

COMMUNICATION NETWORKS — STORM DAMAGE — MARGARET RIVER

399. Mr D.T. REDMAN to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I have a supplementary question. Can I give the community assurance that the minister will take ownership of the issue and have an answer before the next fire season?

Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:

It is amazing when issues occur that clearly fall into the responsibility of the federal government disaster recovery funding —

Mr D.T. Redman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warren–Blackwood, you had two goes and that is three. Next time I will call you to order.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: Disaster recovery funding is one example, and I answered a question in this chamber only last week about federal government responsibility for that, and now we have a question on telecommunications. A former state government minister is asking a current state government minister to take responsibility for —

Mr D.T. Redman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warren–Blackwood, I call you to order for the first time.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: He is asking a state government minister to take responsibility for a telecommunications issue that is clearly the responsibility of the federal government. I put it to the member —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: National Party, chill!

Mr F.M. LOGAN: I put it to the member: has he written to his federal government counterpart?

Mr D.T. Redman: Absolutely, we have taken it up. We have —

Mr F.M. LOGAN: No, no, member. I am asking the member —

The SPEAKER: Minister, through the Chair.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: I am asking the member for Warren–Blackwood, Mr Speaker, whether he has written to his federal government counterpart on this issue.

Mr V.A. Catania: You can't ask a question.

The SPEAKER: He can; they cannot answer.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: The answer is no. He has not written because he is silent on —

Mr D.T. Redman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warren–Blackwood, I call you to order for the second time.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: He is doing what he normally does—he comes in here and tries to dump a federal government responsibility on the state government and a state government minister. He should just go and do his work as a local member.