

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS — RIGHT TO DISCONNECT LAW

17. Ms L. METTAM to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. I thought you were going to stand up for WA.

The SPEAKER: Sorry.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please! Member for Vasse, you are a habitual offender in this regard. If you preface your supplementary questions, I will sit you down. It is the first day, so I will be generous. I will let you ask a supplementary question if you want to ask it.

Ms L. METTAM: Why does the Premier support such a policy given its risk to industry productivity and our ability to deal with the east coast?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

I note that the member's first question invited an opinion, which is not within the standing orders. The supplementary question was ruled out of order. It is disappointing that at this stage of the election cycle, the standard of debate in this place has not improved. The other thing the member tried to do was to verbal me, which is perhaps the lowest form of political debate, but not entirely without precedent or expectation. I did not say that I supported these laws. I said that they are a matter for the federal Parliament, and that is what it is.

The SPEAKER: Members, that concludes question time.