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Mr FITZGIBBON (Hunter) (16:15): Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to make a personal explanation.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Ewen Jones): Does the member claim to have been misrepresented?

Mr FITZGIBBON: I do indeed.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Hunter has the call.

Mr FITZGIBBON: Immediately after question time, the Minister for Agriculture himself sought to make a personal explanation. In doing so, he suggested that I had misled him this morning over the matter of the doctoring of his *Hansard*. He has also asked me to retract, which I will not be doing. The minister tabled a document which raises more questions than it answers. I still challenge the minister to provide evidence that he was not involved in the doctoring of his *Hansard*.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member should be getting to the point where he has been misrepresented.

Mr FITZGIBBON: I seek leave to table documents that go to the minister's interference in the process of my FOI application.

Leave granted.