

What Did You Do...Daddy? Or, Would You Repeat the Question?

By Michael Baker

“The mission of the ACM [Australians for Constitutional Monarchy] is to preserve, protect and defend our heritage: the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the role of the Crown in it, and our flag.”

David Flint
National Convenor
Australians FOR CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY
Letter dated 23 June, 2005.

“Consideration of these events [the *Statute of Westminster Adoption Act, 1942* and the 1973 amendment to the *Royal Style and Titles Act, 1953*] by the High Court of Australia has so far not led to any definitive judgement as to whether any of them may be regarded as the single point at which Australia became fully independent for all purposes.”

Philip Ruddock
Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Letter dated 12 August 2004.

“Mr. Blair would like to reply personally, but as you will appreciate he receives many thousands of letters each week and this is not possible.”

Mrs. Amanda Copp
Letter from 10 Downing Street dated 29 November 2004.

“Mr. [Michael] Howard attaches considerable importance to the views that are put to him and your comments have been carefully noted.”

Ian Philps
Office of the Leader of the Opposition (UK)
Letter dated 13th January, 2005.

“Now I hear what you say about the Queen of Australia as opposed to the Queen of the United Kingdom. Bear in mind that we are still a colony, effectively a colony of the United Kingdom, we still do not have a separate sovereign nation.”

Justice Sidis
The District Court of New South Wales Civil Jurisdiction
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation-v-Albert & Karen Anderson
Friday, 6th of December, 2002.

“Thank you for your correspondence but as you are not a constituent of my electorate I am unable to assist.”

Peter Garrett AM. MP
Letter of 20th of April, 2005.

Working for the Australian Council of Trades Unions I can advise that although we were notified a number of times about Australia's constitutional and legal problems we did absolutely nothing to investigate the issues even though it would have helped our members, particularly with the Workplace Relations changes.

As a member of the Australian Democrats our policy was to remain irrelevant and we maintained that position right to the end. So did the Greens!

Of course we Australian Republicans knew what was going on, I mean it was extremely relevant to what we were about, but you know...

Australians for a Constitutional Monarchy were notified but our movement is based on sentimental mythology so we did nothing except ignore the facts.

Working for the British High Commission in Australia we were told to keep our mouths shut and we did. It's a great job and the weather is better than back home.

Look, the Bar Association isn't expected to know or understand the law. Christ! We're highly paid legal counsel bedecked in robes and wigs whose arrogance is only exceeded by our ignorance. I guess that the various Solicitors' associations will say the same thing!

As a journalist my job was to provide myriad distractions and that's probably why those in the know now won't return my calls. Moreover, none of the people who do know are prepared to give an interview while being chased down the street.

Mate, I have a golden microphone and sure, a lot of people sent me stuff. But does it really matter? I'm only an entertainer!

I was sent material as well, but I still have obligations to the British establishment and my friends who sorted out all that glory-hole stuff in a London toilet some years ago. I don't know where I put my copies of *Australia: The Concealed Colony*!

As CEO for an international tobacco group I am told that our legal department received information. And I really can't say more than that!

I was working for the Nine Media Services Network; enough said!

Look, the leader of our political party had his tongue so far up Bush's backside we used to call him 'Old Brown Nose', behind his back of course. Anyway, he did travel to England to meet with a judge who decided the case.

As a judge of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, Royal Courts of Justice I sold the rule of law, the British legal profession and myself like a two-bit whore. I didn't think anyone would find out though!

As a member of the British parliament at Westminster, sure I was advised. I received both letters and emails all the way from Australia. I didn't do anything because these people were not my constituents and I hope my constituents never find out. Anyway, my staff answered all those inquiries.

As President I did receive some information but my country doesn't interfere in the affairs of other nations, particularly if their governments toe the line. We were doing pretty well just the way things were.

As Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia I made it a rule never to answer or in any way respond to correspondence about the 'Australia' constitution or my vice regal role. And I'm not going to start now! But I did get a lot of letters though.

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