

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY — SUPPORT PROGRAM

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

I have a supplementary question. Can the Premier guarantee that no taxpayer funds have been provided to Brian Burke or any individuals associated with him through the Getting the Show Back on the Road package?

**Mr R.H. COOK replied:**

I do not know whether Brian Burke or anyone else had any involvement with the organisation. We dealt with the organisation and the industry direct. None of my ministers and none of their officers have had communication with the individual in question. None of the organisations that we met with had the individual to whom the member referred sitting alongside them as part of those conversations.

**Ms L. Mettam:** Are you sure about that?

**Mr R.H. COOK:** I am absolutely sure about that, member.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, please!

**Mr R.H. COOK:** I invite the member to implement a similar arrangement; and, if any member of the Liberal Party seeking preselection has had contact with the individual whom the member for Vasse just referred, perhaps she should stop them from running for Parliament.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, please!

**Ms R. Saffioti** interjected.

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**Ms R. Saffioti** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Quieten down, please.

**Mr R.H. COOK:** I would ask the member for Vasse to take a similar stand on integrity when dealing with people in the community. If any member of the Liberal Party seeking preselection, for any seat, has had dealings with the individual in question, perhaps she should take a stand as the leader and stop that person from being preselected.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** I do not know; maybe the Premier would like to ask members to quieten down if he wants to be heard.

**Mr R.H. COOK:** Getting the Show Back on the Road was a fantastic program that ensured we had live entertainment acts filling venues in Perth and right across regional WA. It was a celebration of the great work that we as a community did to get on top of COVID-19. It saved jobs. It saved companies. It saved livelihoods. It was put together with absolutely integrity. I place the integrity of my government compared with that member's party any day.