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**Mr BURKE** (Watson—Manager of Opposition Business) (12:01): I seek leave to move the following motion:

The House:

(1) notes:

(a) that yesterday in Question Time, the Prime Minister said and I quote, “increasing capital gains tax is no part of our thinking whatsoever”;

(b) that just hours later, the Prime Minister’s own office confirmed to media that not only had the Government not ruled out changes to capital gains tax, it was still actively considering changes;

(c) that leaked Coalition talking points from the Prime Minister’s own office contradicted the Prime Minister’s statement in Question Time yesterday; and

(d) therefore, by the admission of his own office the Prime Minister has misled the Parliament and through it the Australian people; and

(2) calls on the Prime Minister to immediately attend the House to correct the record in accordance with Clause 5.1 of the Prime Minister’s own Statement of Ministerial Standards.

Leave not granted.

**Mr BURKE:** I move:

That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Watson from moving the following motion forthwith—

The House:

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(d) therefore, by the admission of his own office the Prime Minister has misled the Parliament and through it the Australian people; and

(2) calls on the Prime Minister to immediately attend the House to correct the record in accordance with Clause 5.1 of the Prime Minister’s own Statement of Ministerial Standards.

Yesterday, right at that dispatch box, the Prime Minister lied to this parliament. The Prime Minister stood up yesterday and deliberately misled, and now he has to come in here and correct the record.