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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MOTIONS

**Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Attorney-General and Prime Minister**

Attempted Censure

SPEECH

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Questioner
Speaker Burke, Tony, MP

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Mr BURKE (Watson—Manager of Opposition Business) (14:29): I move:

That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Manager of Opposition Business moving the following motion forthwith:

That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Watson from moving the following motion forthwith—That the House censures the:.

(1) Minister for Foreign Affairs and Attorney-General for:

(a) misleading the Parliament over important questions relating to national security and the safety of Australia;

(b) breaching the Prime Minister's own Statement of Ministerial Standards by failing to:

(i) correct the record in the Parliament at the earliest opportunity in relation to matters of national security;

(ii) be honest in the conduct of public office; and

(iii) take all reasonable steps to ensure that the public or the Parliament is not misled; and

(2) Prime Minister for allowing his Ministers to:

(a) mislead the Parliament over serious and legitimate questions relating to national security and the safety of Australia; and

(b) breach his own Statement of Ministerial Standards.

The parliament has been misled today by the foreign minister.