astonished you would not want to talk to the Chief Minister's ministerial statement. For goodness sake, if the Leader of the Opposition is so frightened of the Chief Minister she does not want to hear what he has to say, it is a pretty poor effort on her part.

**Mr WOOD:** A point of order, Madam Speaker! I too was not notified about these changes until I received a piece of paper stating how it was going to work for the day. I asked if the Orders of the Day would come on this morning. I was told they were going to come on after lunch and knew Question Time only went to 11 am. Why was I not told the Serious Sex Offenders Bill was …

**Mr Elferink:** Because the planet does not orbit around you.

**Madam SPEAKER:** Please be seated, member for Port Darwin.

**Mr WOOD:** Madam Speaker, that is a sign of arrogance ...

**Mr Elferink:** It is not.

**Mr WOOD:** It is, because good manners are not something – it is like when you sent me a copy of the letter to the Leader of the Opposition about changes to the Estimates Committee. You could not even be bothered sending me a copy. I am part of the Estimates Committee, I am a member of the parliament; it would be nice to know what is going on …

**Mr Elferink:** Ring and ask. When was the last time you …

**Madam SPEAKER:** Member for Port Darwin, you do not have the call.

**Mr WOOD:** You have a Whip who could at least tell me what is going on. It seems you operate in a vacuum. You are not willing to be …

**Mr Elferink:** You were spoiled by the former government.

**Madam SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr Elferink:** Comrade, you know.

**Madam SPEAKER:** Member for Port Darwin, you do not have the call.

**Mr WOOD:** No, please, do not be silly. All I am asking for is a fair go …

**Ms Lawrie:** Kick him out.

**Madam SPEAKER:** Member for Karama, you are on a warning.

**Mr WOOD:** I am asking for some politeness. It would be polite for the government to advise the order of work so I know whether to bring down a big heap of papers for legislation or something else. That is not too much to ask …

**Mr ELFERINK:** A point of order, Madam Speaker! He is speaking to a point of order. We can truncate this and get on with the business of the day.

**Madam SPEAKER:** Thank you, Leader of Government Business. Member for Nelson, have you finished your point of order?

**Mr WOOD:** No, Madam Speaker. This reflects the manner in which they are trying to run this House.

**Mr ELFERINK:** A point of order, Madam Speaker!

**Mr WOOD:** I am speaking …

**Mr ELFERINK:** He has made no reference to a standing order. Could he direct us to the standing order to which this diatribe is being launched.

**Madam SPEAKER:** Please be seated, Leader of Government Business. Member for Nelson, what is your point of order?

**Mr WOOD:** That we are not notified of these changes. That would be the proper thing for the government to do.

**Madam SPEAKER:** That is not in standing orders, member for Nelson.

**Mr WOOD:** It is in decency, Madam Speaker, and good manners.

**Madam SPEAKER:** Please be seated, member for Nelson.

**Mr ELFERINK:** A point of order, Madam Speaker! Speaking to the point of order, he was advised this morning, through a motion in the House. He should have been listening.

**Madam SPEAKER:** Member for Port Darwin, please be seated. Member for Nelson, I suggest in future it needs to be a two-way street. Talk to government as government talks to you. Also, the Whips should be talking to each other, as the leaders of business should be talking to each other.

**Ms LAWRIE:** A point of order, Madam Speaker! I seek clarification. The ministerial statement circulated was the Treasurer's ministerial statement. If the Chief Minister wants an indulgence and comes before the House to seek