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148. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Emergency Services:

Mr Speaker, I am appalled by that response.

The SPEAKER: No preamble, please.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: I have a supplementary question. I know the minister has written to the federal minister. Considering that every other state has negotiated special arrangements with that minister and his department, when will the minister intensify his efforts to seek federal assistance for fire-affected regional communities?

Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:

If the member is unaware of those issues federally—that is probably an excuse—but I would ask the member not to mislead the house, because what he has just said is absolutely untrue. Those disaster recovery funding arrangements that have been put in place by the Morrison government have not changed at all. They apply to every single state. If the member has any evidence whatsoever of those things changing, I would love for him to actually produce it because we certainly do not know anything about it.

Mr P.J. Rundle: Every other state has got —

Mr F.M. LOGAN: No, they have not, member. The member still cannot get his head around this issue. No matter that I set it out clearly in writing for the member, he still does not seem to understand it. I will give you a briefing, mate, if you just do not understand that much, and I will walk you through what you clearly just do not know.