



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

Mr Shoebridge says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

1. That this house notes with concern:
 - a. The Federal Assistant Children's Minister David Gillespie's call for more Aboriginal children to be adopted by non-Aboriginal families;
 - b. The Stolen Generations came about by a government policy that was directed at removing Aboriginal children from their families and their country and placing them with non-Aboriginal families allegedly for their 'protection';
 - c. Until today, all significant political parties in this country had accepted that the Stolen Generations policy was wrong in principle, appallingly damaging to First Nations peoples and at its core racist;
 - d. A decade after the national apology, David Gillespie as a Federal Minister, is calling for the continuation of the stolen generation.

2. That this house recognises:
 - a. That the Stolen Generation policies of removing Aboriginal children based on race and prejudice are and were wrong and must never be repeated.
 - b. The ongoing intergenerational trauma suffered by Indigenous people as a result of the stolen generation is real and ongoing;
 - c. That Indigenous parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and elders are the best people to care for, and make decisions about, Indigenous children;
 - d. That it is offensive and wrong to suggest that any part of Indigenous islander culture tolerates or excuses violence towards, or the sexual assault of, children.
 - e. That the Minister's statement has already produced appalling statements in mainstream media including from Prue MacSween on Sunrise this morning:

"Please don't worry about the people who will decry and hand wring and say this will be another stolen generation., Just like the first stolen generation where a lot of children that were taken because it was for their wellbeing, we need to do it again.

3. That this house calls on the Assistant Minister to withdraw his divisive and offensive comments and apologise to all Indigenous people in this country.