

**Will Hodgman MP**  
Leader of the State Opposition  
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***Bartlett on due process: "Blah, blah, blah"***

David Bartlett considers questions about due process in his government to be: "blah blah blah".

Tasmanians are crying out for greater accountability in government and better standards of governance.

And Mr Bartlett is not inspiring any confidence that a government he leads will be any better in this regard than was the appalling regime under the former Premier, Paul Lennon, with his arrogant dismissal of questions that go right to the heart of this in the Parliament today.

In response to a question about what he considers due process in terms of being informed by Ministers of matters of State significance, such as the decision by Pacific National to sell its Tasmanian assets, Mr Bartlett would not answer the question, but said:

*"He (Mr Hodgman) believes that following the same set of tactics of 'who said what and when blah, blah, blah' will get him over the line in 2010"*

It was discovered this week that Mr Bartlett only found out about the Pacific National sale of its Tasmanian assets just before Question Time last Thursday, where in a Dorothy Dixier question, the Infrastructure Minister, Graeme Sturges, revealed the bombshell.

The government had been aware of the sale for at least a month.

Leader of the State Opposition, Will Hodgman, said it was unthinkable that Mr Bartlett could consider it appropriate to be informed of such an issue of State significance via a discussion over a Dorothy dixier question just before Parliament.

“And yet, not only did Mr Bartlett praise his Infrastructure Minister in the face of such incompetence, he dismissed the importance of good process,” Mr Hodgman said.

“Mr Bartlett should demand that as Premier, he is kept informed of matters of State significance, in a timely manner, which clearly did not occur with the Pacific National fiasco, and which clearly is not something that can be dismissed as “blah blah blah”.”

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