



Maaate, it's good to be a mate of Labor. Last year it was revealed that Nathan Rees, when premier, was paying Bob Ellis, speechwriter extraordinaire, \$4000 a month for "general editorial work". Answers to questions on notice show Ellis's skills are still in demand. His company Boban Services has invoiced the office of Arts Minister Virginia Judge on 20 occasions since December 2009. A spokeswoman for Judge said the minister had sought Ellis's expertise due to the large number of speeches she had to deliver. His latest work was her speech to the Sydney Film School. We hope the students appreciate that those finely crafted words were put on by the taxpayer.