasp on the hung—Perliament

LNP President Bruce McIver last night issued a statement saying the executive recognised the "serious nature" of the "matter pertaining to the Federal seat of Fisher" and have agreed to consider it further. Discontent over Mr Slipper's tactics is mounting after the Deputy Speaker last week effectively campaigned in his seat with Kevin Rudd, while John Howard was fronting a campaign launch nearby

Despite the tensions, Mr Slipper took steps likely to inflame tensions yesterday and came out swinging, saying complaints within the LNP weren't just about him

"My understanding is there are about three complaints in against (Mal) Brough, one against (Alex) Somlyay, a couple against me and one against someone else," he said

"So you know, they can have their bunfight if they want." Mr Slipper again took aim at former Howard Minister Mr Brough, accusing him of branch stacking and causing "World War III" within the LNP on the Sunshine Coast

"The reason we've got World War III on the Sunshine Coast in the LNP could be entirely placed at the door of Mal Brough," he said

"Mal Brough is someone who said that he would never join the LNP

"There were stories that he tried to get endorsement for Victorian seats and was unsuccessful

"He said the party was an abomination, built on lies and deceit." Adding to the infighting, sensational new allegations about Mr Slipper have surfaced in a letter written by fellow Sunshine Coast MP Alex Somlyay

In the letter, dated April 2010, the long-serving Member for Fairfax took aim at Mr Slipper's spending on travel and other entitlements

He also referred to a constant stream of complaints he said he received from constituents about the behaviour of Mr Slipper, whose seat of Fisher is on the southern border of Mr Somlyay's.

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Crisis looms as MP comes out fighting

Anna Caldwell, Sherine Conyers, Steve Lewis

WHILE LNP officials were last night locked in meetings to determine the future of controversial MP Peter Slipper, the Sunshine Coast politician blamed his colleagues for the mess

LNP president Bruce McIver convened the party's Queensland executive to decide on the best course of disciplinary action for Mr Slipper, including the possibility of expulsion

The issue is plunging the LNP into crisis, with Opposition Leader Tony Abbott facing the possibility of losing the deputy speaker to the crossbench, which could boost Julia Gillard's fragile control of the hung parlia-

But Mr Slipper took steps likely to inflame tensions yesterday and came out swinging, saying complaints within the LNP weren't just about him

"My understanding is there are about three complaints in against (Mal) Brough, one against (Alex) Somlyay, a couple against me and one against someone else," he said

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"Mal Brough is someone who said that he would never join the LNP. There were stories that he tried to get endorsement for Victorian seats and was unsuccessful. He said the party was an abomination, built on lies

"From the moment he was ultimately admitted, and the party wasn't keen to admit him, he's been branch stacking with a view to bringing people into the system at pre-selection." Adding to the infighting, sensational new allegations about Mr Slipper surfaced in a letter written by fellow Queensland MP Alex Somlyay, whose seat of Fairfax is on the northern border of Mr Slipper's seat of Fisher

The letter refers to Mr Slipper's spending on travel and other entitlements and a constant stream of complaints from constituents about his behaviour

Similar criticism of fellow party members levelled previously by Mr Slipper, as well as his decision last Friday to walk Kevin Rudd through his electorate, have enraged party members

While senior Liberal Party figures have played down concerns about Mr Slipper's behaviour, some MPs have urged the federal Opposition Leader to sever ties with the Deputy Speaker

The Courier-Mail believes Mr Abbott has been on the phone to senior LNP figures, telling them the Slipper spat is unhelpful

But Mr Abbott, along with other senior Liberal figures, now believes Mr Slipper is politically dead meat and will be defeated for pre-selection

"It's a question of if, not when," one senior Liberal figure said of the MP's future.

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Section: News

CASHED UP - MPs set for a pay hike as millions cut from public purse

#### Steve Lewis

PRIME Minister Julia Gillard's salary will soar by \$90,000 to about \$470,000, making her more highly paid than US President Barack Obama and British PM David Cameron

And Liberal turncoat and newly elected Speaker Peter-Slipper will earn at least \$315,000 after snaring a \$70,000 salary hike as part of a generous pay rise for federal MPs to be unveiled as early as next week

Only days after the Gillard Government announced plans to slash public spending as part of a savage minibudget to bring government coffers back into surplus, The Courier-Mail can reveal the base salary for even the most junior parliamentarian will jump from \$140,000 to at least \$180,000

The benefits will be even more lucrative for shadow ministers such as Joe Hockey, Malcolm Turnbull and Chris Pyne, who will receive a special "loading" for the first time

But the lifetime Gold Pass will be axed for future MPs as part of the overhaul of entitlements aimed at cleaning up a system open to abuse

The overseas study allowance, which allows MPs to travel first class around the world to study wine regions, fashion houses and the like, also will be junked

After a lengthy review, the independent Remuneration Tribunal has decided on the biggest boost to federal MPs' salaries in decades, reversing former prime minister Kevin Rudd's decision to "freeze" their pay during the global financial crisis

Sources said the tribunal's decision would increase the current base salary for MPs of \$140,910 to at least \$180,000 and possibly more

And this is before the perks of office are added

Continued P2 From P1 Pollies in line for huge pay increase As a result the salary of Mr Slipper, who last week retted on his Coalition colleagues to become the Speaker, will jump from \$168,000 as Deputy Speaker, to about \$315,000 when the new deal begins

Treasurer Wayne Swan, also Deputy Prime Minister, will earn about \$370,000 compared with his current salary of \$287,000

And while Finance Minister Penny Wong has been busy slashing spending, she will earn a handsome increase of about \$70,000, boosting her pay to about \$310,000

The Government is bracing for a public backlash to the pay deal particularly after announcing a series of Budget cuts, including reducing the baby bonus and announcing plans to slash public service spending

But senior Coalition figures are backing the reforms, arguing that the present pay scales for federal MPs are too low and need cleaning up

Surprisingly, it is expected that MPs will keep their electorate allowances, which is worth up to \$46,000 for some parliamentarians. It was expected this would be "rolled into" the base salaries for MPs but the tribunal has decided to keep it as a discrete entitlement

The boost in pay will mean the Prime Minister, who is paid a loading of 160 per cent, will garner at least \$470,000

Ms Gillard will earn more than the US President, who is paid about \$400,000, and Mr Cameron, whose salary is about \$221,000, despite presiding over a world power with a population three times that of Australia. But the reforms being driven by Special Minister of State Gary Gray also will usher in greater transparency with the axing of the lifetime Gold Pass

This allowed former MPs to take up to 25 flights a year courtesy of the taxpayer

It is expected that all current MPs will still be able to qualify for the Gold Pass, although the rewards may be pared back. The Coalition is expected to give full support to the pay reforms, particularly as the 30 shadow ministers will receive additional pay for the first time

IN THE MONEY PM Julia Gillard: \$384,000 to \$473,000 Deputy PM Wayne Swan: \$287,000 to \$369,000 Opposition leader Tony Abbott: \$259,000 to \$333,000 Speaker Peter Slipper: \$245,000 to \$315,000 Deputy Opposition leader Julie Bishop: \$220,500 to \$283,500 WORLD LEADERS Barack Obama (United States): \$A388,162 Nicolas Sarkozy (France): \$A293,484 Stephen Harper (Canada): \$A287,628 Angela Merkel (Germany): \$A275,225 Yoshihiko Noda (Japan): \$A265,587 David Cameron (United Kingdom): \$A205,662

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Outrage at MPs' pay hike - Unions predict 'dumb decision' will cost Labor

#### Steve Lewis

LABOR MPs are facing anger from within their party's ranks over their decision to take a generous 20 per cent pay rise

Unions leaders yesterday were outraged by the move, which will see Prime Minister Julia Gillard's pay soar about \$90,000 to \$470,000

Angry unionists - many of whom will attend today's opening day of the ALP national conference - warn the decision will hurt Labor electorally

Federal public servants, who are battling for a 3 per cent rise, were said to be "up in arms"

Privately, several Labor MPs also claimed they were being "hit for six" by angry voters

"It's one of the dumbest decisions I have seen," a senior Government member said

The Courier-Mail revealed yesterday the pay hikes will see a backbencher's base salary rise from \$140,000 to at least \$180,000. That will flow through other positions including Liberal-turneout and Speaker Peter-Slipper, who will earn \$70,000 more and take home \$315,000 a year

Community and Public Sector Union national secretary Nadine Flood said the MPs' pay rise "has really angered many public servants"

"For the thousands of public sector staff who earn between \$40,000 and \$60,000 a year, these increases seem more than a bit rich," she said

ACTU national president Ged Kearney hit out at the timing of the decision, which comes as workers nation-

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wide struggle for pay rises to keep pace with inflation

"It does seem untimely given the difficulties that we are having right now achieving outcomes for workers particularly in the public service," Ms Kearney said

MPs, however, refused to publicly criticise the decision, which will be formally made by the independent Remuneration Tribunal as early as next week

South Australian senator Anne McEwen, a former official with the Australian Services Union, said she would accept the umpire's verdict

"It's up to the tribunal," Senator McEwan said. "We will have to wait and see." An ex-official with the Federated Clerks Union, Victorian MP Alan Griffin, said: "I think it's a matter for the independent Remuneration Tribunal." Home Affairs Minister Brendan O'Connor - ASU assistant national secretary from 1993 to 2001 - also said he would accept the tribunal's verdict

"I've always said that I'm not involved or interested in getting into Parliament based on remuneration, never have," Mr O'Connor said

Finance Minister Penny Wong, a former official with the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Engineering Union, refused to be drawn on the issue

"I'll defer to the (Special Minister of State, Gary Gray), who has responded on behalf of the Government to the stories," she said

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Slipper's big call

Steve Lewis

PETER Slipper, the man appointed as Federal Parliament's standard bearer, has racked up more than \$7000 in overseas mobile phone calls in just six months

Mr Slipper - whose excessive spending is being examined by the Department of Finance - spent \$1551.83 in January during a two week tour of Vietnam, Cambodia and Theiland

His overseas calls spiked again in April and May when he again travelled overseas on a six week trek to Britain, Morocco, Gibraltar, Spain, Portugal and Germany. His phone bill reached \$1862.17 in April and then \$2733.24 in a two-month frenzy of phone activity

Records show Mr Slipper spent over \$14,000 on telecommunications for the six months, placing him fifth overall and behind Opposition leader Tony Abbott

The Sunshine Coast MP declined to comment on whether his wife, Inge-Jane Hall, who travelled with him-to-Europe, or other family members contributed to the massive mobile phone bill.

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Big spending Speaker demands gown and a return to pomp and ceremony

Steve Lewis

LIBERAL turnesat Peter Slipper plans to take Parliament back to the future and wear a plush Speaker's gown and other regalia in a new era of pemp and coromony.

The man who struck a deal with Julia Gillard to give her minority government valuable breathing space has even privately mused to colleagues about wearing the Speaker's wig

The plan has apparently hit a snag as the hairpiece, last worn by Billy Snedden 30 years ago, has been donated to the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House

The Sunshine Coast MP best known for his lavish spending and generous taxpayer-funded travel, is keen to restore Canberra traditions not seen since 1988

This includes reinstating a full Speaker's procession from his office into the Chamber at the start of each parliamentary session and not just when visiting dignitaries address the House

Last night there were suggestions Mr Slipper, who visited the parliamentary barber ahead of today's resumption of Parliament, may even wear lace accessories favoured by Speakers of old

Ian Sinclair, a former Speaker and one-time National Party leader, cautioned Mr Slipper against embracing parliamentary pomp

"There is the temptation always to wear the full symbols of office," he said. "The Speaker should always be of the people, not above the people." Mr Slipper has told friends and colleagues he believes the Speaker should be decked out in full regalia, including a full Queen's Counsel gown and other accessories

"Slippery is a traditionalist. He wants the respect of the Parliament but the risk is he will end up looking like a clown," said one MP, who has talked to Mr Slipper about his plans.

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Section: News

Slipper has form on travel spending

Steve Lewis

SPEAKER Peter Slipper has spent \$75,000 in taxpayer funds on limousine and taxi travel in an 18-month period - including \$8600 during trips to Tasmania and Western Australia

An investigation by The Courier-Mail investigation can reveal the man who now holds the highest parliamentary office in Australia once spent \$1000 on a day-long visit to Brisbane

He also flew to New Zealand in November on a study trip when he took the chance to interview an Auckland PR consultant for a potential job. The trip prevented him attending a Remembrance Day service in his electorate

Records obtained by The Courier-Mail through Freedom of Information laws reveal \$1500 in taxpayer funds allowed Mr Slipper to travel from Queensland to Sydney on January 7 last year to enjoy a day at the Test cricket and lunch with the English team

And he spent more than \$3000 on air and limousine travel during a five-day visit to Perth in late June 2010

The then Liberal MP's travel records show taxis were regularly booked in Sydney. On another occasion, he booked six separate fares worth \$600 after spending a day in Canberra for a committee meeting

Mr Slipper's lavish travel spending has dogged the Liberal turncoat for years and he has been forced to repay more than \$20,000

Financial records obtained through FOI show how he used his entitlements from January 2010 to July 2011

During December 2010 and January 2011 he embarked on a near continuous six weeks of travel, including a week in Tasmania

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Records show a hire car was picked up at Launceston on December 29, 2010, and returned to Hobart a week later. In that time, Mr Slipper had one official meeting, an hour long chat with the deputy clock of Tasmania's Parliament

Airfares from Brisbane to Hobart via Sydney cost a further \$1650, according to the travel records

Mr Slipper - then a Liberal Party backbencher - also travelled to Hobart in the first week of 2010, racking up \$485 on an Avis hire car

During that time, he also spent about \$900 on limousine and taxi travel

Mr Slipper - whose fondness for overseas travel and parliamentary study tours are legendary in Canberra - went en a two-day-trip to New Zealand in November. During that time, he also met Matt Vogts, a public relations consultant, at a boutique Auckland hotel

Just weeks before he became Speaker in late November, Mr Slipper was looking for a media secretary. Mr Vogts confirmed he had discussed potential work in Australia with Mr Slipper

The Courier-Mail can reveal a limousine company, Oakcorp, often has multiple bookings from Mr Slipper on the same day, usually charging around \$290 a trip to take the Speaker from his Sunshine Coast home to Brisbane Airport. On January 12 and 13, 2010, he spent almost \$800 over two days on such bookings.

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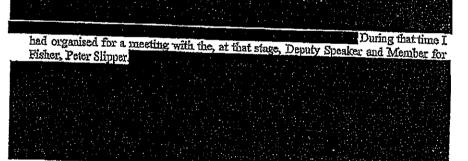
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2 Before entering my current role as Adviser to the Speaker, my last employment was with a farming enterprise by the name of Gowinta Farms at Becrwah. My role there was PR and Marketing Manager of the farm.



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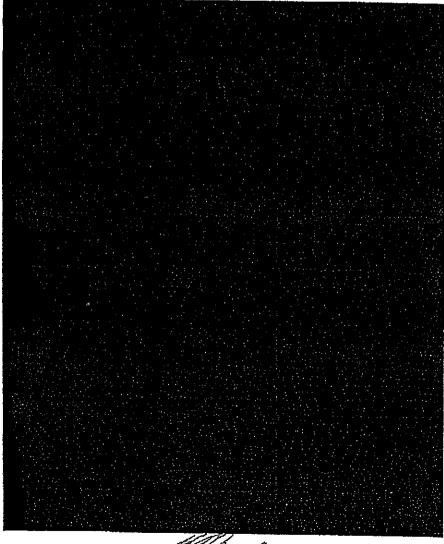
When I went to the office, I remember this staff member, Melissa Ellard, greeted me at the front window, I explained the situation that he'd missed the appointment, she rescheduled another day with Peter and he did attend that next appointment out at the farm. I remember that this was outside of strawberry season, so it meant that it was between, I would say, December and April of 2010/2011,

5 He did have a look at the set up because obviously it fell within his electorate, so be had a look at, not just at the caravan park, but the packing facilities including the strawberry line and also the pineapple production as well. He last and that was it.

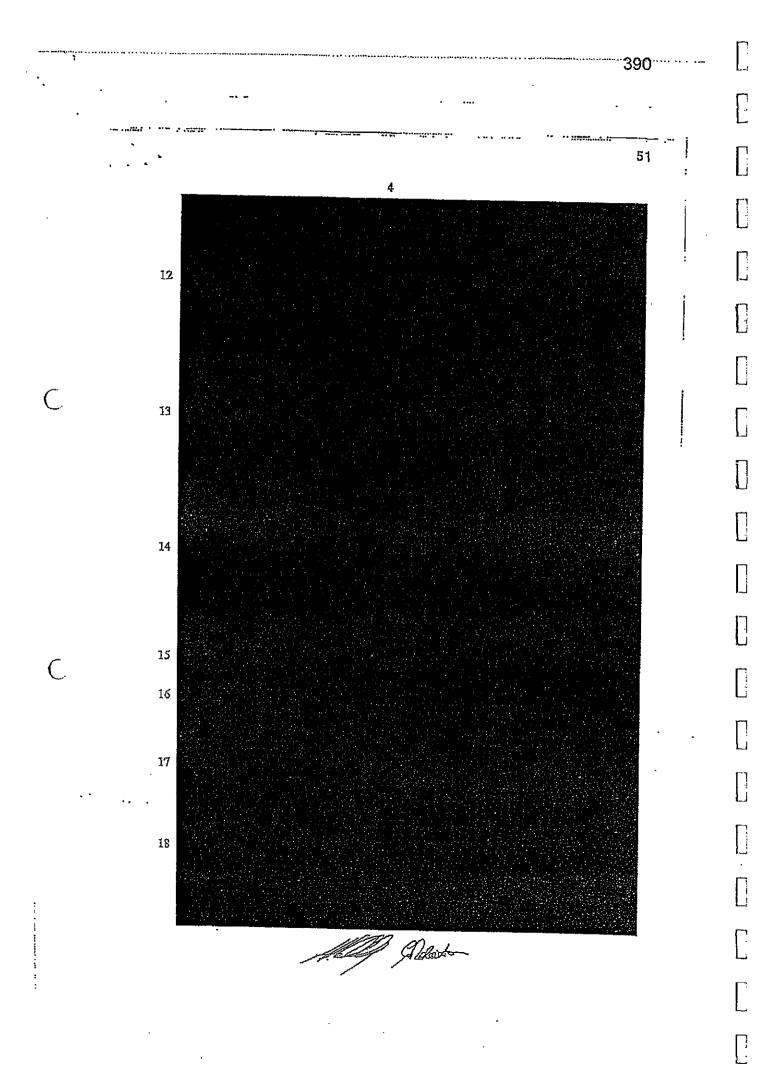
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A little while later, I had been approached by a lady that had visited the farm quite a lot, her name is Val Bradford and today we're still mates, she's the head of the Beerwah Mooloolah Branch of the Liberal National Party of Queensland ("LNP").

She takes care of the Beerwah/Mooloolah branch of the seat of Caloundra, which is a State seat. She's a real nice elderly lady and she was part of a number of different groups, I think the main group which she used to come out to the farm with because of the cafe, was with the table tennis group that she was a part of, but over a bit of time, I'd regularly talk to her and we got along quite well and she invited me to a LNP branch meeting, which was held in Beerwah at the CWA hall. She said it was a good chance for me to meet the local Member, Mark McArdle, who was a State Member, so I did, I went along and I anjoyed the company of everybody, I enjoyed the concept and the philosophy of the group and I was later asked to join the LNP, which I did.

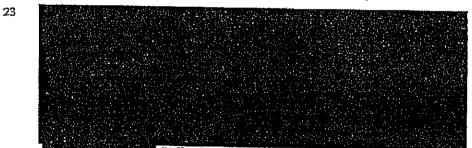


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LNP Involvement

Over time I developed a LNP working relationship and somewhat of a friendship with a number of the people within the LNP. Mainly on a Beerwalt/Mooloolah basis. The local branch of the member for Caloundra. And through my dealings with the local branch I was put up as Vice Chair of the Beerwalt Mooloolah/Branch and I accepted that nomination and consequently took on the role as Vice Chair. By taking on that role I was there to assist the Chairperson, that was Val Bradford. I had met on a number of occasions Mark McArdle, the local MP for Caloundra (State member).



I offered Mark McArdle my services to produce a number of local issue videos recorded for his upcoming State election campaign. Over that time I also met the FDC Chairman which is the Federal Divisional Council Chairman for the Sunshine Coast seat of Fisher, Greg Robinson.

Greg was aware through his relationship with Val Bradford that I had a graphic design background and he'd asked if he could catch up with me and utilise some of my skills to put out a flyer which invited people to the FDC AGM (the Federal Divisional Council's AGM), which was to be held at Maleny. I agreed to give him a hand. We got together, I think it was a Saturday morning and discussed what he needed for the FDC AGM. We did the artwork there and then on the spot at my house and he asked me if I'd be interested in running for the Secretary role at the AGM that was coming up as FDC Secretary. He explained what the role was about, basically it was just to make sure all

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communication with any PDC members were emailed flyers, he said there was only a small number of meetings each year, so there wasn't a great deal of communication with the FDC but he said you would have to take notes and minutes at any meetings. I thought, I'd love to learn more on a Federal level. So I accepted. Val Bradford put forward the nomination, I think Greg second that. There were two people running for

Mal Brough at that stage, and I didn't know Mal, was planning on running for the FDC Chairman against Greg Robinson and I was told by Greg perhaps you should give Mal a call and just let him know that you're going to run as Secretary. He said give MaI a call. I called Mal at his home and I had told him. Mal said thanks for the heads up but my support will be going to fire current Secretary. I was planning on going overseas to Europe the day after the FDC AGM. The FDC AGM was held at Maleny. I attended the

Jarrod Bleijie had put a ticket out for Mal Brough. Mal Brough's ticket was out and it had a number of people that Mal was endorsing to run to be voted in and little to my knowledge, Peter Slipper had put out a ticket as well and my name was put forward on Peter's ticket for the Secretary role. I had a number of members, but the one I remember, came forward, she was part of the Caloundra Branch, Rhonda Smith, and she said "do you know about this ticket with your name on it" and I said no. She was really cranky, she was really angry. She said you've been tarred with the Slipper brush by having your name put on this.

But as it would pan out I wasn't successful in winning the vote, I was told it was a good thing that I didn't win because basically you don't want to work with people that might be working against the Federal member. And it was believed that Mal Brough was going to work against the Federal member, Peter Slipper, in order to run his own race at pre-selection which is the act that takes place within the LNP to choose a candidate for the next Federal election

but I had said to Peter after the event had taken place that there was a lot of media outside and I had discussed with Peter, at drinks with Bronwyn Bishop at his house, I was invited to a Bronwyn Bishop dinner up at their house prior to this AGM taking place. I suppose it was a couple of weeks before and I went to a lunch and I was muted

after that lunch to go to their house personally with a whole group of other people and

## Media work for Peter Slipper

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That night at Bronwyn Bishop's event I remember saying Peter's media was terrible, I 26 didn't know who his media advisor was, I said he was just shif house but, I was pretty frank and open and honest, having had a media history myself for nine and a half years working within the radio industry and having quite a number of media friends, I knew that whoever he had was not on the ball and I told him, I was pretty open and honest, I said to him you need a better media person because it's just terrible. So I had said to him after the AGM before he was about to leave, I noticed there was a camera erew out there from Channel 9 in Brisbane and I recognised that you know there was obviously a fair bit of interest in this FDC AGM. There was a considerable number of new members to the Federal Division and I had said to Peter, I hope you've got good plans to go out

there and talk to the media and, , because I had seen a letter that he had put out on the day saying that his position, as Federal member, working with Mal Brough, if he was successful, would be untenable and he said along the lines in that letter that he wouldn't be able to successfully be the member for Fisher with the LNP if Mal Brough was successful. And I think it was more just a scare factic to say to people look I might defect. Basically he had put forward this idea to people within the party that he may defect from the party, leave the party, if Mal Brough was elected as FDC Chairman. When Mal was elected and on the day it was announced, media crews were there, Peter had to make very clear what his meaning behind the letter that he had put out to everybody was and he had to make it very clear to them whether or not he was prepared to work with Mal Brough and I said to him, before he left, I said you need to be very proactive with this and I think the best way to get your message out, because quite often wifh the media they will give you a five second grab, they won't give you two or three minutes to explain your whole case. And I had said to Peter, how about we get together straight after this and we record a YouTube clip which will spread virally, naturally it will just spread because of the interest in this case. If the State media are interested there will be many people that are interested and you get more than five seconds of air time, you get as long as you need. It can then be sent out via the PDC email list and that way everybody can then hear your explanation behind what was in that letter and what you plan on doing to work with Mal Brough. I had also had plans that night to go to a black tie event at Buderim that I was invited to by Peter's wife Inge. I bought a ticket through her for that Ball and I had paid her direct I think it was, by direct bank deposit. So we went back to fheir place, I remembered taking my suit up, I remember getting ready at their house and we recorded the YouTube video. It was posted that night as well - cut up, edited and posted that night before we left and Peter had never used social media before. He had never seen the henefits in it and it was something that was new to him, I had introduced to him, so I remember he was very appreciative of what we had done, he was amazed at what we had done because of the gear that I've got, personally own. And we had effectively cut off any rumours, we had stopped any real serious stories being aired or people throwing around their own theories as to whether he was prepared to work with Mal Brough or not. He said that night how appreciative he was, he had said to me personally up front that he had, it was the best media advice he had ever received and we had then gone onto the dinner at Buderim.



there for close to four weeks



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### Employment Offers

When I got back from holidays, I think I was texted first, I was asked whether or not I would be ... basically it was alluded to that if a position became available as media adviser, would I be interested. One, you're flattered by the idea that someone thinks you're worthy of a position like that, but two, I was looking at a number of aspects. I was looking at the money that was associated with that potential proposal and secondly, I was worried about the reputation or my reputation within the party — one to my reputation on a local level with the media locally and also just with family and friends, hecause I didn't want my good reputation within the media to be tarnished, but I did feel that I would be able to make a change for him — certainly offer him advice which he'd

29 So I showed a little bit of interest in what he was proposing but when I found out that the money was only 85 grand, I said no, I wasn't interested.



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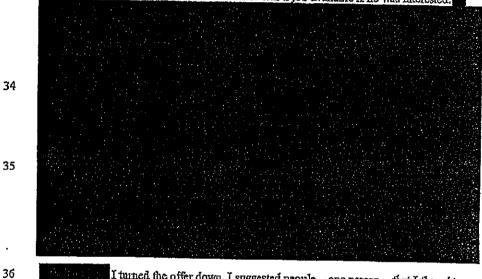
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I had suggested to Peter that he contact a bloke I knew that was working for WIN Television at that stage, Simon Ward. Simon and I have known for each other for a number of years. Simon worked in Townsville when I was there, he was a journalist at that stage for WIN up there and he sort of moved into other positions, he was currently at the Sunshine Coast WIN office and I had suggested to Peter that he contact Simon. I contacted Simon myself and I said that there was a job available if he was interested.



I turned the offer down. I suggested people — one person — that I thought might be suitable for the position, who was Simon Ward. Simon had turned the offer down as well and Peter had then explained to me that he had had word that a bloke in New Zealand might be suitable.

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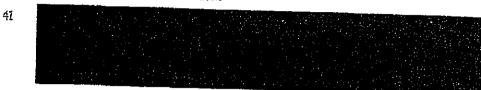
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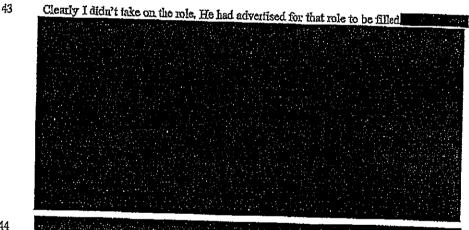
he went over to New Zealand to interview this bloke. It was a weekend, he told me he was only going for a couple of days. He went over, did the interview ... Peter said to me he thought that he had this bloke and that when he got back though, a

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couple of days after he got back, this bloke had let him know that he wasn't interested or he wasn't going to take on the role.



He once again said to me "Do you want the job?" and I said no. And I remember telling Val Bradford, he's being persistent with offering the job and she was very cagey about me taking the role. She had wanted me against taking the role. I went to Mark McArdle and I said to him that I had been offered the job as media adviser to Peter Slipper and Mark said to me "Don't do it, don't do it". I just remember him saying do not work for that man and I think his words were "You'll be fireked if you do" because he just had a reputation of just ... there was a reputation out there that you would be tarred with the Slipper Brush, that was the term used.



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He got a number of applications he'd said. He didn't include me on who had applied but he did say to me that ... I think it was large more had said she had received a very good application from a woman on the Smishine Coast that had worked in the tourism industry. I didn't see any of the applications, they had, however, told me that they made a decision, they did tell me that they didn't receive as many applicants as what they had hoped for, so the talent pool was shallow, although they were really impressed with this tourism woman's application.

## Invitation to Canberra

They hired her out there was also a request for me ... Peter said to me — How would you like to come to Canbena for a couple of days? I said — Oh that would be great, love to.

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big, big time in political history.

he gave me specific dates that he suggested I be down there and that was the final week of parliament sitting and I thought that obviously the final week of parliament sitting in 2011 would be a quieter period for them. I was cagey about the whole thing because I was sort of getting told - stay away from Peter Slipper, stay away from Peter Slipper -- and that was from members of the party and also MPs that had sort of told me - don't get tarred with that brush. So in the end. I delayed before saying to him that I didn't want to go down in the end. He hadn't explained why he wanted me to go to Canberra, but it all became really apparent why he wanted me in Canberra because at that stage he didn't have a media adviser on board. She had been hired but she badn't been on the ground running straight away in my mind ... I thought, I know why you wanted me in Canberra and I had spoken to him as well and I said - Now I know why you wanted me there. There was a reason to ask me to go to Canberra and that was he wanted someone that he felt he could trust to help him with his media, be there for that big day. It was a furning point in politics. He'd resigned from the LNP that same day as well and I couldn't stop watching TV and listening to the radio, it was just full on, it was a

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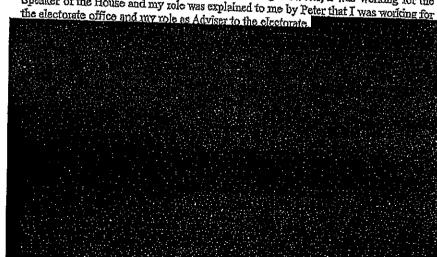
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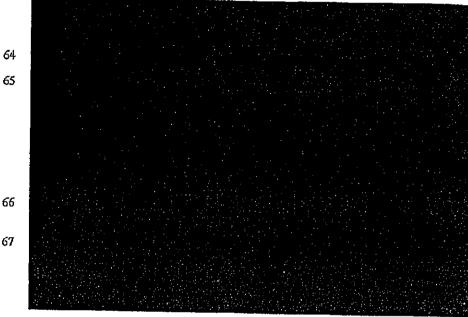
He had then contacted me a few days after he'd accepted the Speaker's role and asked me if I would like to be part of the Speaker's employ ... like part of the Speaker's staff and whether I'd like to take on a role as Adviser



I was prilled ... the LNP part of me wanted to follow what they'd said and that was "don't work for Peter", but to me, I wasn't working for Peter, I was working for the Speaker of the House and my role was explained to me by Peter that I was working for the electorate office and my role as Advisor to the classical said and that was working for



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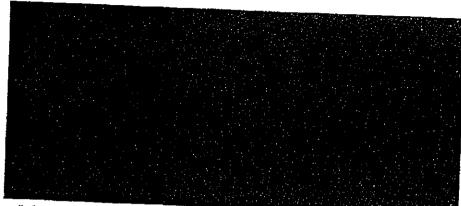
I felt like I was letting a couple of close people down, that being Mark McArdle, Val Bradford – she has liked and gotten on very well with Peter and Inge for many years, Greg Newton who was the regional chair of the whole Sunshine Coast/Cabcolture region of all the MPs – State and Federal. There were a lot of people that I wanted to go and tell personally that I'd made my decision. So I did, I lined them up and Mark McArdle was the first one. I wanted to tell Mark personally so he and I went and had coffee one morning.

I told Mark. Mark didn't challenge the decision, he said "Look mate, I understand why you've done this" and he shook my hand and said "All the best of luck to you, you'll learn a lot".

I went to a branch meeting after I'd had coffee with Mark, I went to a Glasshouse branch meeting where I knew that Greg Newton would be there. I wanted to go and tell Greg direct and I pulled Greg aside and I said to Greg "Listen I want to let you know personally, face to face, that I've accepted a role with Peter Slipper". He was very much the same as Mark, he was like "Mate, you've made a decision, I congratulate you for that and no worries". So we had a bit of a chat there, Greg just said to me "Just he mindful, be careful" and I noticed Mal Brough was there, the new FDC Chairman, I asked Mal to come over as well because I felt that Mal deserved to know face to face, so I sat him down with Greg and told Mal and Mal didn't react too well, he said "Mate, I don't agree with your decision. Do you realise what you're getting yourself involved in?"

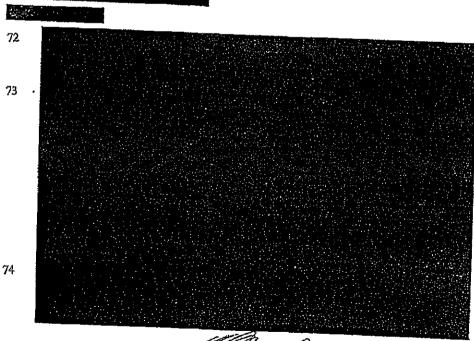
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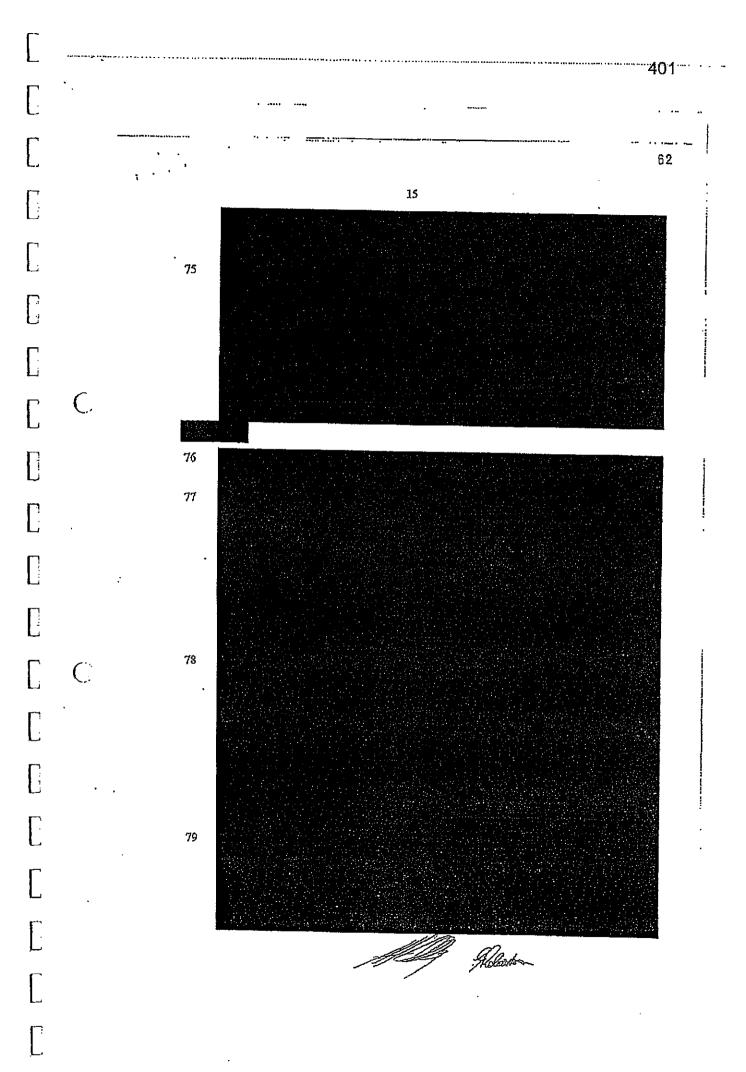


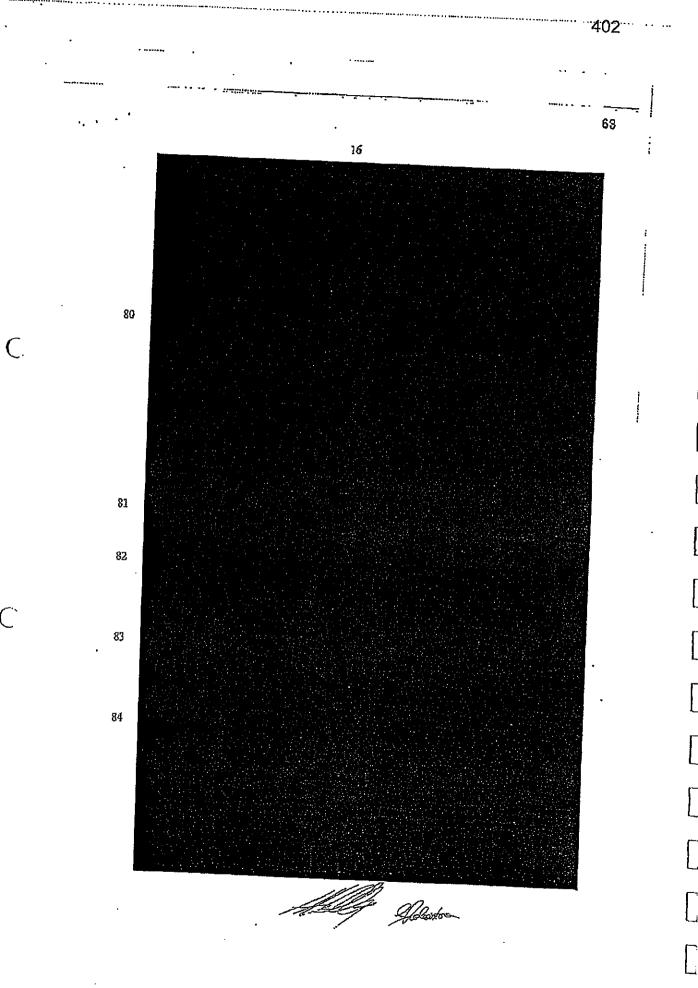
I also saw Andrew Powell who was the member for Glasshouse and Andrew couldn't stick around, he said to me "Pil keep the phone free for the next 5 minutes, give me call", he had to shoot off to another event.

So I called Andrew on the way out and I explained to him. Andrew was pretty short on the phone once he knew. He said that he couldn't accept that the decision that I'd made and he said that he would never turn his back on the party the way that I had chosen to and he didn't accept Peter's decision to turn his back on the party as well. I kind of looked at it as how do you turn your back on a promotion of that nature. If your boss walked in to you and said hero's an extra \$180,000, I think you'd be a bit hard pressed to not take that elevated role. And that's the way I looked at it, at that time, I thought to myself well it's just a promotion really, the Speaker of the House, it's a bloody great promotion



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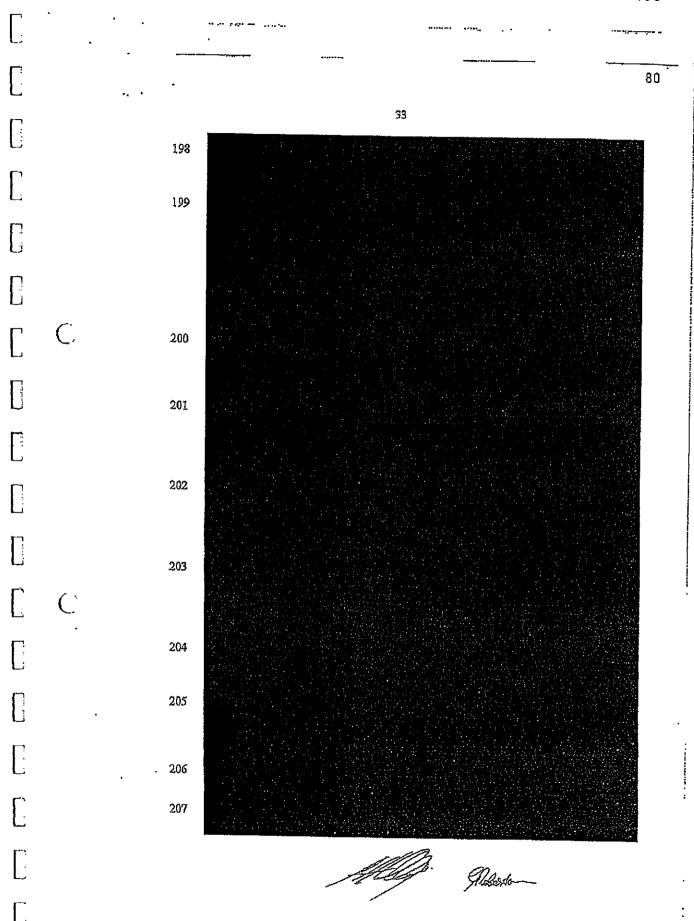


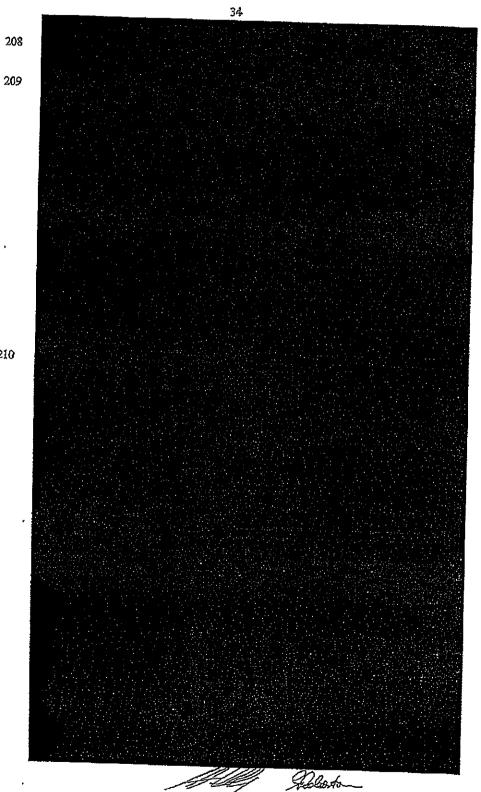
I think that night I was at dinner with friends of mine from up north, they work in a mining town, I can't remember what the town is, but it's north west of Mackay. I didn't respond to anything. Peter has a habit of ... which is evident through texting whether it be to me or any of the other staff, if you don't respond to one of his text messages, he will copy and send you the same message again until you do respond to it. So at 10

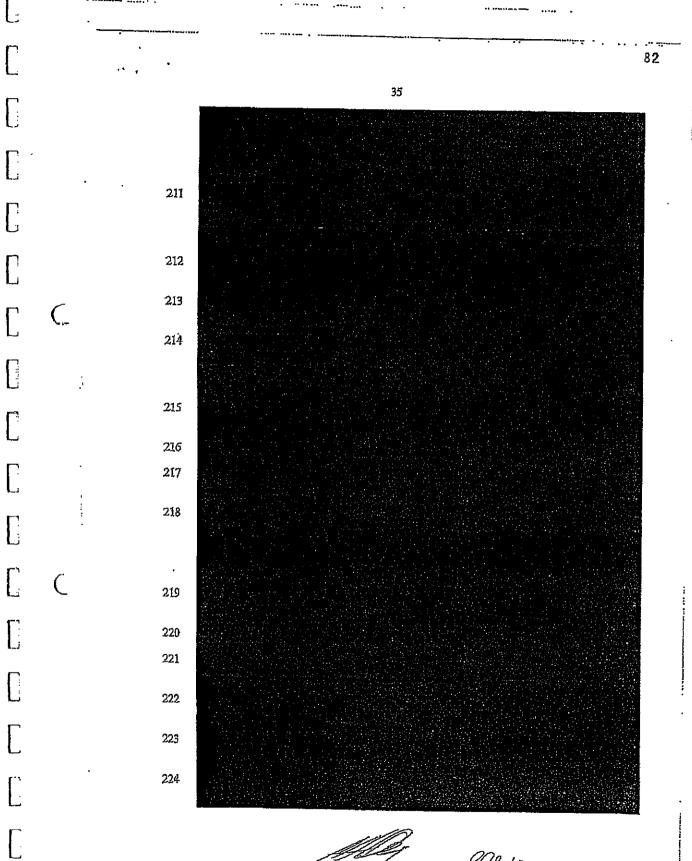
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o'clock, the same message came through: "Would be good if you here but perhaps we're not close enough?". The rumours of Tim and him having had a relationship started to become evident because I had spoken to Judy McArdle before I started and she had said to me there is the rumour of Tim and Peter having a relationship. She said there's been people that have seen them kissing in the car park out back of the old office and that had been seen by ABC staff that were in the same building. She said but I don't know, it's all just rumour and innuendo and she said that however, there was a video which I do believe exists of a sexual nature between Tim and Peter and she said it was seen by one of the staff members in the office after she borrowed a video camera from work and the story goes that she was checking what she'd filmed and come across what had been filmed previously on that camera. Judy didn't elaborate but she said it involved both Tim and Peter on a bed and there was something involved.

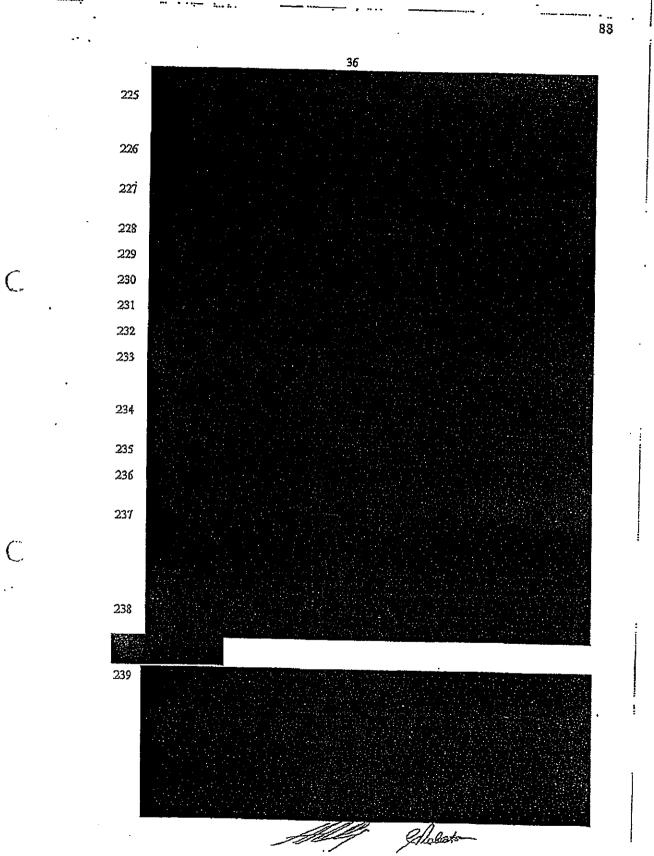


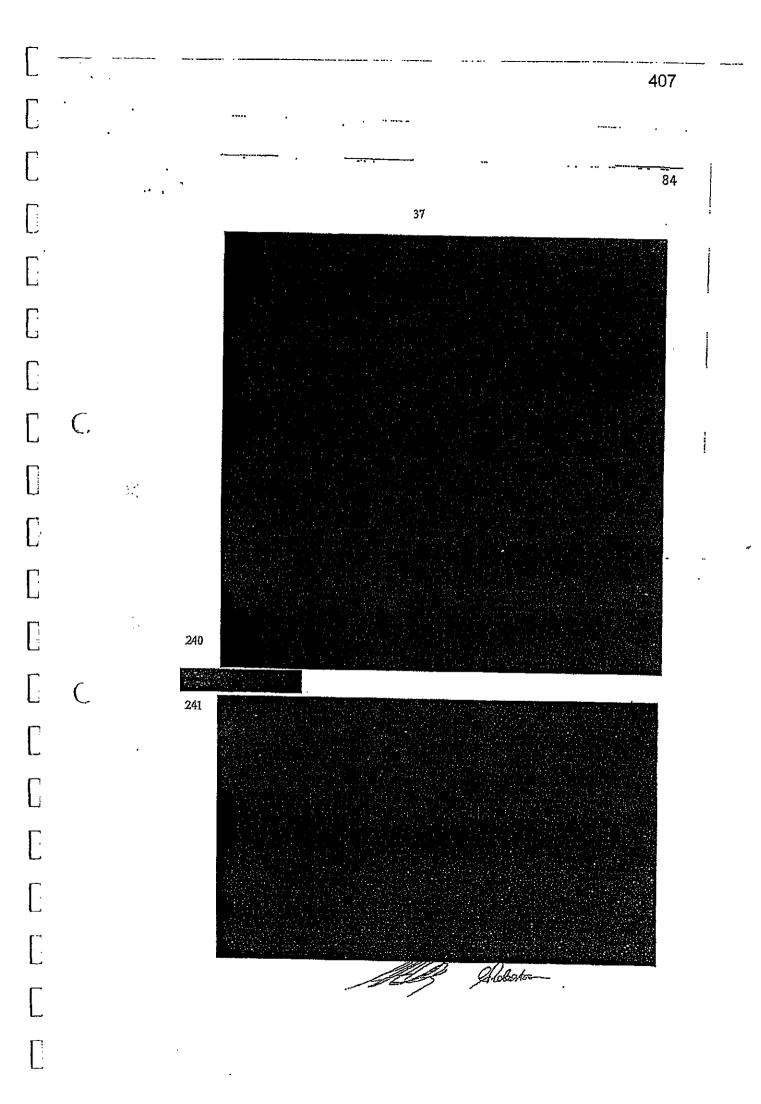


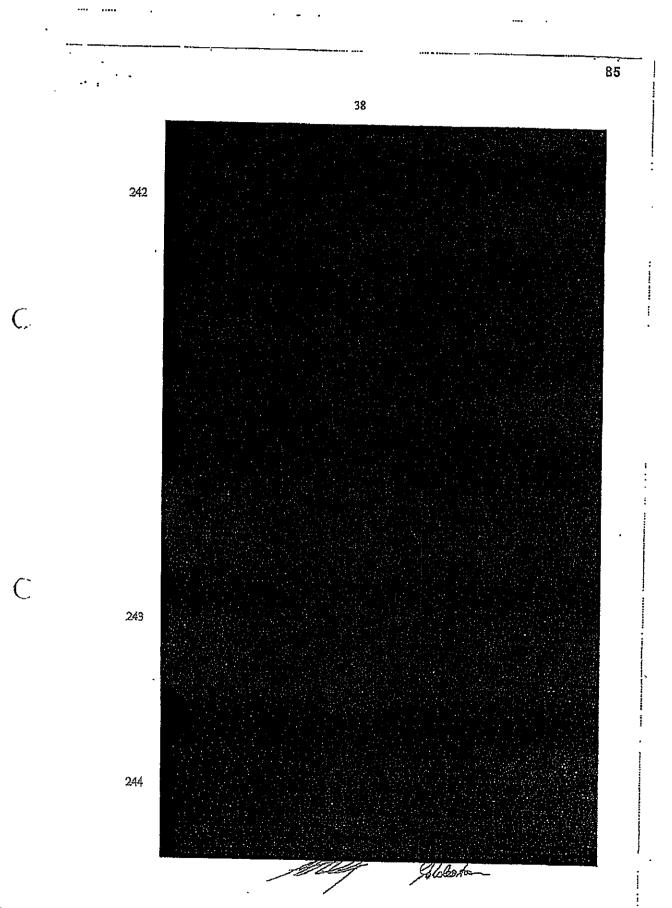


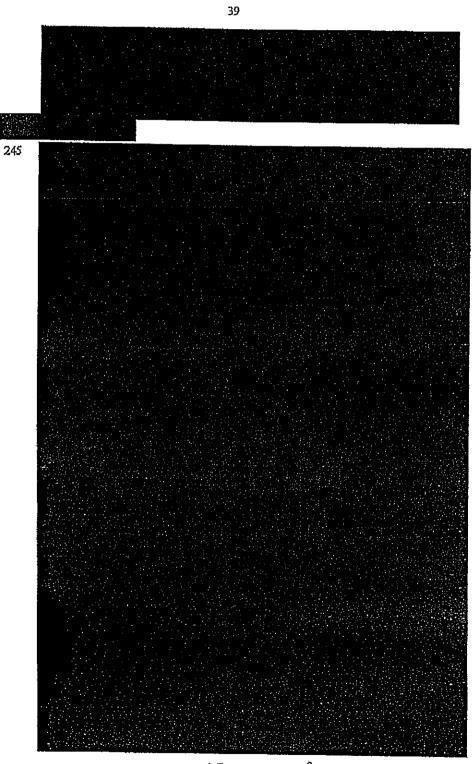


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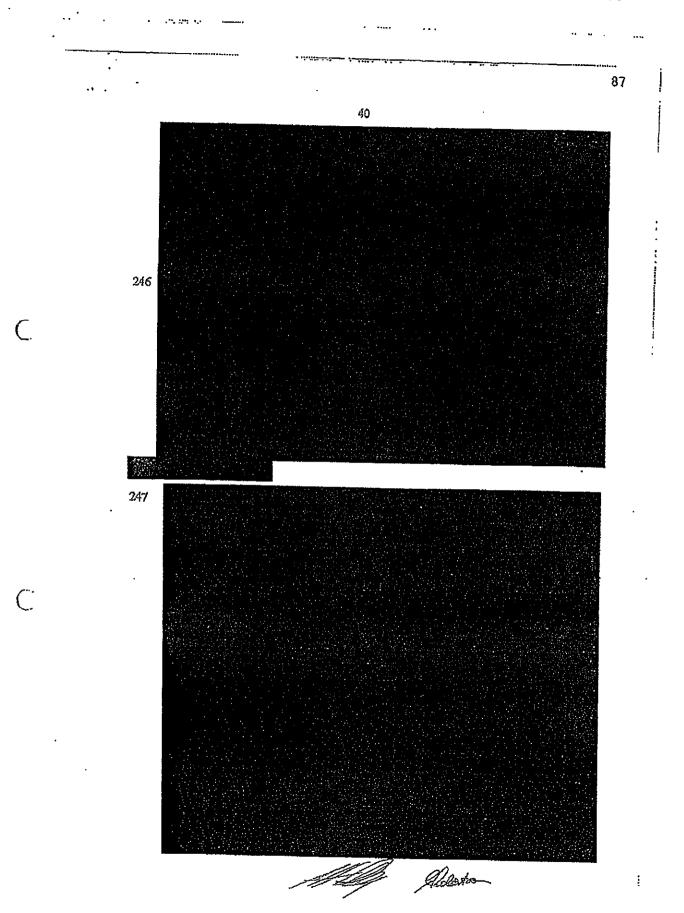


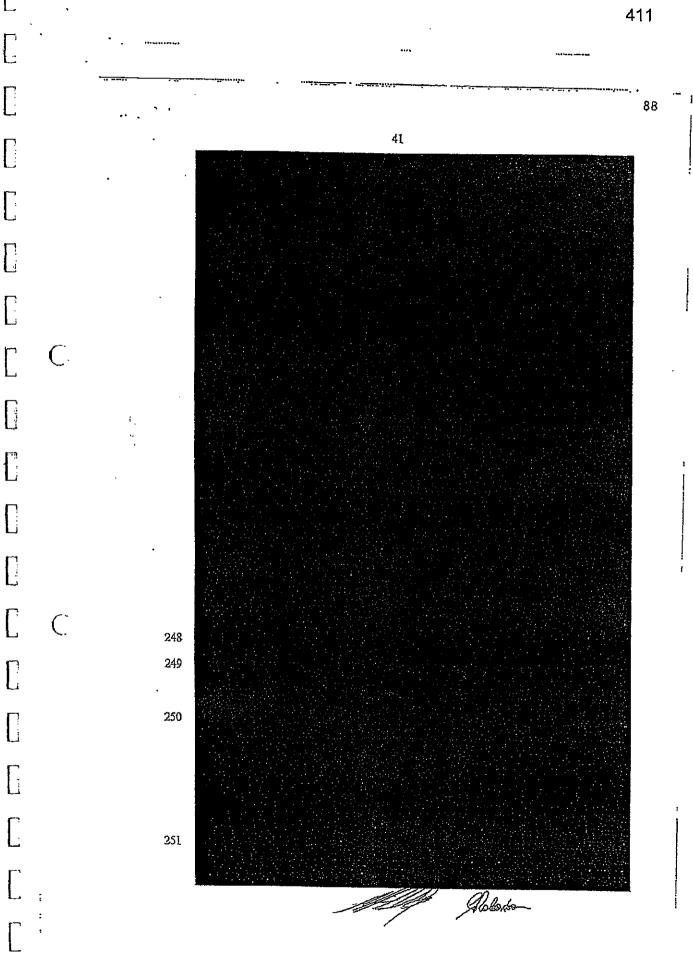
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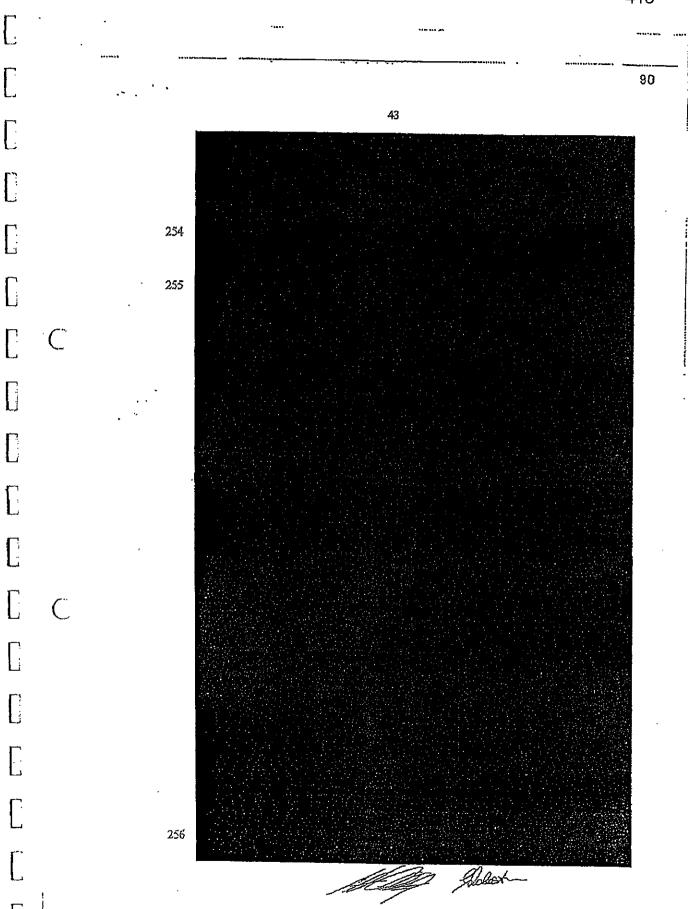
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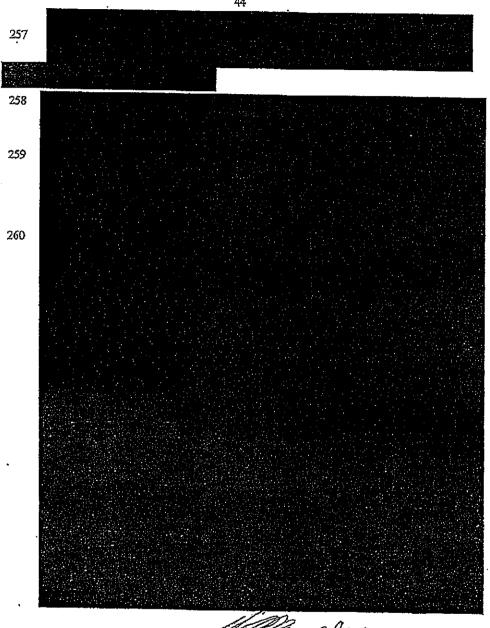
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- I am not motivated, in making a complaint about the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr Peter Slipper, by any political considerations, or by any financial considerations. My motivation is to ensure that Peter Slipper's conduct towards me stops and, more importantly, that such conduct is not repeated in relation to any other staff, current or future.
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