Len Kiely’s Lewd and Sexual Comments too Offensive for Parliament

The offensive comments made by the Member for Sanderson to a 61 year old woman have been ruled too offensive for the Parliament to hear. When trying to quote the Member for Sanderson’s offensive words Government Members objected to the words because they were “unparliamentary”.

“This can mean only one thing; that Government Members were too embarrassed to have what Len Kiely said on the Parliamentary record,” Jodeen Carney said.

“By objecting to these words being repeated in Parliament they agree that they are offensive and therefore should have supported the motion for the Parliament to express its “dismay and disgust” at Kiely’s comments.

“During the debate, newly elected Deputy Speaker, Rob Knight objected to the words being repeated as he considered them to be “highly offensive”. He later voted against a motion condemning Kiely’s comments!

“The motion I put forward allowed Government to call for the Member for Sanderson to resign. It was clear the Chief Minister was not going to allow her colleagues to support that. However I was surprised that Government Members did not support what is patently obvious: that the Member for Sanderson’s comments were disgusting,” Ms Carney said.

“Sadly, as is fast becoming the way of this Government, if they don’t want to talk about it they’ll simply and arrogantly take every possible step to avoid scrutiny and examination.”