

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT — REPEAL

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

I have a supplementary question. Given this monumental backflip and about face, is the Premier confident that he still has the support of his backbench?

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, please!

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**The SPEAKER:** I am just waiting.

**Mr D.J. Kelly** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** I call not the member for Bassendean, but the Premier.

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

At least I have a backbench!

I am very confident that we are a united team and a team that understands its important obligations. WA Labor was created in 1899 in Coolgardie on the traditions and values of equality, equity, standing up for those who are disadvantaged in our community and making sure that those who are doing it tough are given a fair go. That is what we are doing. That is why we are in this place day in, day out working on behalf of the people of Western Australia. That is why it was very pleasing to see all members of WA Labor and all my great colleagues here in Parliament out there knocking on doors, leafletting, standing at the polling booths and making sure that we continue to support people in Western Australia. They helped to get our message out there so that we can have a great member of Parliament, Magenta Marshall, come into this chamber. We are very much looking forward to welcoming her. Of course, we were all out there working hard.

We know that the Liberal Party had that X factor on the ground on the day. It had that magic moment when it was going to enlist the support of a secret operative. The Liberals had a secret weapon who was going to hand out how-to-vote cards for them and turn their vote around from 17.0 per cent to 17.8 per cent. That secret weapon was none other than the member for Moore. He was there in his blue hat handing out how-to-vote cards for the Liberal Party. He was the Liberals' X factor! He was the Liberal Party's secret weapon who was going to resurrect its primary vote. We saw how successful that was!