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Mr PYNE (Sturt) (3.47 pm)—Mr Speaker, I have no questions for the Minister for Health and Aged Care, I am glad to say.

Opposition members interjecting—

Mr SPEAKER—There are members on my left who clearly seem to imagine that they have the call regardless of whether they are recognised or not. There ought to be sufficient evidence of the fact that the silence we expect in this House and that we have seen for the last five minutes should be the norm not the exception.

Mr PYNE—Mr Speaker, I seek leave to make a personal explanation.

Mr SPEAKER—Does the member for Sturt claim to have been misrepresented?

Mr PYNE—I do most grievously, Mr Speaker.

Mr SPEAKER—Please proceed.

Mr PYNE—Thank you. In the *Sydney Morning Herald* today there was a report that said Michael Lee:

... showed two Government members of parliament, Peter Reith and Christopher Pyne, also used the clichés.

He was referring to the clichéd use of 'the *Titanic*,' in *Hansard*. Mr Speaker, I have never used the term 'the *Titanic*' in *Hansard*. In fact, 'the *Titanic*' appears in only one question of mine, and that was by way of an interjection. The interjector himself was in fact the Leader of the Opposition. So what the member for Dobell has managed to actually do is name as the suspect—

Mr SPEAKER—The member for Sturt has indicated where he was misrepresented and will resume his seat.