

FORRESTFIELD–AIRPORT LINK — TUNNELLING MACHINE

156. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Transport:

I have a supplementary question. We agree that this Barnett government project is a great project. However, if the minister knew of these issues three days before she did the media tour, why did she not update the community on the issues that she knew faced the project at that time? That is the key to this question: why was the minister not transparent when she knew three days before the tour and did not inform the media?

The SPEAKER: Members, can I just advise that when you have a supplementary question, just ask the question and sit down.

Mr D.C. Nalder: She did.

The SPEAKER: No, she kept going. Member for Bateman, if you want to discuss everything —

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

There are issues with my projects all the time. At the time TBM Grace was stopped, some initial investigations were underway. This is what was happening. Honestly, the opposition has to work out whether it likes the project or not, because the member for Scarborough says it is the former government's project and then the Leader of the Opposition says it is part of the Metronet project, it is definitely behind schedule and it might have a fundamental flaw in the whole approach, and that is tunnelling.