

## Fred Nile says no 'perving' on net porn in his office

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Debbie may have done Dallas, but Fred swears he never did. "I've heard of the title, but I've never seen it," the Reverend Fred Nile vowed yesterday when asked if he had watched *Debbie Does Dallas*.

In fact, he insisted, he had never seen a moment of hardcore porn in his life. And nor had his three staff spent any time "sitting there perving". But he had asked them to conduct research into the porn industry.

This may explain why the three computers in his NSW parliamentary office, according to a routine internal audit, have accessed adult sites a reported 200,000 times in six months, although Mr Nile suspects hackers and he is calling in the federal police.

Australian Sex Party president Fiona Patten reckons all this is curious. She refers to Mr Nile's very successful tour in the mid-1980s when he and the British morals campaigner Mary Whitehouse lobbied the states to ban films with an X-classification. Media reports documented them showing a sample to premiers or attorneys-general, Ms Patten said. Brian Burke, then West Australian premier, had complained it "put him off his lunch".

"One by one," she said, "the state premiers fell to the moralistic rhetoric and the sample films that Reverend Nile showed them. Unless he turned his head away during the viewing, he has some explaining to do about this. Either he has lied about his claim to seeing X-rated material or he has banned a genre of films that he has not even had the courage to watch."

Mr Nile, the Christian Democratic Party leader, has not responded to Ms Patten's remarks. But at his news conference yesterday he explained his need for the research. It was part of his campaign against pornography, including support for the federal Labor government's proposed internet filter.

Such a filter, he said, should be imposed on all computers at state parliament.

This might interfere with his research. But it might have saved Paul McLeay, the Labor minister who resigned on Wednesday when, thanks to the same IT audit, he admitted using adult and gambling websites.

In question time yesterday, the Labor frontbench looked a little windy without Mr McLeay, the fourth minister to go under Kristina Keneally's premiership.

Two rows behind, on the backbench, Mr McLeay no doubt felt the draught. He has not revealed what websites he visited but, if he was pondering a bet yesterday, Centrebet had the Coalition at \$1.08 and Labor at \$7.40 for the state election.

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