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**Mr PYNE** (Sturt) (2.01 pm)—Mr Speaker, I rise on a matter of privilege. The matter concerns attempts to intimidate me in my parliamentary function—

*Opposition members interjecting—*

**Mr SPEAKER**—Order! The member for Sturt has the call and is entitled to be heard.

**Mr PYNE**—Mr Speaker—

**Mr SPEAKER**—Order! The member for Batman! I have already indicated that the member for Sturt has every right to be heard—and heard in silence.

**Mr PYNE**—This is a very serious matter, Mr Speaker, concerning attempts to intimidate me in the parliamentary function that I discharge as chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters and as a member of this House. The attempted intimidation is, to my mind, both improper and such as to cause substantial interference with my parliamentary duties. Mr Speaker, I raise this matter with you now and, with your indulgence, I intend to provide more detail later today.