

GOLD CORPORATION — SAM WALSH

**124. Ms L. METTAM to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. He is the chair of a government trading enterprise. He is the government's hand-picked chair. Why is the Premier refusing to direct him to provide an explanation to the public?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

There are certain things that I control. Some people are outside of political life, and they are in other roles. He is not involved in political life. There are certain things that the Leader of the Liberal Party controls; for instance, she controls Mr Collier. She could advise him that he is no longer going to be on her frontbench.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, please!

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** She could do that because that is within her control, but she decides not to do that. In relation to people outside the Parliament who are on government boards and so forth, me directing them as to when and where they must do media is not really something that governments do. But I challenge the Leader of the Liberal Party: the things within her control, for instance, the role and performance of Mr Collier and some of his past statements in relation to women, are things that she should take up, and as Leader of the Liberal Party, I would encourage her to do so.